

# Guide to the Josephine Boardman Crane Papers Relating to the Dalton School

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 1002

**CREATOR:** Crane, Josephine Boardman, 1873-1972

**TITLE:** Josephine Boardman Crane papers relating to the Dalton School

**DATES:** 1915-1972

**BULK DATES:** 1915-1930

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.92 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of correspondence, reports, notes, photographs and printed material relating to Josephine Boardman Crane, Helen Parkhurst, the Dalton School, and to progressive education in the United States during the 1920s.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josie Green, 1994.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Josephine Boardman Crane Papers Relating to the Dalton School. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing in 2015, including rehousing and minimal organization.

The finding aid for this collection is compiled from individual preliminary lists for each acquisition that were created at or around the time of receipt by the library. The preliminary lists were migrated to comply with current archival descriptive standards and merged into a single file in 2007-2008. As part of the migration, modifications were made to the formatting of individual lists; however, the content of the lists was neither modified nor verified.

Descriptive information found in the Collection Contents section is drawn in large part from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Josephine Boardman Crane (1873-1972)

Josephine Porter Boardman Crane was born in Cleveland, Ohio, November 1, 1873, daughter of William Jarvis and Florence Sheffield Boardman. In 1906 she married U.S. Senator Winthrop Murray Crane, and they lived in Washington, D.C., until his retirement from the Senate in 1913. Crane took an active role in furthering children's welfare, establishing a School for Crippled Children in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, the Dalton Visiting Nurse Service, and working to improve conditions for children in the Crane paper mills at Dalton, Massachusetts. Through her collaboration with educator Helen Parkhurst, Crane became a leading figure in promoting progressive education methods, founding the Dalton School in New York City in 1920. Crane served as a trustee of the Dalton School, the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the Pierpont Morgan Library, the American Opera Society, and the China Institute in America, among many other institutions. In 1971 she authored a memoir of her childhood, *A Middle-West Child* (New York: Spiral Press). Crane died in Falmouth, Massachusetts on July 8, 1972.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of correspondence, reports, notes, photographs and printed material relating to Josephine Boardman Crane, Helen Parkhurst, the Dalton School, the Dalton Laboratory Plan, and to progressive education in the United States during the 1920s.

## Collection Contents

b.1	Grades 4-8 assignments <i>2 folders</i>	1920s
b.1	Louise Crane assignments <i>2 folders</i>	1920s
b.1	Assignment cards and report cards	undated
b.1	Assignments	undated
b.1	Children's University School, printed material	1924-1926
b.1	"History - The Dalton Plan," by Miss Helen Parkhurst	1930 July
b.1	Reports and articles on the Dalton Laboratory Plan	1922-1930
b.1	Teachers' statements and clippings relating to Dalton High School	1920-1928
b.1	An outline of the Dalton Plan in China, by Milton S. C. Hsu	1924 April
b.1	Pamphlets and articles on education	1917-1925
b.2	Reports and publications relating to progressive education in Europe	1923-1927
b.2	Reports and publications relating to education in England and the Dalton Plan <i>3 folders</i>	1921-1924
b.2	Japanese arithmetic assignment	undated
b.2	Five lectures on the Dalton Plan given in Japan by Helen Parkhurst, typescripts	1924
b.2	Correspondence and other material relating to Helen Parkhurst's trip to Japan and China	1924-1925
b.2	"Illustrated mathematical talks by pupils of the Lincoln school," pamphlet	circa 1919
b.2	Correspondence relating to the Ohio State University Experimental School	1927
b.2	Photographs of work by the pupils at the Dalton Schools, New York	1920s
b.2	Helen Parkhurst correspondence	1927
b.2	Correspondence and printed material relating to Pleasantville, New York	1923
b.2	"Pedagogy at Moscow and Russian-American educational cooperation," by Peter Tutyshkin	1924
b.2	Printed material relating to San Francisco State Normal School	1915-1917
b.3	Correspondence and clippings relating to Scarsdale, New York	1923
b.3	Correspondence relating to West Virginia University Demonstration School	1925
b.3	Printed material relating to Winnetka, Illinois	1920
b.3	<a href="#">Bibliography of the Dalton Plan</a>	1927 November

b. 3	"Does preparation for college prepare children for life," by Mrs. M. Murray Crane	1928
b. 3	<a href="#">Dalton School Committee correspondence</a>	1920
b. 3	Obituaries of Josephine Porter Boardman Crane and Helen Parkhurst	1972, undated
b. 3	Letter from Michael Sadler, University of Leeds, to Josephine Crane	1923
b. 3	<a href="#">"A concrete report to the education committee of the Berkshire School for Crippled Children"</a>	1919 October 1
b. 3	Josephine Crane correspondence relating to the Dalton Plan	1923
b. 3	Lectures by Maria Montessori at the Montessori Normal College, New York City, transcripts	1916
b. 3	<a href="#">Letters from Helen Parkhurst to Josephine Crane</a> <i>2 folders</i>	1921-1925
b. 3	Postcards from Helen Parkhurst to Crane family members	1920
b. 3	Helen Parkhurst papers relating to the Children's University School	1922
b. 3	<a href="#">Notes and reports relating to the Laboratory School and the Dalton Plan</a>	1920
b. 3	<a href="#">"Notes for talk given to Dalton School trustees by Josephine Boardman Crane"</a>	1953 May 19
b. 3	Reprints of articles by C. Macfie Campbell	1919-1920
b. 3	"A series of articles on education," by Aldous Huxley, reprinted from <i>Vanity Fair</i>	1926
b. 3	Reprints of articles by Maria Montessori	1915-1916
b. 3	Clippings	1921-1929
b. 4	Unsorted papers	1923-1926
b. 4	"Report of the tenth annual conference of educational associations, held at the University College, London"	1922
b. 4	"Report of the eleventh annual conference of educational associations, held at the University College, London"	1923
b. 4	"American boarding schools," by Horace D. Taft	1913
b. 4	Letters to Josephine Crane	1921
b. 4	Printed material relating to education	1917-1920
b. 4	"Francis W. Parker School studies in education: The individual and the curriculum"	1920
b. 4	<i>The School Review</i> , Vol. XXVIII	1920 November
b. 4	"Report of the Conference on New Ideals in Education held at Keble College, Oxford"	1923
b. 4	Printed material relating to the Dalton Laboratory Plan	1924, undated
b. 4	Printed material	1923, undated

b. 4	<a href="#">Photographs of students in classrooms, including the Dalton School Art Department</a>	1920s
b. 4	<a href="#">Reproduction of a 1906 photograph of an unidentified woman, possibly Josephine Boardman Crane</a>	undated
b. 5	Two portrait photographs of Helen Parkhurst	undated
b. 5	Photographs of children performing a play	1920s
b. 5	Scrapbook containing clippings relating to education	1918
b. 5	Scrapbook containing clippings relating to The Dalton Plan	1921-1922

## **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**

Dalton laboratory plan  
Educators -- United States -- Archives  
Philanthropists -- United States  
Progressive education -- United States  
Women philanthropists -- United States

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographs -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Occupations**

Educators -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Crane, Josephine Boardman, 1873-1972  
Parkhurst, Helen, 1887-1973

### **Corporate Body**

Dalton School (New York, N.Y.)