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Library School, Carnegie Library  
of Atlanta director's files, 1905-1971**

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- Creator:** Carnegie Library of Atlanta. Library School.
- Title:** Library School, Carnegie Library of Atlanta director's files, 1905-1971
- Call Number:** Series No. 12
- Extent:** 6 linear ft. (6 boxes) and 1 oversized paper folder (OP)
- Abstract:** The Library School, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, was established in Atlanta, Ga., 1905, as the Southern Library School. The Library School was financed, 1914-1925, by Carnegie Corporation and became affiliated with Emory University in 1925 and officially under the administration of the University in 1930. Tommie Dora Barker served as the head librarian and director of the school, 1915-1930. The collection includes the papers of Tommie Dora Barker as director and head librarian of the the Library School, including administrative records, alumnae records, course outlines, and student and prospective student folders. The collection also includes correspondence, organizational records, clippings, and other papers, relating to Barker's work with American Library Association, for which she served as a field agent in the South (1930-1936), Southeastern Library Association, Carnegie Library School, and Emory University Library School and Division of Librarianship. Notable correspondents include Andrew Carnegie, Edwin R. Embree, Leo Mortimer Farnot, Clark Foreman, Frederick P. Keppel, and Louis Round Wilson.
- Language:** Materials entirely in English.
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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Related Materials in This Repository**

Division of Librarianship records, Series 13.

### **Source**

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### **Custodial History**

Originally known as: Tommie Dora Barker office files.

### **Citation**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Administrative History**

The Southern Library school was established in Atlanta, Ga., in 1905. In 1907 it became the Library School, Carnegie Library of Atlanta to reflect its relationship with the Carnegie Library. The school was funded by the Carnegie Corporation, 1914-1925, and became affiliated with Emory University in 1925. In 1930, the school officially came under the administration of the University and became the Emory University Library School. In 1948 the Library School became the Division of Librarianship of the Emory University Graduate School.

Tommie Dora Barker (1888-1978), a graduate of the Library School of Carnegie Library of Atlanta, served as its director and head librarian, 1915-1930. She later became dean of the Emory University Library School, 1936-1948. Barker was also an active member and officer in several professional organizations including the American Library Association, Georgia Library Commission, Georgia State Board for Certification of Librarians, Southern Library Association, Georgia Library Association, and Association of American Library Schools.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection includes the papers of Tommie Dora Barker as director and head librarian of the the Library School, including administrative records, alumnae records, course outlines, and student and prospective student folders. Some records relate to the Emory University Library School or document the school's relationship with Emory University and the transition to the Emory University Division of Librarianship. The collection also includes correspondence, organizational records, clippings, memorabilia, and other papers, relating to Barker's professional achievements and her work with American Library Association, for which she served as a field agent in the South (1930-1936). Notable correspondents include Andrew Carnegie, Edwin R. Embree, Leo Mortimer Farnot, Clark Foreman, Frederick P. Keppel, and Louis Round Wilson.

### **Arrangement Note**

Organized into two series: (1) Administrative records and (2) Tommie Dora Barker papers.

### **Finding Aid Note**

Original finding aid available in Box 1: Folder 1A.

## **Description of Series**

### Series 1: Administrative records, 1905-1933

Subseries 1.1: Subject files, 1914-1930

Subseries 1.2: Alumnae collection, 1910-1938

Subseries 1.3: Graduate Association records, 1905-1933

Subseries 1.4: Course outlines, 1920/1926

Subseries 1.5: Student records, 1913-1931

### Series 2: Tommie Dora Barker papers, 1925-1971

Subseries 2.1: Subject files, 1915-1970

Subseries 2.2: Additions, circa 1955-1960

Subseries 2.3: Memorabilia circa 1930-1960

**Series 1**

**Administrative records, 1905-1933**

**Boxes 1-4**

**Scope and Content Note**

Consists of subject files, registration and matriculation records, alumnae records and publications, course outlines, and student and prospective student folders of the Library School, Carnegie Library of Atlanta. Some records also pertain to the Emory University Library School.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into five subseries: (1.1) Subject files, (1.2) Alumnae collection, (1.3) Graduate Association records, (1.4) Course outlines, and (1.5) Student and prospective student records.

