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Esther A. Reed Wooton Collection

Wooton, Esther A. Reed. Papers, 1860–1941. .25 foot.

Collector. An unpublished book-length manuscript (n.d.) by William E. Reed, entitled “As It Should Be,” and letters (1941) by Reed describing the history of the town of Paris, Illinois, from the 1860s forward. The manuscript is a work of fiction set in Oklahoma at the close of the Civil War.

Minor Box W-27

Folder:

1. Typescript draft novel titled, *As It Should Be* by William E. Reed. The novel tells the story of Ralph Carney and his life after the U.S. Civil War.
2. Handwritten draft of an untitled manuscript regarding a caravan’s overland journey west through Indiana, led by Rev. James Carney, n.d. Incomplete.
3. Letter I, numbered pages 19-41: Handwritten recollections of early days in the city of Paris, Illinois.
4. Letter II, Dec. 15, 1941, 25 pages: Handwritten recollections of early days in the city of Paris, Illinois.
5. Letter III, Dec. 18, 1941, pp. 1-23: Handwritten recollections of early days in the city of Paris, Illinois.
6. Letter Fragment A. Handwritten recollections of early days in Paris, Illinois.
7. Letter Fragment B. Handwritten recollections of early days in Paris, Illinois.
8. Letter Fragment C. Handwritten recollections of early days in Paris, Illinois.