

Katherine DeLage Taft Papers,
1934-2000, n.d.

Creator: Taft, Katherine (b. Sept. 1, 1917 –)

Extent: 3.5 linear ft.

Location:

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Administration Information

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Separations: Unknown.

Biographical History

The personal information noted here was secured from the Mundelein College Faculty Data sheet covering the period when Katherine D. Taft was employed part-time by the College's Education Department (1968-1970) and from the introduction to her Master's Thesis.

Katherine DeLage received her A.B. from Mundelein in 1938 with a major in Chemistry. In the years immediately following graduation, she was employed as a Social Case Worker, and as both a Research and Control Chemist. After marrying Andrew Taft and becoming the mother of five children, she returned to the field of education on the secondary and college level as teacher and lecturer in the areas of chemistry and Earth Sciences. She received her Master's degree from Cornell University, in Ithaca, N.Y. in 1961.

She held memberships in numerous Science and Education organizations and was elected Regional Director of the National Science Teachers Association in 1970. With a Shell Fellowship at Cornell which she held in 1968, her interest and activity became focused on the training of elementary school teachers in the development of multi-media systems as applied to science and mathematics and on the behavioral objectives in science.

This collection exemplifies her concentration on her career as an educator and her program of individualized science instruction. She emphasized the learning process of reading readiness, learning disabilities, and art in relationship to hard science. This section also includes specific scripts for her high school science lessons as well as *Earth Sciences*, which she authored to assist science teachers.

Besides acting as consultant for the Midwest Editorial and Publishing Services in their preparation of a series of Science filmstrips, Taft founded and acted as President of her own company, The Science Education Service.

Scope and Content

Series 1: Personal/Professional Materials, 1934-2000, n.d. Box 1

Contains early personal information related to Taft's family and early education. Other material includes her reminiscences of World War II.

Series 2: Soil-contaminant Research, 1957-1969, n.d. Box 2-3

Includes research notes and correspondence related to her Master's Thesis and other graduate student research.

Series 3: Awards and Honors, 1937-1989, n.d. Box 4-5

Includes awards given to Taft at several phases of her life including academic (Shell Merit Award), professional (Recognition of Service Award), and community service (Citizen's Award).

Series 4: Science Education & Consultant, 1959-1993, n.d. Boxes 6-7

Contains material, drafts and final product, related to Taft's employment as an educational consultant and includes speeches, documentary scripts, teaching aids, course evaluations, student evaluations, reports on individual schools, and some photographs. Most correspondence is limited to her publishers.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Personal/Professional Materials, 1934-2000, n.d.			
1	1	Personal/Professional	1934-2000
	2	In Memoriam – Andrew Taft – Sr. Wilma Zink	1995
	3	Credits/Transcript Materials	n.d.
	4	Essay – Reminiscences of WWII	1978-1990
	5	Letter from Sen. Eagleton	1969
	6	Drawing	1962
	7	Certificates	n.d.
Series 2: Soil-contaminant Research, 1957-1969, n.d.			
2	1	Correspondence	1957-61
	2	Correspondence	1962-69
	3	Correspondence re: NSF Award/Research Cornell U. – Institute of Earth Sciences	1957-61
	4	Master’s Thesis: Report on Activity Programs Resulting from Earth Science Institutes	1961
	5	Soil Sciences Research	1961
	6	“Detergents and Other Contaminants in Water Supplies” – James C. Vaughan	1960
	7	Papers, Proposals, Research – K. Taft (1 of 3)	1961,1963
	8	Papers. Proposals, Research – K. Taft (2 of 3)	1961,1963
	9	Papers, Proposals, Research – K. Taft (3 of 3)	1961
3	1	Research Notebook	[1961]
	2	Research Notes and Materials – (1 of 3)	1958-1968
	3	Research Notes and Materials – (2 of 3)	1958-1968
	4	Research Notes and Materials - (3 of 3)	1958-1968
	5	Research Information on Water and Soil Contaminants	n.d.
	6	Research Information on Water and Soil Contaminants	n.d.
	7	Research Information on Water and soil contaminants	n.d.
	8	General Mills Chemical Division	1961
Series 3: Awards and Honors, 1937-1989, n.d.			
4	1	NSTA - Life Membership	1967
	2	Shell Merit Fellow	1968
	3	Citizens Award - City of Highland Park, Ill.	1979
	4	Board of Education – School District 108 – Highland Park, Ill.	1980
	5	ISTA	1989

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6	Photo – YBRA	1966
5	1 NSTA Gustav Ohaus Award	1970-1972 1976
2	ISTA – Charter Member	n.d.
3	IASB – Ill. Assn. School Boards – Highland Park Dist. 108 – Award of Merit	n.d.
4	<i>Outlines of Theoretical Chemistry</i>	1937
Series 4: Science Education & Consultant, 1959-1993, n.d.		
6	1 Science and Reading Readiness	n.d.
	2 Correspondence	1969-1997
	3 Individualized Instruction – NSTA	n.d.
	4 Science and Learning Disabilities	n.d.
	5 Science and Art in Junior H.S. – Award Recipients	1975-1976
	6 Ohaus Teacher Award Entry	1969
	7 Lesson Scripts – Barrington H.S.	n.d.
	8 Shell News	1968
	9 SPECTRUM / NSA Publication – Correspondence –	1993
	10 Publisher Correspondence	1969-1974
	11 <i>Earth Science</i> – K. Taft – Duplicating Masters Book	1977
	12 Shell Merit Fellowship Materials	1968
	13 “Crustal Evolution” – Taft speech - ISTC	1979
7	1 Correspondence	1959-1968
	2 Photographs: 1) Earth Science Institute 2) Individualized Study – 8 th Gr. Edgewood School	1957-1958
	3 Filmstrip Script – Rocks, Minerals	n.d.
	4 Filmstrip Script – The Elements, - Mountain Building	n.d.
	5 Filmstrip Script – Weather	n.d.
	6 Eclipse & Science at Sea	1967
	7 Paper: Drugs	n.d.
	8 Press Release	n.d.
	9 Report: Robt. Hill Lane Elem. School. – Los Angeles	n.d.
	10 Yearbook – Edgewood School	1980
	11 Individualized Instruction – Student Evaluations	n.d.
	12 Science Education Service	n.d.
	13 Small circular picture frame	n.d.
	14 Nettlehorst School Council Report	[1995]
	15 Goals of Science Educator – K. Taft	1968, 1976

