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## Biographical / Historical

### Biographical Information

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### Biographical Information:

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### Administrative History:

Ruth Elizabeth Thompson was born on August 4, 1891. Her parents were Evert M. Thompson and Elizabeth Hubbard Thompson, who by 1905 were residing in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Thompson was an invalid, taken care of at home, for at least six years before his death in December 1911. Mrs. Thompson maintained their home, managed various properties they leased, engaged in an active social life, and occasionally sold homemade products such as fruit jellies and sewn novelties.

Ruth had two older brothers, Harold Evert Thompson and Lyman Hubbard Thompson, both of whom attended Purdue University, married, and served in the military during World War I.

In 1909 Ruth graduated from the Tudor Hall School for Girls in Indianapolis. After waiting a year, she entered a two-year program for girls not planning to attend college, at Bradford Academy in Haverhill, Massachusetts. She graduated in June 1912 and returned to her mother's home in Indianapolis.

Ruth had an active social life in Indianapolis. She visited and received friends, neighbors, and relatives. She taught Sunday School, participated in educational and social clubs, and attended movies, plays, concerts, and lectures. She had numerous male friends, a few of whom became persistent suitors. She rejected all before expressing serious interest in Frank Richards. Frank went off to war, however, and the papers in this collection do not reveal how that relationship developed or ended.

Ruth traveled frequently to visit friends and relatives in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky. She attended summer camps in Indiana and vacationed with her mother at lakeside resorts in Indiana and Michigan. In 1912 and 1915 she and her mother traveled by train to California for extensive visits with relatives, including attendance at the 1915 World's Fair in San Francisco. Ruth visited friends in New England and New York over the holiday season of 1917/18, before joining her mother in Washington, DC, where her brothers were stationed temporarily.

Ruth led the life of a young, unemployed woman until World War I, when she volunteered with the Red Cross before taking a job briefly with the rationing administration in Indianapolis. The war ended, as did Ruth's job, in November 1918. In the summer of 1920 she was on the staff of a girls' camp in Michigan, and that is the last these papers reveal about her.

# Scope and Contents

Diaries, scrapbooks, and letters, circa 1905-1919, of Ruth Thompson of Indianapolis, Indiana. Includes scrapbooks and diaries of Thompson's time at the Bradford Academy, a women's boarding school in Haverhill, Massachusetts. There are also diaries from after Thompson's graduation, when she returned to Indianapolis. These include entries about World War I, including newspaper clippings of people from her area who were drafted. Finally, there are letters written to Thompson by various people.

## Keywords

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Young women--Diaries

## Arrangement of Materials:

This collection is not yet fully arranged and described. Researchers may wish to consult with a staff member for further information in advance of using the collection.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series 1: Diaries**

**Unit ID** id233261

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351258

**Unit Date** 1905-1918

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains diaries kept by Ruth Thompson during her years in high school in Indiana as well as on trips to California, including the 1915 World's Fair in San Francisco. Some of the other topics discussed in her diaries include attending the Bradford Academy, visiting relatives, World War I, and the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic.

### **Memory Book Number 1**

**Unit ID** id233266

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351267

**Unit Date** 1905 April-1906 October

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Brief descriptions of fun times, including parties, luncheons, and picnics, illustrated with many items that are glued or pinned to pages, such as dance cards, ticket stubs, and "my first telegram" (December 1905); also includes a list of Christmas gifts received. 1 volume, 7 x 9 inches, partially held together with red ribbon.

## **Memory Book Number 2**

**Unit ID** id233267

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351268

**Unit Date** 1906 November-1907

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Descriptions of fun times and attendees, illustrated with ticket stubs, place cards, dance cards, calling cards, and programs; includes lists of Christmas gifts received in 1906 and 1907. In the summer of 1907, Ruth visits relatives in Cincinnati and Paducah, traveling between the two cities by steamer on the Ohio River. She also spends a month with the Montgomerys (the family of schoolmate Winona) at Lake Wawasee in Indiana. 1 volume, 7 x 8½ inches, partially held together with ribbon and thread.

