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Biography
Claire D. Kelly Sprague (1896-1989) was an teacher and author who was educated at San Francisco Normal School—now San Francisco State University—(1916) and the University of the Pacific (B.A., 1955). She taught in the Stockton, Calif. public schools, where she worked with Japanese American children at the time of their relocation to internment camps (1942). Later Sprague taught gifted students when special programs were first created for their benefit (1957-1961). In 1952 Clair Sprague took coursework in California history at COP with Rockwell D. Hunt. In her work with Hunt, she focussed on the early history of her hometown, San Francisco. Later, Sprague published articles on local history in various periodicals (incl. "Making it with bread," Pacific Historian 17:2 [Sum 1973]). She also published a book of verse, as well as an autobiography styled Rocking Chair Memories (1967). Mrs. Sprague gave her papers to Holt Atherton Special Collections in 1975.

Scope and Content
The Claire Sprague Collection consists of materials relating both to Mrs. Sprague's teaching and to her writing career. One important component is a set of letters written to Mrs. Sprague by interned Japanese American 6th graders, formerly of French Camp School. Another element consists of the various drafts of Mrs. Sprague's local history writings and poetry. Lastly, there is a small file of correspondence from Mrs. Sprague's son, Irvine, who was an aide to President Lyndon Johnson, as well as brief notes from President Lyndon B. Johnson and his wife, Lady Bird.

Box-folder 1.1-1.3  Japanese American Students

Box-folder 1.1  Correspondence

Box-folder 1.1  Letter written by Mrs. Sprague about her former Japanese students, 4/42 [also copy of letter]
Box-folder 1.1  Abe, Kazuye 6/8/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt2r29n5sw]
Box-folder 1.1  Hayashi, Emiko 6/6/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt7c6005kt]
Box-folder 1.1  Itaya, Ray
Box-folder 1.1  5/18/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt8r6006fj]
Box-folder 1.1  6/5/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt658004nr]
Box-folder 1.1  Itaya, Mrs. H.
Box-folder 1.1  5/25/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt2x0n99dr]
Box-folder 1.1  5/28/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt267n98tw]
Box-folder 1.1  Sakuri, Dorothy
Box-folder 1.1  5/29/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt5p3004ck]
Box-folder 1.1  6/5/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt0x0n97sv]
Box-folder 1.1  Sugiyama, Yoshi 6/5/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt1t1n98cs]
Box-folder 1.1  Takata, Motomu 5/20/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt638nb1b9]
Box-folder 1.1  Tanaka, Haru
Box-folder 1.1  7/11/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt2x0n99fr]
Box-folder 1.1  1942  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt338n998r]
Box-folder 1.1  Watanabe, T. 6/6/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt4g50042m]
Box-folder 1.1  Yashida, Fujino
Box-folder 1.1  5/15/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt1g5001ng]
Box-folder 1.1  One page biography 6/6/42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt0p3001b2]
Box-folder 1.1  Poem: "Moving Away" 1942  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt5g50042m]

Box-folder 1.2  Clippings

Box-folder 1.2  "Fairgrounds Takes On Air of Miniature City," The Stockton Record (5-13-42) [specific mention of Harry Itaya family]
Box-folder 1.2  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt167n985r]
Box-folder 1.2  El Joaquin [newspaper for Stockton Assembly Center]
Box-folder 1.2  Vol. 1, No. 2, 6-3-42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt2489n5b7]
Box-folder 1.2  Extra; Vol. 3, No. 7, 9-10-42  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt2p300284]
Box-folder 1.2  "Letter of the Week," Saturday Evening Post (8-15-42) [from Mrs. Claire Sprague; gives description of Assembly Centers]
Box-folder 1.2  [copy; first article; sold for $50]
Box-folder 1.2  Photos of 4 former 6th grade students, 1942

Box-folder 1.3  "Jimmie"

