

# **Guide to the Charles E. Draper Papers**

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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers, followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

### Biographical Note

Charles Edwin Draper (1879-1964), Methodist Episcopal Church Missionary, was born on November 9, 1879 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He graduated from Purdue University in 1906 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He married Mary Ethel Parks Draper on November 23, 1911 and they had four children named: C.R., Margaret, Betty, and John E. Draper, and they lived and worked throughout China, Singapore, Malaysia as missionaries and teachers in the early 20th Century. Draper attended the Hingwa Conference in 1918 and worked in construction in Nanchang, China in 1922, before he became a Professor of Science at the Nanchang Academy in 1922. Later, he served as the Acting Registrar and was head of the Science Department at Nanchang Academy in 1923.

Charles E. Draper died on November 4, 1964.

### Scope and Content Note

This collection includes personal papers, photographs, and personal items from the life and work of the Draper family. There are four photograph albums that have pictures of the Draper children, places the family lived in Asia, other missionary staff workers, and their students. There are photographs of students in China and Malaysia that show the schools and classes Charles Draper taught science and Mary Ethel Draper taught English. Also included are Charles E. Draper's higher education papers from when he attended Purdue University.

### Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Collection arranged by genre and subject topic.

### Related Material

Microfilm Edition of the Missionary files series of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

Microfilm Edition of the Mission Biographical Reference Files.

Missionary Correspondence of the Board Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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## Preferred Citation

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Christian life  
Church and education  
Church work with children  
Church work with students  
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Women in church work  
Women missionaries

### *Geographic Terms*

California  
China  
Colorado  
Malaysia  
Singapore

### *Subject Names - Person*

Blydenburgh Family  
Draper, Betty  
Draper, C.R.  
Draper, Charles Edwin  
Draper, John Edwin  
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Draper, Mary Ethel Parks  
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### *Subject Names - Corporate Bodies*



Methodist Episcopal Church

***Genre Terms***

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