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Unit ID

MS 00457

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Unit Date

1882 to 1951

Language

English

Extent

1 Linear Feet Two full legal size Hollinger boxes.

Condition Description

Correspondence and letters in good condition, with some tears and wrinkles.

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Special Collections Research Center

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Content Description

This collection consists of correspondence and travel journals created by sisters Martha Webb Purcell and Anna Brooke Purcell, between 1882 and 1951. The majority of the correspondence in the collection documents various trips around Europe that Martha and Anna took between 1914 and 1937, during which the sisters witnessed the outbreak of World War I (WWI) in 1914, the stock market crash of 1929, and the buildup to World War II (WWII) in 1937. Later letters were sent to the sisters from their cousins in Ireland from 1938 to 1954, documenting life in Europe during and after WWII. The collection also includes seven travel journals written by Anna Purcell. The journals contain daily notes about her travels, including the places she visited, her expenses, and meals.

Keywords

World War I
World War II
Europe -- Description and travel
Europe--Description and travel--20th century
Single women
Women travelers--Diaries
Great Depression
Letters (correspondence)
Women--Virginia--History
Women--Travel
Voyages and travels--Personal narratives
England--Description and travel--20th century
France--Description and travel--20th century
Germany -- Description and travel -- 20th century
Netherlands--Description and travel--20th century

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Arrangement

The Martha Webb Purcell and Anna Brooke Purcell papers are arranged into two series: I. Martha Webb Purcell and Anna Brooke Purcell correspondence and II. Anna Brooke Purcell travel journals.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669042

Unit Date 1882-1954

Correspondence to Martha Webb Purcell and Louise Purcell

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669044

Unit Date 1882-1901

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Correspondence of Martha Webb Purcell

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669047

Unit Date 1902-1914

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Container 2 (Folder)

Correspondence from Anna Brooke and Martha Webb Purcell

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669049

Unit Date 1914

Mixed materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Correspondence and Itineraries from Anna Brooke and Martha Webb Purcell

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669051

Unit Date 1902-1937

Mixed materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Correspondence to Anna Brooke and Martha Webb Purcell

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669052

Unit Date 1938-1954

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Container 5 (Folder)

Series II. Travel Journals

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669054

Unit Date 1914-1929

Anna Brooke Purcell European Travel Journal

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669056

Unit Date 1914

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Anna Brooke Purcell European Travel Journal

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669058

Unit Date 1923

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Container 7 (Folder)

Anna Brooke Purcell European Travel Journal

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/669059

Unit Date 1925

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Anna Brooke Purcell European Travel Journal

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Unit Date 1927

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Anna Brooke Purcell European Travel Journal

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Unit Date 1929

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Anna Brooke Purcell European Travel Journal

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Unit Date 1936

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Container 11 (Folder)

Anna Brooke Purcell European Travel Journal

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Unit Date 1937

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Container 12 (Folder)