## **Memory Book Number 3**

**Unit ID** id233268

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351269

**Unit Date** 1907 December-1908 September

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Descriptions of fun times, illustrated with calling cards, dance cards, ticket stubs, programs and cast lists, and other mementos. In her junior year at Tudor Hall, Ruth attends the Senior Prom, the Junior Dance, and other dances. Ruth spends two weeks in the summer with Winona at Lake Wawasee. 1 volume, 7 x 8½ inches, held together with a gold and white braided cord.

## **Diary**

**Unit ID** id233269

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351270

**Unit Date** 1908 September-1909

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

In addition to daily activities, Ruth mentions events during her senior year at Tudor Hall, such as winning the office of secretary in school elections, resuming music lessons at a local School of Music, attending Junior and Senior dances, working on the school annual, being elected president of the Junior King's Daughters, and upon graduation being elected recording secretary of the Alumnae. She visits her brothers at Purdue University and a former schoolmate at DePauw University and goes with some friends to visit another friend in Williamsport. In the year following graduation, she does not go to college but instead takes up watercolor painting, attends a series of lectures, and enrolls in a literature class. In September 1909 Ruth and her parents move into a six-room flat on Talbot Avenue and rent out their house on North Meridian, the boys having gone back to college. 1 volume, 7 x 8½ inches, with lined sheets, two-hole punched, and held together with red string; 215 pages (every tenth page number is penciled in).

## **Diary**

**Unit ID** id233270

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351271

**Unit Date** 2010 January-August

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

In addition to routine activities, Ruth frets about what school to attend in the fall; observes Halley's comet; spends a month with Uncle Charles, Aunt Louise, and their twin boys in Winnetka, IL; learns to play bridge; and returns to Williamsport to visit a friend. She describes this as "a fairly well kept diary", indicating that she "could have told some things more and more interestingly but this is not a story just record of a few events in a part of year." Bound volume, 5 x 7½ inches, with lined paper; 228 pages.

**Diary****Unit ID** id233271**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351272**Unit Date** 2010 September-1911 July**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Ruth enrolls in Bradford Academy, in Haverhill, MA, after a trip with her mother by train to Newport News, VA, and coastal steamer to Boston. She describes school activities, including Literature, Bible, Government, Botany, Psychology, English, and French classes; tennis, swimming, hockey, bowling, volleyball, basketball, and tobogganing; church, vespers, and Christian Union; outings to Salisbury Beach, Bretton Woods (NH), and Whittier's home; concerts and lectures, and her participation in a school play. On school breaks and weekend trips, Ruth visits friends and relatives in Bennington (VT), Boston, and New York City. She travels home to Indianapolis at Christmas to find that the family has moved back to North Meridian Street and to help host her brother Harold's wedding. Before returning to Indianapolis after the spring term, Ruth attends a camp at Silver Bay on Lake George in New York. Front cover: Record. Inside front cover: Book II / Ruth Thompson / Sep 1st - 1910 / ending with / July 30 - 1911 [actually the 31st] / My year at / Bradford / Academy. Bound volume, 5 x 7½ inches, with lined paper; 226 pages, plus an inserted, folded sheet, numbered 227.

**Diary****Unit ID** id233272**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351273**Unit Date** 1911 August-1912 July**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Ruth chronicles her final year at Bradford Academy, where she takes Astronomy, Government, Sociology, Art history, Bible, and Literature; participates in a debate, a play, various sports and outdoor activities; goes on outings to Salisbury Beach, Georgetown, Boston, Wellesley, Rockport, and Gloucester; attends concerts and lectures, church, vespers and Christian Union, and various graduation events also attended by her mother. Missing from the diary are entries for November 19 through December 31, 1911, a period that includes the Thanksgiving holiday, the death of Ruth's father back in Indianapolis, and her trip home. Upon returning to school in the New Year and resuming her diary, Ruth grieves for her father and spends much time making up assignments and exams missed due to her early departure before Christmas. After graduation Ruth visits friends and relatives in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and New York City, though this itinerary is described only in brief notes on two loose sheets inserted in the diary. Front cover: Record. Inside front cover: Book III / Ruth Elizabeth Thompson / 2022 N. Mer. St. / Indianapolis / Indiana / Her book and not to be / read by any intruding / soul / August 1 - 1911 / ending with . . . Bound volume, 5 x 7½ inches, with lined paper; 226 pages; pages 52-69 and 179 to the end are blank; two loose sheets are inserted in back, with scribbled notes of activities for about June 3 through July 7, 1912.

