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Hazel Call Page (1897-1991) Papers  
1938-1981  
21 folders

*Mrs. Page had been supervisor of the Works Projects Administration (WPA) Statewide Library Project in Missouri. Included are records of the administration of the WPA Library Project and those related to Mrs. Page's book on that subject.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Mrs. Hazel Call Page, a native of Sullivan County, Missouri, graduated from the Northeast Missouri State Teachers' College in Kirksville with a B.S. in Education. She did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Denver where she earned a degree in Library Science in 1933.

Mrs. Page taught English and Journalism in rural schools in Missouri, Illinois, and Nevada. She also worked in public and school libraries in Missouri and Colorado before becoming the Missouri State Library Supervisor of the Works Projects Administration (WPA) Statewide Library Project sponsored by the Missouri Library Commission from 1938-1943. In that role Mrs. Page helped establish libraries in rural counties throughout Missouri.

Following this, Mrs. Page was a member of the national staff of the American Red Cross, serving as General Field Representative in the Midwestern area and as an Assistant Field Director at several military installations. She worked on several disaster assignments in the Midwest during her 20 years with the Red Cross.

During her active years, she held membership in pertinent professional organizations and contributed articles to library journals and education magazines. In 1981, she wrote and published a book, *Early Library Development in Missouri, 1938-1943*, which deals primarily with her work as supervisor of the WPA Statewide Library Project.

Mrs. Page's husband, Hugh, died in 1972. She moved from Kansas City to California in 1983 where she died on November 1, 1991 at the age of 94.

## PROVENANCE:

This gift was received from Mrs. Hazel Call Page as accession KA0184 on November 2, 1982.

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## DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of two types of records: those originating with the administration of the Works Projects Administration Statewide Library Project in Missouri (folders 1-14), and those related to the development of Mrs. Page's book on that subject (folders 15-21).

## INVENTORY:

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| Folder 1. | Correspondence  |
| Folder 2. | Training programs<br>Materials developed by the WPA Library Project to be used in training library employees under the project.   |
| Folder 3. | County Library System<br>General material related to the development of county library systems including arguments to be used and documents to be completed before establishing a system with the aid of the WPA Statewide Library Project. |

- Folder 4. Lafayette County  
Materials related to the demonstration project in Lafayette County, Missouri.
- Folder 5. Platte County  
Materials related to the demonstration project in Platte County, Missouri.
- Folder 6. Field trip report  
Abstract of field trip report, October 20-25, 1941, by Nellie L. Glass, Assistant Director, Library Program from the Washington, D.C. office.
- Folder 7. Fort Wood report  
To the incoming supervisor of the Fort Wood Regional Library, January 19, 1942.
- Folder 8. Report, 1939-1940  
Annual narrative report for the project.
- Folder 9. Report, 1940  
Report of activities of the Statewide Library Project, 1940.
- Folder 10. Report, 1941  
April and June monthly reports and the annual fiscal report for 1940-1941.
- Folder 11. Report, 1941-1942
- Folder 12. Report, 1942  
Final report for the project.
- Folder 13. Accomplishments of the project  
A re-cap of activities, statistics, and facts and figures, . compiled in 1980 (?) from WPA reports.
- Folder 14. Miscellaneous  
Newsletters, flyers, and a directive on administration of project owned books.
- Folder 15. Book manuscript – chapter I  
Author's manuscript of book, *Early Library Development in Missouri, 1938-1943*.
- Folder 16. Book manuscript – chapter II
- Folder 17. Book manuscript – chapter III
- Folder 18. Book manuscript – chapter IV
- Folder 19. Book manuscript – chapter V
- Folder 20. Book manuscript – chapter VI

Folder 21. Published book, *Early Library Development in Missouri, 1938-1943*.