

Guide to the Elizabeth Deering Hanscom Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1754

CREATOR: Hanscom, Elizabeth Deering, 1865-1960

TITLE: Elizabeth Deering Hanscom papers

DATES: 1824-1961

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.75 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers are comprised of scattered diary entries, a birth certificate, obituaries, correspondence regarding the anniversary of her graduation from Yale University, family genealogical information, a prayer read at her memorial service, five books from her library, her mother's wedding gown, and one of Hanscom's favorite dresses.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Elizabeth Deering Hanscom was born on August 15, 1865 in Saco, Maine. She graduated from Boston University in 1887 after which she obtained her Master's degree there. Hanscom received her Ph.D. from Yale University in 1894, the first year the University awarded Ph.D.s to women. That same year she joined the Smith College faculty, where she became a full professor and occupied the Mary Augusta Jordan chair in the English department until her retirement in 1932. She was a popular teacher and was noted for introducing the study of American literature at a time when the field was generally not taught at institutions of higher education in the country. She died on February 2, 1960 in Weymouth, Massachusetts.

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b. 1, f. 1	Biographical	1865-1961, undated
b. 1, f. 2 - 3	Books [from Hanscom's library]	1824-1871, undated
b. 2	Clothes [wedding gown of Hanscom's mother, and favorite dress of Hanscom]	

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.

Names

Hanscom, Elizabeth Deering, 1865-1960

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