**Diary****Unit ID** id233697**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351274**Unit Date** 1912 August-1913**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Ruth describes a two-month trip (August-October 1912) to California with her mother to visit relatives in San Francisco and Los Angeles, with excursions to numerous other sites and a brief visit with relatives in Winnetka (IL) before returning home. Back in Indianapolis, in addition to routine and social activities, Ruth dances in a play; attends an art class, a current events class, and meetings of a Camp Fire Girls committee and the King's Daughters; teaches a Sunday school class; and gives sewing lessons to five-year-old girls at a settlement house. She gets medical treatments for an unnamed condition, experiences a nervous rave, and has tonsillitis. In June 1913 Ruth visits friends in New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, and attends graduation and alumnae events at Bradford Academy. In the fall she begins

seeing Frank Richards, Fred Shafer, and John Darlington, in addition to other male friends. The main diary is located in Folder 8. In addition to the bound volume (last entry: April 26, 1913), there are separate sheets of lined, three-hole paper, 5 x 8 inches, partially held together by a white ribbon, with entries covering intermittently the period from June 10 through December 1913. This addition is located in Folder 9.

### **Materials separated from Diary**

**Unit ID** id233698

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351275

**Unit Date** 1912 August-1913

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

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### **Diary**

**Unit ID** id233699

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351276

**Unit Date** 1914 January-June

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

In addition to routine activities, Ruth continues to teach Sunday school and attend meetings of the Camp Fire Girls committee, the King's Daughters, and the Junior Auxiliary. She joins a Government Science club. Ruth and a few of her girlfriends go to Winona Lake for a week of classes and lectures. Ruth and her mother spend about six weeks at Lake Maxinkuckee, where she swims, sails, plays tennis, and takes lessons in basket making. Numerous male friends call on Ruth and take her to dances, plays, and concerts. She worries about what to do with her life and about not having found the ideal man. She makes a little money by selling fruit jellies, handkerchiefs, and baskets. Loose sheets, lined, three-hole punched, 5 x 7¾ inches. Many items are glued in or punched in: newspaper clippings, programs, notes, ribbons, bridge scores.

### **Diary**

**Unit ID** id233700

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351277

**Unit Date** 1914 July-December

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

In addition to routine activities, Ruth continues to teach Sunday school and attend meetings of the Camp Fire Girls committee, the King's Daughters, and the Junior Auxiliary. She joins a Government Science club. Ruth and a few of her girlfriends go to Winona Lake for a week of classes and lectures. Ruth and her mother spend about six weeks at Lake Maxinkuckee, where she swims, sails, plays tennis, and takes lessons in basket making. Numerous male friends call on Ruth and take her to dances, plays, and concerts. She worries about what to do with her life and about not having found the ideal man. She makes a little money by selling fruit jellies, handkerchiefs, and baskets. Loose sheets, lined, three-hole

punched, 5 x 7¾ inches. Many items are glued in or punched in: newspaper clippings, programs, notes, ribbons, bridge scores.

### **Diary**

**Unit ID** id233701

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351278

**Unit Date** 1915

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Ruth mentions more activities with male friends. In March she takes the train to Kansas City to visit her Bradford classmate Margaret 'Peggy' Holmes. Ruth's mother meets Ruth in Kansas City, and they continue on to visit relatives in Los Angeles and San Francisco for nearly three months. In San Francisco they spend several days at the 1915 World's Fair. Upon returning home, Ruth suffers a bilious attack that keeps her in bed for nearly a month. It is diagnosed as appendicitis, but no surgery is scheduled. Ruth takes osteopathic treatments and hair treatments, and her activities are curtailed for the rest of the year. Loose sheets, lined, three-hole punched, 5 x 7¾ inches. The first sheet seems to have a reading list, by month, January through May, with titles, authors, and brief comments. Various items are glued in or punched in: invitations, notes, newspaper clippings, dance cards, ticket stubs.

