

Title: Sherry, Laura Collection

Reference Code: Mss-1275

Inclusive Dates: 1931

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: Laura Case Sherry was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, in 1876. She attended the University of Wisconsin and the school of speech at Northwestern University before studying theatre in Chicago and New York. She joined the Richard Mansfield Company as an actress in 1897 and toured the country as a cast member in several plays. Laura returned to Wisconsin, married lumber and paper tycoon Edward P. Sherry and settled in Milwaukee. Her love of the theater continued, and she helped form a troupe of amateur actors which eventually evolved into the Wisconsin Dramatic Society, making a significant contribution to the development of community theater in the Midwest. She also dabbled in playwriting and poetry. She passed away in 1947.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of a proof copy of Sherry's book of poetry, *Old Prairie du Chien*.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English