

## Finding Aid to the Della Smith Papers

**Smith, Della, 1889-1969**

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### BIOGRAPHY

Born **Della** Melbourn in S.D. Wed F. Paul (Forester Paul) Smith, son of F.H. (Forester Hooker) Smith in 1916. They settled at Amenia, N.D. to farm. She left after his death in 1941 to work as a housemother at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, and Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kan. Buried at Riverside Cemetery, Fargo.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

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