### **Diary**

**Unit ID** id233702

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351279

**Unit Date** 1916 January-May

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 13 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Ruth continues to note health concerns, receives a series of xrays, gets reading glasses, and has her tonsils removed. There are numerous activities with male friends, notably Halleck Ranger and Frank Richards. Ruth and her mother move into an apartment for six months, giving their house over to neighbors whose house has burned down. They visit Ruth's brother Harold and his wife in Brazil, IN, and spend two months on vacation in Leland, MI, on Lake Michigan. Ruth joins a reading class and the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants. Worries about finances and the war in Europe occupy her thoughts. Loose sheets, lined, three-hole punched, 5 x 7¾ inches, partially held together by green ribbon. Various items are glued in or pinned in: invitations, notes, newspaper clippings, dance cards, place cards, programs.

### **Diary**

**Unit ID** id233703

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351280

**Unit Date** 1916 June-December

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 14 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Ruth continues to note health concerns, receives a series of xrays, gets reading glasses, and has her tonsils removed. There are numerous activities with male friends, notably Halleck Ranger and Frank Richards. Ruth and her mother move into an apartment for six months, giving their house over to neighbors whose house has burned down. They visit Ruth's brother Harold and his wife in Brazil, IN, and spend two months on vacation in Leland, MI, on Lake Michigan. Ruth joins a reading class and the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants. Worries about finances and the war in Europe occupy her thoughts. Loose sheets, lined, three-hole punched, 5 x 7¾ inches, partially held together by green ribbon. Various items are glued in or pinned in: invitations, notes, newspaper clippings, dance cards, place cards, programs.

**Diary****Unit ID** id233704**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351281**Unit Date** 1917 January-November**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 15 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Ruth writes much about her relationship with Frank Richards; they talk of marriage, but he resists during wartime; he eventually enlists and goes off to camp. War preoccupies everyone; Ruth joins the Red Cross; her brother Harold gets a military position in Washington, DC; after marrying Lucille Thomas in July, brother Lyman is drafted, transfers to various camps, and eventually gets a position in Washington with Harold. Ruth researches, writes, and reads two papers to her Government Science Club, attends a King's Daughters convention in Terre Haute, and participates in a 'pageant'. Financial concerns cause Ruth and her mother to rent out their house and move temporarily into a room near the city, before leaving to spend 2½ months on vacation in Leland, MI. They return to their house in Indianapolis but think of selling it. Ruth visits her brother Lyman when he is in camp near Louisville. She complains about fatigue and nerves, spends time in bed with a 'cold on [her] lungs', and suffers a sprained rib caused by coughing. Loose sheets, lined, three-hole punched, 5 x 7¾ inches, partially held together by string. Various items are glued in: newspaper clippings, a program, ticket stubs, an invitation, a postcard, a calendar.

**Diary****Unit ID** id233706**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351282**Unit Date** 1917 December-1918 November**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Ruth travels back east over the holiday season to visit friends in Marblehead, New Haven, and Poughkeepsie. In January she joins her mother in Washington, DC, visiting her brothers and sisters-in-law and sightseeing. There is much war news; back in Indianapolis Ruth continues Red Cross work and attends parties for officers; her two brothers and Frank Richards are sent to Europe, though not to the front lines; Ruth goes to work for the sugar division of the government's rationing administration, but the job ends shortly after the armistice. Ruth mentions social occasions involving a number of male friends, while continuing to express a special concern for, and commitment to, Frank Richards. Ruth and her mother rent out their house once again and move into a flat. The influenza epidemic arrives. Ruth hopes to find another job and looks forward to the return of the men from overseas. Three-ring binder, lined paper, 5 x 7¾ inches. Various items are inserted or glued in: business cards, photograph, newspaper clippings, menu.

**Series 2: Correspondence, circa 1905-1916****Unit ID** id233707**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351264**Letters****Unit ID** id233710**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351283**Unit Date** circa 1909-1920, undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)

**L[yman] to [Ruth]****Unit ID** id237136**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351306**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

"To the one that broke my nose"; describes impression Ruth made on her visit to Lyman's college.

**Mother to Ruth****Unit ID** id237137**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351307**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Mentions places and people Ruth is visiting in the east, as well as her attendance at a class reunion.