## **Subseries 1.1**

### **Subject files, 1914-1930**

#### **Box 1**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Includes administrative records and correspondence related to the Library School, Carnegie Library Atlanta including grades, loans, accreditation, affiliation with Emory University, and other topics.

##### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>  |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 1          | 1A            | Original finding aid  |
| 1          | 1             | Association of American Library schools-1914-1924   |
| 1          | 2             | Association of American Library schools, 1923-Re-examination of Library school                                      |
| 1          | 3             | American Library Association, 1924-1925- Board of Education for Librarianship                                       |
| 1          | 4             | American Library Association, 1926-1928-Board of Education for Librarianship  |
| 1          | 5             | American Library Association, 1929-1930-Board of Education for Librarianship distribution of students and graduates |
| 1          | 6             | American Library Association, 1923-1925Board of Education for Librarianship material for visit                      |
| 1          | 7             | American Library Association, 1927-1928-Library Institute   |
| 1          | 8             | Binding of library school catalogs, 1923-1924   |
| 1          | 9             | Emory affiliation, 1924-1927  |
| 1          | 10            | Emory University, 1926-1927-Correspondence  |
| 1          | 11            | Emory University, 1927-1930-Correspondence  |
| 1          | 12            | General correspondence, 1924  |
| 1          | 13            | Grading systems, 1927-1930-Rating of individual qualifications  |
| 1          | 14            | Historical interest, 1930-1961  |
| 1          | 15            | Junior librarians, 1936-1940  |
| 1          | 16            | Library school, C.L.A, 1918-1928-Annual and special reports, history of library school                              |
| 1          | 17            | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1925-City appropriation  |
| 1          | 18            | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1905-1929-Courses offered, faculty, and hours                          |
| 1          | 19            | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1914-Entrance examination - 1914                                       |
| 1          | 20            | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1926-1929-Faculty meeting notes  |
| 1          | 21            | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1917-1928-Grades   |
| 1          | 22            | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1928-1930-Grades   |
| 1          | 23            | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1916-1924-History  |

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|---|----|---|
| 1 | 24 | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1909-1926-Information on graduates |
| 1 | 25 | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1925-1930-Loan funds               |
| 1 | 26 | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1930-Positions                     |
| 1 | 27 | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1924-1930-Publicity                |
| 1 | 28 | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1929-1930-Transfer to Emory        |
| 1 | 29 | Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta and Emory, 1927-1929- Newsletters   |
| 1 | 30 | Temporary Training Board, 1924  |

## **Subseries 1.2**

### **Alumnae collection, 1910-1938**

#### **Box 2**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Includes professional publications of Library School, Carnegie Library of Atlanta graduates.

#### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by surname.

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>  |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 2          | 1             | Alumnae collection, 1929-1930                                 |
| 2          | 2             | Kellam, W. P., 1931; Randolph P. Church, 1933; Ferguson, 1931 |
| 2          | 3             | Kemp, Emily Wyndam  |
| 2          | 4             | Martin, Marianne R, 1923                                      |
| 2          | 5             | McDiarmid, Errett Weir, 1931                                  |
| 2          | 6             | Motley, Pearl, 1938   |
| 2          | 7             | Mullen, Mary R., 1910   |
| 2          | 8             | Newman, Frances, 1912   |
| 2          | 9             | Peek, Zona, 1916  |
| 2          | 10            | Phillips, Mary Palmer, 1909                                   |
| 2          | 11            | Rowe, Nellie M., 1915   |
| 2          | 12            | Rumph, Lois, 1920   |
| 2          | 13            | Thornton, Mary Lindsay, 1927                                  |
| 2          | 14            | Thornton, Mary Lindsay, 1927                                  |
| 2          | 15            | Welch, Willie Wallace, 1927                                   |
| 2          | 16            | Wheatcroft, Beverly   |



### **Subseries 1.3**

## **Graduate Association records, 1905-1933**

### **Box 2**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Includes records of the Library School, Carnegie Library of Atlanta Graduate Association including financial records, membership lists, minutes, handbooks, and correspondence.

#### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by record type.

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>   |
|------------|---------------|--|
| 2          | 17            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1928-<br>Correspondence, dues        |
| 2          | 18            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1925 fund<br>journal                 |
| 2          | 19            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1926-1931-<br>General correspondence |
| 2          | 20            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1917-1918-<br>Handbooks              |
| 2          | 21            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1926-1931-<br>Loan fund              |
| 2          | 22            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1905-1930-<br>Members                |
| 2          | 23            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1925-1931-<br>Miscellaneous records  |
| 2          | 24            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1918-1931-<br>Receipts               |
| 2          | 25            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1918-Report<br>of treasurer          |
| 2          | 26            | Graduates Association, Library school, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1910-1914-<br>Meeting minutes        |
| 2          | 27            | Library Club of Atlanta, 1932-1933-Receipts  |

**Subseries 1.4**

**Course outlines, 1920/1926**

**Box 3**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>                          |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 3          | 1             | Course schedules, 1905-1906             |
| 3          | 2             | Course outlines, 1920-1921              |
| 3          | 3             | Course outlines, 1920-1921              |
| 3          | 4             | Course outlines, 1920-1921-Maps         |
| 3          | 5             | Course outlines, 1921-1922              |
| 3          | 6             | Course outlines, 1921-1922-Miss Johnson |
| 3          | 7             | Course outlines, 1921-1923-Miss Newman  |
| 3          | 8             | Course outlines, 1922-1923              |
| 3          | 9             | Course outlines, 1923-1924              |
| 3          | 10            | Course outlines, 1923-1924              |
| 3          | 11            | Course outlines, 1924-1925              |
| 3          | 12            | Course outlines, 1924-1925              |
| 3          | 13            | Course outlines, 1925-1926              |
| 3          | 14            | Course outlines, 1925-1926              |
| 3          | 15            | Course tests, 1925-1926                 |

**Subseries 1.5**  
**Student records, 1913-1931**  
**Box 4**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes student matriculation and admissions records for the Emory University Library School.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by surname.

**Students in process, 1931**

| Box | Folder | Content               |
|-----|--------|-----------------------|
| 4   | 1      | Vincent, Mary William |

**Waiting list, 1931**

|   |   |                        |
|---|---|------------------------|
| 4 | 2 | Ehlers, Dorothy Lucile |
| 4 | 3 | Ralston, Ruth Alice    |
| 4 | 4 | Trammel, Mary Pauline  |

**Withdrawals, 1931**

|   |    |                               |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| 4 | 5  | Clay, Mary Harrison           |
| 4 | 6  | Crigler, Rebecca Clare        |
| 4 | 7  | Erwin, Frank Sims             |
| 4 | 8  | Franklin, Martha J.           |
| 4 | 9  | Galphin, Margaret Sangster    |
| 4 | 10 | Inge, Josephine Hyland (Mrs.) |
| 4 | 11 | Irving, Paula                 |
| 4 | 12 | Jennings, Ruth                |
| 4 | 13 | Kline, Agnes                  |
| 4 | 14 | Lawrence, Alice B.            |
| 4 | 15 | Nettles, Mary Dillard (Mrs.)  |
| 4 | 16 | Poitevent, Mary Maddox        |
| 4 | 17 | Thomas, Susie Ann             |
| 4 | 18 | Thompson, Rose                |
| 4 | 19 | Sisler, Ella Horton           |
| 4 | 20 | Smith, Minnie Viola           |
| 4 | 21 | Walters, Dorothy              |
| 4 | 22 | Wilbourn, Annie Moseley       |
| 4 | 23 | York, Geneva                  |
| 4 | 24 | Young, Virginia               |