Box-folder 1.3  "Jimmie, Who Was Sent To A Japanese Relocation Center," 1968 [story by Claire D. Sprague]
Box-folder 1.3  [http://content.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/kt7j49n8xn]
Box-folder 1.4  Lyndon B. Johnson--Correspondence, Photos, Etc.
Box-folder 1.4
4/6/68 [Concerns an encouraging message she sent]
Box-folder 1.4
Photo of CDS & meeting President, 9/27/68
Box-folder 1.4
10/28/68 [concerning poem she wrote; 3 copies]
Box-folder 1.4
6/28/71 [photocopy of letter and envelope]
Box-folder 1.4
12/23/71 [concerning a book about LBJ]
Box-folder 1.4
2/23/73 [Concerning a contribution honoring LBJ]
Box-folder 1.4
3/7/73 [from Lady Bird Johnson]
Box-folder 1.4
n.d. [copy of book plate signed by LBJ]

Box-folder 1.5
"Yerba Buena"--Drafts

Box-folder 1.5
Copies of bibliography on San Francisco, [7 l.]
Box-folder 1.5
More recollections of individuals; list of people she interviewed for recollections:
Mrs. Frank Kelly (sister), Mr. Thos. A. Kelly (brother), Miss Norma Wenli (friend), and
a gardener (all natives of San Francisco & all deceased), 1970

Box-folder 1.5
List of paragraph headings for term paper.
Box-folder 1.5
"Earthquake Days of April 18,1906, San Francisco," [21 l.]
Box-folder 1.5
"Earthquake Days of April 18, 1906, San Francisco," [paper for Dr. Hunt's class; 12
1.]
Box-folder 1.5
Notes on "Earthquake days..."
Box-folder 1.5
"Cultural Aspects," cut and pasted info. on San Francisco.
Box-folder 1.5
"Significant Firsts In San Francisco" (missing section on government), rough draft,
[80 l.]
Box-folder 1.5
Collected Information on San Francisco.
Box-folder 1.6
Genova Bakery (Stockton, Calif.) "Making It With Bread"

Box-folder 1.6
CDS article "Making It With Bread," about Genova Bakery in Stockton [5 l.]

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Irvine Sprague--Correspondence From

Box-folder 1.7
2/1/67
Box-folder 1.7
Telegram to Irvine Sprague from mother, 2/3/67
Box-folder 1.7
2/6/68
Box-folder 1.7
A copy of info. from the White House concerning nomination of Irvine Sprague to
Board of F.D.I.C., 7/18/68
Box-folder 1.7
7/22/68
Box-folder 1.7
To Mr. Thomas Sprague from Stockton Teachers Assoc.; 1971-72 Golden Key Award
Winner, 10/4/72

Box-folder 1.8
Poetry By Claire D. Sprague

Box-folder 1.8
Poem for President Lyndon B. Johnson: "A Pocket Full of Dreams," 9/27/68
Box-folder 1.8
"A Memory of Ireland," 6/30/72
Box-folder 1.9
"Yerba Buena"--[CDS Final Term Paper On San Francisco]

Box-folder 1.9
"Yerba Buena, the good herb," 1952-53 [actual herb taped to stiff paper]
Box-folder 1.9
Box-folder 1.9
Map of CA for term paper, 1952-53
Box-folder 1.9
Government & epilogue sections of term paper: "Significant Firsts In San Francisco"

Box-folder 1.10
Vitae of CDS

Box-folder 1.10
List of CDS' publications [2]
Box-folder 1.10
Statement about Claire Sprague by Martha Seffer O'Bryon, editor of Pacific Historian,
1/22/75
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Rough draft of biography for Pacific Historian
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Biography for Pacific Historian
Box-folder 1.10
One page biography
Box-folder 1.10
unknown photograph
Box-folder 1.10
Condensed biography for Pacific Historian

Box-folder 1.11
Memorabilia
| Box-folder 1.11 | White House Pass for Irvine Sprague, 1967 |
| Box-folder 1.11 | "Railroads in Marin County History," Marin Magazine, 8/5/72 |
| box-folder 1.12 | Miscellaneous |
| box-folder 1.12 | “Fun with Fundamentals,” May 1952 Article |