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Biographical Sketch: Margaret Morse Nice (1883-1974) was a highly respected ornithologist. She is the author of five books on birds and over 200 published articles. She was president of the Wilson Ornithological Society (1937-1939), President of the Chicago Ornithological Society (1940-1942), Associate Editor of the Wilson Bulletin (1939-1949) and Associate Editor of Bird-Banding (1935-1942 and

1946-1974). She was born and lived a large majority of her life in Amherst, Massachusetts, lived in Oklahoma, Ohio, and finally Chicago, moving for schooling or due to her husband’s appointments.

Scope and Content: Most of the materials in the series are of printed materials, particularly publications. There is a copy of her unpublished autobiography, that is alternately titled *The Making of an Ornithologist* or *Adventures with Oklahoma Birds and with Song Sparrows*,

Series Description:

Series 1: Personal (1908-1979, undated)

This series contains a small amount of correspondence, Morse’s obituary and an additional In Memoriam, and copies of some of her published articles. It also includes a typewritten copy of her autobiography, “Research is a Passion With Me,” detailing her work as an ornithologist over her lifetime.

Series 2: Printed Materials (1908-1976)

This series contains publications written by other authors, a flyer about a radio lecture, and a bibliographical list of all of Morse’s publications.

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