**Withdrawals during course, 1913-1930**

|   |    |                              |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| 4 | 25 | Austin, Charley V., 1930     |
| 4 | 26 | Banks, Elizabeth, 1928       |
| 4 | 27 | Bittick, Ethel, 1924         |
| 4 | 28 | Bragg, Emma, no date         |
| 4 | 29 | Burger, Agnes Simms, 1930    |
| 4 | 30 | Cowles, Sara Chase, 1917     |
| 4 | 31 | Crenshaw, Julia, 1924        |
| 4 | 32 | Currens, Ruth, 1921-1922     |
| 4 | 33 | Daffin, Lettie, no date      |
| 4 | 34 | Ferguson, Mary, no date      |
| 4 | 35 | Flagg, Lillian, no date      |
| 4 | 36 | Gresham, Jennie, no date     |
| 4 | 37 | Halford, Rachel, 1924        |
| 4 | 38 | Helms, Frances, no date      |
| 4 | 39 | Hollis, Gertrude, 1928       |
| 4 | 40 | Isbell, Florence, 1923       |
| 4 | 41 | Jackson, Aileen, 1926        |
| 4 | 42 | Johnson, Dale, 1924          |
| 4 | 43 | King, Julia, 1927            |
| 4 | 44 | Lester, Florence, 1921-1922  |
| 4 | 45 | Mayson, Annie, 1915          |
| 4 | 46 | Meek, Elma, 1918             |
| 4 | 47 | Morris, Merle, 1927          |
| 4 | 48 | Patterson, S. Gay, 1921-1922 |
| 4 | 49 | Parks, Louise, 1926          |
| 4 | 50 | Pavesich, Maria, no date     |
| 4 | 51 | Rorer, Nellie, no date       |
| 4 | 52 | Shelley, Theresa, no date    |
| 4 | 53 | Sibley, Louise, 1917         |
| 4 | 54 | Simmonds, Bessie Mae, 1913   |
| 4 | 55 | Smiley, Helen Anyleene, 1926 |
| 4 | 56 | Smith, Garland, no date      |
| 4 | 57 | Thaxton, Annie Mae, 1920     |
| 4 | 58 | Turner, Lillie, 1919         |
| 4 | 59 | Vann, Jessie, 1919           |
| 4 | 60 | Williamson, Helen, no date   |
| 4 | 61 | Yow, Sarah, no date          |

**Rejected, 1931**

|   |    |                         |
|---|----|-------------------------|
| 4 | 62 | Baldwin, Evelyn Grayson |
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|---|----|--------------------------|
| 4 | 63 | Baugh, Ethel Irene       |
| 4 | 64 | Bettersworth, John Knox  |
| 4 | 65 | Bird, Charlie L.         |
| 4 | 66 | Campbell, Emily Estes    |
| 4 | 67 | Clift, David Horace      |
| 4 | 68 | Collins, Dorothy May     |
| 4 | 69 | Coon, Elizabeth          |
| 4 | 70 | Copeland, Madeline       |
| 4 | 71 | Daiger, Mary             |
| 4 | 72 | Davidson, John Sumner    |
| 4 | 73 | Davis, Anna P.           |
| 4 | 74 | Draper, Wesley 7         |
| 4 | 75 | Ervin, Eliza Cowan       |
| 4 | 76 | Evins, Elliot Dandrige   |
| 4 | 77 | Fite, David Wallace      |
| 4 | 78 | Flanagan, Mildred        |
| 4 | 79 | Foster, Virgil           |
| 4 | 80 | Glen, John               |
| 4 | 81 | Hightower, Florence      |
| 4 | 82 | Hinton, John             |
| 4 | 83 | Hughes, John Wesley      |
| 4 | 84 | Jones, Iva Ruth          |
| 4 | 85 | McCaine, Lamartha        |
| 4 | 86 | McDougald, Lydie Mary    |
| 4 | 87 | McKinnon, Gwendolyn      |
| 4 | 88 | Magley, Marguerite E.    |
| 4 | 89 | Malpass, Ruth            |
| 4 | 90 | Murphey, Virginia Oliver |
| 4 | 91 | Pate, Margaret E.        |
| 4 | 92 | Pope, Mrs. Louise Fisher |
| 4 | 93 | Riebel, John Paul        |
| 4 | 94 | Robertson, Mrs. Mary W.  |
| 4 | 95 | Russell, Scharlie        |
| 4 | 96 | Sanders, Mary Elizabeth  |
| 4 | 97 | Williams, Lee Gerald     |
| 4 | 98 | Winston, Frank Curry     |
| 4 | 99 | Winter, Naida Caryll     |