**Ruth to Fred****Unit ID** id237139**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351308**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Mentions Fred's recent visit and "this horrid war", and asks about his plans for a new lock.

**Ruth to J.H.D****Unit ID** id237140**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351309**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Reports on time in San Francisco and at the Exposition and on plans for her return home; comments on her relationship with J.H.D.

**Mother to "My precious child"****Unit ID** id237141**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351310**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges Ruth's arrival in Boston and then Marblehead; mentions enclosing a letter from F.R.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to "My Bestest girl"**

**Unit ID** id237142

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351311

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges that Ruth is invited to spend Xmas in Marblehead with Portia; announces intention to send \$25 so Ruth can buy a ticket to Washington.

**Mother to "My dear little girl"**

**Unit ID** id237143

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351312

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Advises Ruth to consider carefully whether to stay for Xmas; acknowledges Ruth's Red Cross work, which could be continued in Washington. [3 x 5 card]

**Susanne to "Dear Mother Thompson"**

**Unit ID** id237144

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351313

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Hopes Mother Thompson will come to Washington soon; mentions Harold working in Berwich and going back and forth to Philadelphia and Washington.

**Mother to "My Precious Child"**

**Unit ID** id237145

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351314

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions plans to go to Washington and intention to send Ruth a check for \$25. [3 x 5 card]

**Mother to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237146

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351315

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes Suzanne as alone and anxious to have them in Washington; intends to arrive Saturday 4pm; mentions Ruth's plans for Xmas and tells her to expect a small package.

**[Unsigned; probably Ruth's handwriting] to [unnamed]**

**Unit ID** id237147

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351316

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"I don't think 'Uncle Sam' will mind if I steel [sic] a few minutes"; inquires about his 'Flu'.

**Ruth, Pinewood Camp, Brutus, Michigan, to Frederick P. Sisson, Philadelphia**

**Unit ID** id237148

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351317

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions her birthday, August 4, age 29; characterizes friendship with FPS as unique; describes conditions at the camp; mentions Mother's trip to California, and hoping to see FPS in September.

**Ruth to Fred**

**Unit ID** id237149

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351318

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions that Harold also is taking a forced vacation.

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233711

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351284

**Unit Date** 1905-1908

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1891 August 4 Ruth Elizabeth Thompson is born to Elizabeth Hubbard Thompson and Evert M. Thompson, with older brothers Harold and Lyman. By 1905 the family is residing in a house on North Meridian Street in Indianapolis.

1905 April Ruth begins keeping a 'memory book', while attending Tudor Hall School for Girls in Indianapolis. August Ruth goes to camp at Lake Maxinkuckee in Indiana.

1907 June/July Ruth visits relatives in Cincinnati and Paducah. August Ruth spends a month with the family of her schoolmate Winona Montgomery at Lake Wawasee in Indiana.

1908 July/August Ruth spends two weeks with Winona's family at Lake Wawasee.

December 3 Ruth begins music lessons at the Metropolitan School of Music, Indianapolis.

**Alexander, Wyoming, Ohio, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237150

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351319

**Unit Date** 1905 September 3

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes his trip home and their relationship at [camp].

**Alexander (A. W. Walton), Wyoming, Ohio, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237152

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351320

**Unit Date** 1905 September 15

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's letter, and expresses his wish to go to Camp Maxinkuckee next year if Ruth will be there.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Wawasee Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237153

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351321

**Unit Date** 1907 August 13 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

The envelope contains three letters and a folded note. (1) Mentions Mr. Ott reading to Papa, her [Mother] going to church with Grandfather, and the boys being gone all day. (2) "So you fell out of a wagon". (3) Acknowledges receiving Ruth's letter telling of the "Cramps"; mentions Harold's attraction to Susanne, and possibly having to buy a horse, if the auto is sold; "don't get crazy about boys, for they are not worth being crazy about". (Note) "Papa has a secret to tell you when you get home".

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Wawasee Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237155

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351322

**Unit Date** 1907 August 26 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes taking Papa out on the porch, reading to him, and putting him to bed.

