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Papers and research materials of an English language dialectologist and teacher. Also includes family history and World War II papers.

**Donor Information**  
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