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Addendum 1

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Separations: 1 graduation gown, 1 graduation hat were removed to the Mundelein College Records Collection, Memorabilia Series.

Biographical History

Katherine Taft graduated from Mundelein College and remained connected with the school up to the present time. Notebooks from her classes and many other items connected to Mundelein College are included here. Above all, this addendum reveals Taft's life-long passion for learning and teaching science. After graduating from Mundelein in 1938, Taft continued her own education as well as pursuing a teaching career. She was involved with the Upward Bound Program at Borat College in River Forest, Illinois and then was an educator in Highland Park, Illinois in School District 108. Here also are Taft's correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service and her expenses lists noting everything related to teaching. In addition, Taft taught at the American International School in Vienna, Austria in the early 1980s and documents related to this are included. Taft volunteered for the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Lake County Forest Preserve District and on behalf of certain political candidates and documents connected to these activities are to be found here.

Scope and Content

The materials comprising this addendum were categorized into three series – personal materials, professional materials, and multidimensional materials and span from 1934 to 2006. The folders in each series are arranged alphabetically. The first folders in the second series deal with Taft's teaching career at the American International School and at Borat College. Reviews written by Taft, correspondence with the editors of Curriculum Advisory Service, and then a draft of her text *Earth Science* follow. Taft's correspondence with the IRS and expenses lists, documents related to

her volunteer work, and conferences that she attended are next. This series then concludes with her political activities, professional correspondence, and general science education materials. The third series contains materials related to academic and professional awards Taft received. This is followed by photographs, a volunteer appreciation plaque and a Mundelein College case. A graduation gown and hat, both in excellent condition, were separated and placed with the Mundelein College Records Collection.

Series 1: Personal Materials, 1934-1996, n.d. Box 1

Contains material related to Taft's undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education at various schools. This includes class notebooks as well as papers written by Taft. In addition, there are items related to trips taken by Taft as well as an item of personal correspondence.

Series 2: Professional Materials, 1960-2006, n.d. Box 2

Includes materials related to Taft's teaching career both in northern Illinois and in Vienna, Austria. This contains book reviews written by Taft for Curriculum Advisory Service and correspondence with the editor in regard to the reviews. It also includes a draft of the text *Earth Science* written by Taft. Information regarding NSTA conferences and teaching science in elementary schools is included here. In addition, there are several documents related to Taft's volunteering at Lincoln Park Zoo and for the Lake County Forest Preserve District.

Series 3: Multidimensional Materials, 1958-2006, n.d. Box 2-3

Contains materials related to a Shell Fellowship as well as other professional awards received by Taft. Included here are photographs, a Lincoln Park Zoo Volunteer Appreciation plaque, and a Mundelein College case. The graduation gown and graduation hat have been separated to the Mundelein College Records Collection.

Subjects:

American International School, Vienna, Austria
Curriculum Advisory Service
Earth Science
Highland Park, School District 108
Lake County Forest Preserve District
Lincoln Park Zoo
Mundelein College
National Science Teachers Association

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1	1	Adams State College	1973
	2	Class Notebooks	1934-1938
	3	Cornel University	1958
	4	Miscellaneous Travel	1972-1981
	5	<i>Mount Holyoke Summer Program</i>	1980
	6	Mundelein College	1934-1935, 1969-1996
	7	Mundelein College Alumni	1992
	8	Personal Notes	n.d.
	9	University of Wisconsin	n.d.
Series 2: Professional Materials 1960-2006, n.d.			
2	1	American International School – Vienna	1981-1986
	2	Borat College/ Upward Bound Program Materials	1966-1973
	3	Chaperoning Junior High Field Trip	1980
	4	Curriculum Advisory Service Materials	n.d.
	5	<i>Earth Science</i> , draft	n.d.
	6	Highland Park, Ill. – School District 108	1979-1981
	7	IRS Correspondence/ Expenses Lists	1965-1995
	8	Lincoln Park Zoo and Lake County Forest Preserve	1960-2006
	9	NSTA Conferences	1969, 1971
	10	Political Engagements	1970-2006
	11	Professional Organizations Correspondence	1969-1971, 1980-1985
	12	Science Education in Elementary Schools	n.d.
Series 3: Multidimensional Materials 1958-2006, n.d.			
2	13	Awards	1976, 1997-2005
	14	Shell Fellowship Material	1968
	15	Photographs	1958, 1972, 1980, 1988, n.d.
3		Lincoln Park Zoo Appreciation Plaque Mundelein College Case	2006