**Elmer Victor[?], Crawfordsville, Arkansas, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237156

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351323

**Unit Date** 1907 August 30

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"Esteemed friend Ruth"; expresses hope that Ruth will continue to correspond with him; mentions having spent five enjoyable days with her on a boat.

**[Unidentified], Oak Park, Illinois, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237158

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351324

**Unit Date** 1907 October 22

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions losing sleep over a Chinese puzzle; teases Ruth about learning to write and forgetting her heathen customs.

**Howard Sweeten, Centralia, Illinois, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237159

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351325

**Unit Date** 1907 October 29

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"My dear friend"; expresses pleasant memories of their trip last summer; mentions pictures he apparently was enclosing.

**Mother to Ruth, Wawasee Lake, Indiana.**

**Unit ID** id237160

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351326

**Unit Date** 1908 July 22 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions Ruth's departure yesterday, and Harold's helping with Papa.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Wawasee Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237161

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351327

**Unit Date** 1908 July 23 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's first note. [postcard]

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Wawasee Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237162

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351328

**Unit Date** 1908 July 25 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's second letter. [postcard]

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Wawasee Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237163

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351329

**Unit Date** 1908 July 27 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions a horse Ruth had.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Wawasee Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237164

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351330

**Unit Date** 1908 July 30 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes Lyman singing in a show, and automobile rides with Papa. [postcard]

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Wawasee Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237165

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351331

**Unit Date** 1908 August 1 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges that Ruth is at Wawasee Lake with the Montgomerys for two weeks.

**Henry Hobbs, Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237166

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351332

**Unit Date** 1908 September 28 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions studying hard and hearing "his fatness speak" at a Republican rally.

**Lyman, LaFayette, Indiana, to "Dear Kid"**

**Unit ID** id237167

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351333

**Unit Date** 1908 December 2

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Informs Ruth of an invitation to an Omega Xi dance on New Year's night; describes school work.

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233712

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351285

**Unit Date** 1909-1911

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1909 Jan 30-Feb 1 Ruth visits her brothers at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN.

June 2 Ruth graduates from Tudor Hall School for Girls.

July 19-23 Ruth and some friends visit another friend in Williamsport, IN.

September The Thompson family moves into a flat on Talbot Avenue and rents out their house on North Meridian.

October 16-17 Ruth visits her brothers at Purdue University.

December 11-13 Ruth visits her friend Winona at DePauw University in Greencastle, IN.

1910 May 26 Ruth sees Halley's Comet.

June/July Ruth spends a month with her Uncle Charles, Aunt Louise, and their twin boys in Winnetka, near Chicago.

July 27-30 Ruth and some friends visit another friend in Williamsport, IN.

September Ruth enrolls in a two-year program at Bradford Academy, in Haverhill, MA. Her classes are Literature, Bible, Government, Botany, Psychology, English, and French.

November Ruth spends the Thanksgiving holiday with a classmate in Bennington, VT.

Dec/Jan Ruth spends the holiday season in Indianapolis, where the family has moved back to North Meridian Street.

December 31 Ruth's brother Harold marries Suzanne Robertson.

1911 March/April Ruth spends her two-week spring vacation with friends and relatives near and in New York City.

June 19-30 Before returning to Indianapolis for the summer, Ruth attends a camp at Silver Bay, NY.

August 8-14 Ruth visits her friend Leila in Williamsport, IN.

September Ruth goes back to Haverhill, MA, for her second year at Bradford Academy. Her classes are Astronomy, Government, Sociology, Art history, Bible, and Literature.

November Ruth spends the Thanksgiving holiday with friends near and in Boston.

December Ruth's father dies; she returns to Indianapolis for the funeral and the holiday season.

### **Laurence Thompson, West LaFayette, Indiana, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237168

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351334

**Unit Date** 1909 May 19 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

"My Dear Miss Thompson"; regrets having to decline an invitation for May 31, when he'll be taking exams.

### **Jack [cousin], Galveston, Texas, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237169

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351335

**Unit Date** 1909 June 7

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges Ruth's having finished school and advises her to go on to another, since college can be much fun.

### **Jack, Galveston, Texas, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237170

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351336

**Unit Date** 1909 July 23 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Describes his experience at school, his leaving school early, and a bad storm.

