A Finding Aid to the
Jennie Franklin Purvin Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 502
Collection Summary

Title: Jennie Franklin Purvin Papers
Dates: 1873-1958
Collection Number: MS-502
Repository: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
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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Index Terms

Subjects: Jewish women / Jews -- Illinois -- Chicago
Personal Names: Purvin, Jennie Franklin, 1873-1958

Series A. General, 1873-1958

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