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Descriptive Summary

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Language

Materials in this collection are in English.

Abstract

The Russell Family Correspondence Collections consists of postcards and letters from 1927-1943 written by Edgar V. "Buck" Russell and Alice Elizabeth Russell Duke. Most letters were written to their mother and father. Throughout the letters, Edgar and Alice discuss their lives and time in college. The letters provide many details into their daily lives and can be viewed as letters and diary entries. Their letters also demonstrate how the family struggled with two children in college during the Great Depression.

Extent

2.2 Cubic Feet 5 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The collection was purchased by Special Collections in January 2019.

Processing Information

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Scope and Content

The Russell Family Correspondence Collections consists of postcards and letters from 1927-1943 written by Edgar V. "Buck" Russell and Alice Elizabeth Russell Duke. Most letters were written to their mother and father.

Edgar's letters were written during his time as a student and chemistry professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He married Louise Hartness in August 1938. Alice's letters were written during her time as a student at Farmville Normal and after her graduation. Letters and postcard fragments are included in their own series. They may not include sender, recipient, or year. The other senders series includes letters written to the family members from other individuals and are organized by sender. The papers include a list of students at Farmville Normal College, a Sunday church program, and handwritten notes.

Throughout the letters, Edgar and Alice discuss their lives and time in college. The letters provide many details into their daily lives and can be viewed as letters and diary entries. Their letters also demonstrate how the family struggled with two children in college during the Great Depression.

Keywords

Correspondence

University History

Montgomery County (Va.)

Postcards

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

The collection is organized by the sender of correspondences. Within the series, the letters are separated by the recipient(s) and by year sent. Some letters do not have a sent year, and they are organized under "year unknown."

Description of Subordinate Components

Alice Elizabeth Russell

Unit Date 1927-1943

Letters

Mother (recipient)

1927

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

1931

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

1932

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

1933

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

1934

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

1935

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

1936

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

1937

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

1939

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

1942

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

1943

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Year Unknown**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12-13 (folder)**Parents (recipient)****1930****box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**1931****box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**1932****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**1940****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Year Unknown****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 3-4 (folder)**Postcards****Mother (recipient)****1935****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**1936****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**1937****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**1938****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**1939****box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)

1940

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

1941

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

1942

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

1943

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Parents (recipient)

1931

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Edgar V. "Buck" Russell

Unit Date 1929-1943

Letters

Mother (recipient)

1930

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

1931

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

1932

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1931**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**1932****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**1933****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Year Unknown****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Postcards****Mother (recipient)****1931****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**1932****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**1933****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**1934****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**1935****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**1936****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**1937****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**1938****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)

1939**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**1940****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**1941****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**1942****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Year Unknown****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Father (recipient)****Unit Date** 1931-1933**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**Parents****Unit Date** 1929-1938**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**Sister****Unit Date** 1931-1937**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 24 (folder)**Fragments****Letters****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Postcards****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Envelopes****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Other Senders**

Mrs. Alfred I. DuPont

Unit Date 1930-1932

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Pittsylvania County Schools

Unit Date 1934

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Ruth

Unit Date 1943

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Louise Russell

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Papers

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)