**Series 2**

**Tommie Dora Barker papers, 1925-1971**

**Boxes 5-6**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes correspondence, organizational records, clippings, memorabilia, and other papers, relating to Barker's professional achievements and to her work with American Library Association, for which she served as a field agent in the South (1930-1936). Notable correspondents include Andrew Carnegie, Edwin R. Embree, Leo Mortimer Farnot, Clark Foreman, Frederick P. Keppel, and Louis Round Wilson. There are some additional materials including a 1955 travel diary kept by Barker during a trip to Europe and miscellaneous clippings related to Barker.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into three subseries: (2.1) Subject files, (2.2) Additions, and (2.3) Memorabilia.

## **Subseries 2.1**

### **Subject files, 1915-1970**

#### **Box 5**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Subject files chiefly consist of correspondence and other items relating to Tommie Dora Barker's profession achievements and to her work with American Library Association, for which she served as a field agent in the South (1930-1936). Notable correspondents include Andrew Carnegie, Edwin R. Embree, Leo Mortimer Farnot, Clark Foreman, Frederick P. Keppel, and Louis Round Wilson.

##### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>  |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 5          | 1             | American Library Association Regional Field Agent, 1931-1936-Letters in response        |
| 5          | 2             | American Library Association Regional Field Agent, 1930-1934-Publicity for Libraries    |
| 5          | 3             | American Library Association Regional Field Agent, 1932-1934-Publicity for Libraries    |
| 5          | 4             | American Library Association Report on Emory University Division of Librarianship, 1954 |
| 5          | 5             | Anne Wallace, 1925-1932-Report of Interview with Andrew Carnegie                        |
| 5          | 6             | Appointment to Emory, 1936  |
| 5          | 7             | Association of American Library schools, 1948-1951-Report of meetings and newsletter    |
| 5          | 8             | Association of American Library schools, 1952-1953-Report of meetings and newsletter    |
| 5          | 9             | Atlanta Library school history and history of libraries in Georgia, no date             |
| 5          | 10            | Atlanta Library school transfer to Emory, 1929-1930                                     |
| 5          | 11            | Barker biographical file, 1947-1969   |
| 5          | 12            | Carnegie Library of Atlanta honorary degree, 1915-1930-Clippings                        |
| 5          | 13            | Division of Librarianship, 1970-Program   |
| 5          | 14            | Education for Librarianship Conference in Atlanta, November 1936                        |
| 5          | 15            | Emory honorary degree, 1930   |
| 5          | 16            | Fellowship Fund material, 1954  |
| 5          | 17            | Helen Power room at Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, 1968-1971                 |
| 5          | 18            | Isabel Erlich, 1968-Atlanta Public Library  |
| 5          | 19            | Louis Round Wilson correspondence, 1927-1950  |
| 5          | 20            | Libraries of the South, 1934-1936-Acknowledgements                                      |
| 5          | 21            | Retirement from Emory, 1954   |

5 22 Woman of the Year in Education, 1954



## **Subseries 2.2**

### **Additions, circa 1955-1960**

#### **Box 5**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Additional materials include a 1955 travel diary kept by Tommie Dora Barker during a trip to Europe. There are also clippings related to John Settlemayer, onetime Atlanta Library Director, who was fired after an investigation related to his manufacture and sale of book jackets to the library. There are other miscellaneous clippings and printed items related to Barker and her work.

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>                        |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5          | 23            | Miscellaneous material                |
| 5          | 24            | Tommie Dora Barker travel diary, 1955 |
| 5          | 25            | Clippings related to John Settlemayer |
| 5          | 26            | Clippings related to John Settlemayer |
| 5          | 27            | Miscellaneous material                |
| 5          | 28            | Miscellaneous material                |
| 5          | 29            | Miscellaneous material                |

**Subseries 2.3**

**Memorabilia circa 1930-1960**

**Box 6**

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>                     |
|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 6          |               | Memorabilia                        |
| OP1        |               | Diploma - Tommie Dora Barker, 1930 |

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