

# **LUCY GAGE PAPERS**

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## Biographical Note

Lucy Gage was born in Portsmouth, Ohio on October 17, 1876. She took a Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia University in 1922 and continued to take classes and training in Columbia's Teachers College over the next decade. She was a professor of early elementary education at George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee from 1920 until her retirement in 1942. At that time there was published in editions of the *Peabody Reflector* a series of sketches about her life which "show her life in the fullness of its development." These sketches are included here in the Personal and Biographical series of the papers. Lucy Gage earned great praise and recognition for her work in early childhood education both in her teaching and professional activities. She died on October 30, 1945.

## Historical Note

These papers were lent to the Peabody Library by Jack Stephens of A.C. McClurg & Co. When Mr. Stephens left McClurg in 1962 he wrote to the library requesting the return of the papers. Dr. Isaac Copeland, Director of the Peabody Library offered to return the papers immediately with the request that he might first copy them. No reply was ever received from Mr. Stephens who had died.

## Scope and Content Note

This small collection, 1 1/2 Hollinger boxes (.63 linear feet), contains papers written by Miss Gage in manuscript, typescript, and carbon copy. Among them is a small autograph book made up at the time of her retirement in 1942 by her friends. Newspaper clippings about Miss Gage, many undated are included as well as a biographical paper telling of her pioneering efforts in early childhood education and legislation in Oklahoma in 1902. There is a letter from Agnes Snyder, Association for Childhood International, dated 1967 containing a bibliography of Miss Gage's writings. It includes references to issues of the *Peabody Reflector* some of which do not appear in the *Reflector* indexes.

## File Listing

### Box 1

#### Personal and Biographical

1. "Pioneering in Education" by Lucy Gage, pp. 79 - 92
2. "Peabody College Greets Professor Lucy Gage" by Charles S. Pendleton, Professor of English, 2-15-1942
3. Series of Sketches in the *Peabody Reflector* published at her retirement in 1942
4. "Lucy Gage: Childhood's Champion" in the November 1945 *Peabody Reflector*, pp. 336 - 338

5. Leatherbound book of notes collected for Lucy Gage's retirement in 1942
6. Tribute to Lucy Gage by Claude Hotchin, 23 September 1943
7. Newspaper clippings
8. Newspaper clippings ( photocopies of the originals found in Box 1, folder 7)

### **Publications**

9. Bulletin National Council of Primary Education, 1923
10. Bulletin National Council of Primary Education, 1924
11. Bulletin National Council of Primary Education, 1925
12. Bulletin National Council of Primary Education, 1926
13. Bulletin National Council of Primary Education, 1927
14. Bulletin National Council of Primary Education, 1928
15. Bulletin National Council of Primary Education, 1929
16. Bulletin National Council of Primary Education, 1930
17. History of the National Council of Primary Education, 1932

### **Writings by Lucy Gage**

18. "The Home and Parent Education"
19. Article - "Interpreting the Kindergarten to the Community"
20. Article - "Observation on the Development of Reader Ability in the Elementary Grades" (no date)
21. "The School and Teacher Education" (20 pp. manuscript )
22. "The Slow Growth of Professionalism in the Field of Education of Young Children" (manuscript and typescript copies )
23. "Supervision in Relation to Child Growth" ( 7 pages with bibliography )
24. "Women's Part in Reconstruction of World Values" (manuscript, 19 pp.)
25. "The Young Child and His Education" ( manuscript pages )
26. "The South's Interest in Kindergarten Primary Education" (16 pp.) Address given before N.E.A. Atlanta, Georgia, July 2, 1929
27. "...celebrating twenty five years of successful training of teachers in the State of Michigan ..." an address ( 7 pp.)
28. "Remarks made at the Southern Progressive Education Association, Greensboro, North Carolina: A Teacher Laboratory at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee (manuscript, 7 pp.)
29. Curriculum Studies – "Division III – Education of Elementary Teachers and Workers" ( 3 pp. ); "The Arts and Skills"; "The Social Studies"; "The Graduate Program of Studies"; "Educative Materials Laboratory"
30. Curriculum Studies – "A Guide to Elementary Teachers in Planning: Undergraduate Training ( the Nursery, Kindergarten, Early and Later Elementary Levels )

## **Box 2**

### **Writings by Lucy Gage**

1. Curriculum Studies - "Modern Trends in Curriculum Making" ( manuscript 17 pp.)
2. Title page and Table of Contents, and manuscript outline from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood* by Lucy Gage
3. "Life as Lived by Adults" typescript *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*, Chapter I.
4. "Life As the Child Lives It" typescript *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*, Chapter II
5. "Gaps Existent Between the Life of an Adult and Child "typescript from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*, Chapter III
6. "Bridging the Gaps in the Area of Healthful Living" and "In the World of Play" typescripts from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
7. " In the World of Realty" manuscript and typescript from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
8. "In the World of Thrift and Plenty" (manuscript); "In the World of Books" (typescript) chapters from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
9. "In the World of Wonder and Worship" typescript chapter from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
10. "In the World of Wonder and Worship" manuscript copy of Chapter IX from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
11. "In What Do Children Find Objects of Allegiance and Loyalty" manuscript chapter from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
12. "In What do Children Find Objects of Allegiance?" typescript chapter from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
13. "In the World of Arts" typescript chapter from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
14. Unidentified chapter typescript from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
15. Manuscript draft pages from *Bridging Gaps Between Adulthood and Childhood*
16. "Bridging the Gaps Between Adult and Child Values" - Address to the National Association for Childhood Education, July 11, 1941
17. Notes for a talk at Scarritt College, January 12, 1943
18. Fragments of notes and papers
19. Bibliography in a letter dated June 26, 1967 from Agnes Snyder, Association for Childhood International, of writings by and about Lucy Gage, 1912 - 1951