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**Inventory of the
Lucille Roper Edwards Papers, 1942 - 1994**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Lucille Roper Edwards Papers, 1942 - 1994
Dates	1942-1994, and undated
Bulk	1961-1985
Creator:	Edwards, Lucille Roper, 1924-
Abstract:	<p>Lucille Roper Edwards (1924-) worked as an African-American elementary schoolteacher teaching second graders in the Miami, Florida area for forty-seven years. Originally from Cordesville, South Carolina, Roper Edwards attended the Berkeley Training School (Moncks Corner, 1938), and the Avery Normal Institute (1940-1942).</p> <p>The majority of the collection holds Roper Edwards' lesson plans written when she was a second grade teacher at Poinciana Park Elementary School, Dade County, Miami, Florida. Documents included long range and daily plans; methods, objectives, and projects from the years 1965-1989. A smaller section contains brief and various documents and manuscripts created and collected by Roper Edwards relating to her life and family. Also included is her Master of Education Thesis, " A Proposed Plan for Teaching Science in the Primary Grades of Buist Public School, Charleston, South Carolina," (1947).</p>
Extent:	2.0 Linear feet (2 archival boxes)
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Biographical/Historical note

Lucille Roper Edwards, the eighth child of Sarah Cooper and Richard Roper, Sr., was born in Cordesville, South Carolina in 1924. She attended the Berkeley Training School (Moncks Corner, South Carolina) in 1938, Avery Normal Institute (1940-1942), South Carolina State College (1942-1944), majoring in elementary education. She briefly taught at Buist Public School in downtown Charleston. Roper obtained her master's degree in education at Atlanta University.

As South Carolina teachers' salaries were among the lowest in the nation, a principal suggested she apply to an elementary school in Dade County, Florida. Roper garnered a position as second grade teacher at Poinciana Park Elementary School. While there, she met Charles Edwards, a high school physical education teacher and coach. The couple married in 1963. Seeking an academic challenge, Roper Edwards accepted a position as dean of women at Florida Memorial College in St. Augustine in the mid-1950s. Finding she preferred instructing younger students, she returned to Poinciana Park School after one year and would remain there for a total of forty-seven years. Retiring from elementary instruction 1990, Roper Edwards designed and taught an adult education course entitled Bright Horizons out of the same school. She returned to her home town of Moncks Corner to fully retire in 1991.

Sources:

"Lucile Roper Edwards: Lessons of a Lifetime." *The Berkeley Independent*. 15 February 1995, page 1B-2B.

Collection Overview

The papers are divided into two series:

Series 1: Biographical Papers Contains brief and various documents created and collected by Roper Edwards relating to her life and family. Included is Roper Edwards' master's thesis: "A Proposed Plan for Teaching Science in the Primary Grades of Buist Public School, Charleston, South Carolina," (1947), and a self-published poetry booklet dedicated to her family entitled, *Karen and Carlos' Mother's Book for Children from Six to Sixty*, (1961).

Series 2: Professional Affiliation-Elementary Education Each folder contains long-term and daily lesson plans; methods, objectives and projects for the second grade taught by Roper Edwards at Poinciana Park Elementary School, in Dade County, Miami, Florida. Subjects taught include Language Arts, Spelling and Writing, Reading, Mathematics, Science, Health and Social Studies, from 1965-1989. Of note is a copyrighted technique by Roper Edwards for students to remember and effectively convey what they learned daily to their parents entitled, "An Evaluation of the Day's Activities," (1986).

Collection Arrangement

Series 1. Biographical Papers

Series 2. Professional Affiliation-Elementary Education

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

No Restrictions

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Subject Headings

Avery Normal Institute -- Alumni and alumnae.

Buist Elementary School--Charleston (S.C.)

Dade County (Fla.)

Poinciana Park Elementary School, Miami, Florida

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Biographical Papers, 1942-1994

Contains brief and various documents created and collected by Roper Edwards relating to her life and family.

Box 1 Folder 1 Biographical documents, 1942, 1994 and undated

Contains photocopies of Avery graduation exercises program (1942), newspaper article written by Roper Edwards regarding her brother and cousins as military veteran, "Cooper family veterans gave over 100 years of service," and poems written by Avery students with Roper as their "practice teacher."

Box 1 Folder 2 Master of Education Thesis: "A Proposed Plan for Teaching Science in the Primary Grades of Buist Public School, Charleston, South Carolina", 1947

Written by Roper at Atlanta University.

Box 1 Folder 3 Booklet: *Karen and Carlos' Mother's Book for Children from Six to Sixty*, 1961

Roper Edwards' self published book of poetry.

Series 2: Professional Affiliation-Elementary Education, 1965-1989

Each folder contains long range and daily lesson plans; methods, objectives and projects for the second grade taught by Roper Edwards at Poinciana Park Elementary School, Miami, Florida.

Box 1 Folder 4 Daily Lesson Plans: January-May, 1965

Box 1 Folder 5 Daily lesson plans: January-May, 1967

Box 1 Folder 6 Daily Lesson Plans: February-April, September-May, 1971-1972

Box 1 Folder 7 Teachers Planbook: September-June, 1972-1973

Box 1 Folder 8 Teachers Planbook: September-June, 1973-1974

Box 1 Folder 9 Teacher Planbook: September-June, 1974-1975

Box 1 Folder 10 Teacher Planbook: September-May, 1975-1976

Box 1 Folder 11 Teacher Planbook: October-May, 1976-1977

Box 2 Folder 1 Teaching Materials, 1983-1985

Includes a "Parent/Child Activities Calendar, Grade 2," and "Instructional Objectives for Elementary Art," from the Bureau of Education.

Box 2 Folder 2 Daily Lesson Plans, Objectives, memorandums: September- December, 1985

Also contains student case study.

Box 2 Folder 3 Daily Lesson Plans and Objectives: September-May, 1985-1986

Box 2 Folder 4 Manuscript: "An Evaluation of the Day's Activities," 10 February, 1986

Written by Roper Edwards for the purpose to provide a simple method for pupils to remember and share their daily class activities with their parents. Includes "Certificate of Copyright registration."

Box 2 Folder 5 Teacher Planbook: August-May, 1986-1987

Box 2 Folder 6 Teacher Planbook: November-May, 1988-1989