

A Finding Aid to the Jennie Franklin Purvin Papers

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Collection Summary

Title Jennie Franklin Purvin Papers

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Creator Purvin, Jennie Franklin, 1873-1958

Extent 6.8 linear feet (17 Hollinger boxes)

Language of the Material English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Chicago resident, active in civic and communal affairs.

Scope and Content Collection consists of correspondence, writings, and personal papers.

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Series A. General, 1873-1958

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