

# Guide to the Franklin Edgerton Papers

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**TITLE:** Franklin Edgerton papers

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**BULK DATES:** 1938-1961

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of biographical information in the form of a eulogy; drafts of articles; reprints of published works; and miscellaneous files.

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## Biographical / Historical

Franklin Edgerton was born on July 24, 1885 in Lemars, Iowa. He received a B.A. from Cornell University in 1905. From 1906 to 1909, he did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University; and served successively as assistant professor, professor, and Johnston scholar in Sanskrit and comparative philology from 1909 to 1913. He was assistant professor (1913-1925) and professor (1926) of Sanskrit at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1926 he became Salisbury Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology at Yale University. In 1953 he wrote the *Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit Grammar and Dictionary*, and earned the status of professor emeritus. From 1953 to 1954 Edgerton was a visiting professor of Indology at Banaras Hindu University; and in 1956 he was a state guest of the Indian government for the 2500th anniversary of the Buddha's death. A noted Sanskritist and linguistic scholar, he was a founding member of the Linguistic Society of America, and was elected president in 1934. He was the author of over 200 works. Edgerton died on December 7, 1963.

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## Scope and Contents

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b. 1, f. 1	Biography/eulogy	1964
	Writings	
	Drafts/typescripts	
b. 1, f. 2	"The Buddha and Metaphysics" [typescript] English	1959
b. 1, f. 2	"Notes on Tagore's Educational Philosophy" [typescript] English	1961
b. 1, f. 2	"A Composite Indian Portrait: Buddha, Asoka, Gandhi" [drafts] English	undated
b. 1, f. 2	"Asoka, Buddhist Emperor of India" [draft] English	undated
	Reprints	
b. 1, f. 2	"Etymology and Interpretation" English	1938
b. 1, f. 2	"Dominant Ideas in the Formation of Indian Culture" English	1942
b. 1, f. 2	"Sanskrit Historical Phonology" English	1946
b. 1, f. 2	"The Buddha and the Language" English	undated
b. 1, f. 2	"The Hour of Death" English	undated
b. 1, f. 2	Miscellaneous	1926-1927, 1954, 1960, undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

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Sanskritists

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Edgerton, Franklin, 1885-1963

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