**Jack, Galveston, Texas, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237171

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351337

**Unit Date** 1909 August 20

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Expresses his happiness; describes the Cotton Carnival.

**Jack, College Station, Texas, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237172

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351338

**Unit Date** 1909 October [?] (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes being back at school; sympathizes with Ruth for having to move into a flat.

**Jack, College Station, Texas, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237173

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351339

**Unit Date** 1909 November 29 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes attending football games and victory celebrations.

**Jack, College Station, Texas, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237174

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351340

**Unit Date** 1910 January 28 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces his engagement.

**Lyman, New Harmony, Indiana, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237175

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351341

**Unit Date** 1911 July 30

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions that he is still building bridges, and that he is sending Ruth \$2 for her birthday.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy, Bradford, Massachusetts**

**Unit ID** id237176

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351342

**Unit Date** 1911 November 23 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Congratulates Ruth on how she handles money; describes getting Papa fed and comfortable.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237177

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351343

**Unit Date** 1911 November 27

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Wishes Ruth a grand time during her visit to Adelaide's home; encloses a letter from Lyman in Randolph, Missouri.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237179

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351344

**Unit Date** 1911 December 1[?] (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes her Thanksgiving Day; advises Ruth to avoid early marriage; acknowledges Ruth's visit to Bald Pate; encloses a letter from Lyman in Randolph, Missouri, who mentions finishing another bridge.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237180

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351345

**Unit Date** 1911 December 4 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Asks Ruth to write about her time visiting Mrs. Williams, with Portia, Adelaide, and Helen; lists recipients of Xmas gifts; encloses a postcard from Lyman in Randolph, Missouri.

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233890

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351286

**Unit Date** 1912 January-March

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Letter from Suzanne, back in Indianapolis. 1912 March/April Ruth spends her spring vacation with friends in Winter Hill, MA.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237181

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351346

**Unit Date** 1912 January 9 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions Ruth's departure on the 10 o'clock train, buying a fur collar and muff, and writing a letter to Miss Knott [principal of Bradford Academy], "just as we had it sketched".

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237182

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351347

**Unit Date** 1912 January 12 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes missing Papa, who had died [in December]; acknowledges Ruth's message about delays on her train.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237183

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351348

**Unit Date** 1912 January 13 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Inquires if Ruth is satisfied with the underwear she had sent. [postcard]

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237184

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351349

**Unit Date** 1912 January 16 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges June 19 as the date of Ruth's graduation; declares her intention to reach Bradford about June 15.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237185

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351350

**Unit Date** 1912 January 17 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

More about underwear.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237187

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351351

**Unit Date** 1912 February 17 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Apologizes for not writing, apparently because of a "burnt house". [postcard]

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237188

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351352

**Unit Date** 1912 February 18 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Writes about Papa's lengthy illness and "beautiful death"; expects Lyman to return to work soon; declares her burned house to be nearly repaired; inquires about Ruth's part in a play.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237189

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351353

**Unit Date** 1912 February 21 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions that, after helping with the burned house, Lyman has been called back to work.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237190

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351354

**Unit Date** 1912 February 26 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces intention to go to Cincinnati in March for two weeks; discusses plans for her trip to Bradford; acknowledges Ruth's having gained five pounds.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237191

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351355

**Unit Date** 1912 February 29 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges Ruth's experience at Wellesley and at a "Grand Opera".

**Mother, Franklin, Indiana, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237193

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351356

**Unit Date** 1912 March 3 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions intention to send Ruth a check.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237194

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351357

**Unit Date** 1912 March 5 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes being in Franklin for four days.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237195

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351358

**Unit Date** 1912 March 7 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions having sent a check for \$25.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237196

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351359

**Unit Date** 1912 March 11 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes working on Ruth's new blue dress.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237197

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351360

**Unit Date** 1912 March 12 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Declares intention to send Ruth some material for the sewing bee; mentions Ruth's grades.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237198

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351361

**Unit Date** 1912 March 12 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Declares intention to send Ruth some material for the sewing bee; mentions Ruth's grades.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237199

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351362

**Unit Date** 1912 March 16 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces she will be at Aunt Anna's in Cincinnati next week; advises Ruth to accept Helen's invitation.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237201

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351363

**Unit Date** 1912 March 17 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges having received Ruth's laundry. [postcard]

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237202

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351364

**Unit Date** 1912 March 18 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

More about working on Ruth's new dress and about plans for the trip east in June.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237203

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351365

**Unit Date** 1912 March 20 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces plan to go to Cincinnati on Friday and stay possibly through Easter; asks for Ruth's thoughts on traveling to California for two months next summer.

