

Polly Lockett Murray papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: Ms Coll 85

CREATOR: Murray, Polly (Polly Lockett)

TITLE: Polly Lockett Murray papers

DATES: circa 1965 - 1996

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 13 linear feet 15 boxes (3 flat + 12 Paige)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Polly Lockett Murray (1934-2019) was an artist and resident of Lyme, Connecticut whose documentation of local illness and advocacy work prompted the medical investigation that identified Lyme disease. After the bacteria and means of transmission were identified she worked to raise public awareness of Lyme disease and authored *The Widening Circle: a Lyme disease pioneer tells her story*. The collection documents Murray's data collection of symptoms experienced by herself, members of her family, and members of the community; communications with the Connecticut State Department of Health and Dr. Allen C. Steere of the Department of Rheumatology at Yale University School of Medicine; and public awareness work. Materials in the collection include notes; research materials; scrapbooks of newspaper articles (originals and photocopies); photo albums; slides; VHS, DVD, and cassette tape recordings; ephemera; and publications.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Polly Lockett Murray, 2022.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is unprocessed. Contact the Medical Historical Library at historical.library@yale.edu to request access.

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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.

Subjects

Community activists
Epidemiology -- United States
Lyme disease
Lyme disease -- Diagnosis
Public health

Geographic Names

Lyme (Conn.)