**Mother, Cincinnati, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237205

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351366

**Unit Date** 1912 March 26 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions doing embroidery on Ruth's new dress; wishes Ruth a nice vacation at Helen's.

**Mother, Cincinnati, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237206

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351367

**Unit Date** 1912 March 31 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Sends Helen, Sam, and John R [baby] Douglas her love; encloses a letter from Suzanne, back in Indianapolis.

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233892

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351287

**Unit Date** 1912 April-June

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

June 19 Ruth graduates from Bradford Academy, with her mother attending. Ruth visits friends and relatives in New England and New York City, before returning to Indianapolis in July.

Sept/Oct Ruth and her mother visit relatives in California.

December Ruth begins teaching a Sunday school class for young girls.

**Mother to Ruth, Winter Hill, Massachusetts**

**Unit ID** id237209

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351368

**Unit Date** 1912 April 8 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces intention to leave for home on April 9, and asks if that is when Ruth will return to Bradford.

**Mother, Cincinnati, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237210

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351369

**Unit Date** 1912 April 8 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Declares intention to leave for home tomorrow; writes that Ruth's blue dress will be beautiful.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237211

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351370

**Unit Date** 1912 April 11 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges Ruth's "restful vacation" at Helen's and her expectation that the new term won't be so hard.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237213

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351371

**Unit Date** 1912 April 15 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions Lyman's plans for a cottage, the proposed California trip, Ruth's classes, and her photo.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237214

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351372

**Unit Date** 1912 April 18 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions the Senior Banquet at Bradford Academy, Ruth's dresses, the Titanic, and problems with properties and tenants.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237215

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351373

**Unit Date** 1912 April 22 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Gives Ruth permission to attend the Senior Dance; acknowledges Ruth's acceptance of California trip; discusses the house and its occupants.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237216

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351374

**Unit Date** 1912 April 26 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Assures Ruth she'll have her new dress in time.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237217

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351375

**Unit Date** 1912 April 27 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Declares intention to mail Ruth's new dress. [postcard]

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237218

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351376

**Unit Date** 1912 April 29 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions returning Ruth's photos and the effect of losing Papa.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237219

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351377

**Unit Date** 1912 April 30 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions sending Ruth her laundry and the date she [Mother] plans to begin her trip east.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237220

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351378

**Unit Date** 1912 May 5 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Informs Ruth of their membership in the "Dep. Club".

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237221

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351379

**Unit Date** 1912 May 7 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces intention of sending Ruth money; encloses some Coe family genealogy; discusses the itinerary for her trip east to Ruth's graduation.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237222

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351380

**Unit Date** 1912 May 10 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Relays story of two girls who got in trouble playing "Hookey". [postcard]

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237223

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351381

**Unit Date** 1912 May 13 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Discusses how Ruth is related to Margaret Holmes; wonders about the family's living arrangements.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237224

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351382

**Unit Date** 1912 May 15 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions visitors, osteopaths, and dresses.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237225

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351383

**Unit Date** 1912 May 20 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Declares Ruth's graduation dress to be beautiful; mentions Aunt Anna being in the hospital.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237226

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351384

**Unit Date** 1912 May 22 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's grades; more on plans for her trip east.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Bradford Academy**

**Unit ID** id237227

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351385

**Unit Date** 1912 June 2 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Writes that this will be about the last letter to Bradford; encloses Mrs. McMurray's invitation [3 x 5 card]; suggests persons to receive commencement invitations; tells Ruth not to expect presents for her "second graduation".

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233893

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351288

**Unit Date** 1913-1914 May

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1913 January/April Ruth gets medical treatments for an unnamed condition, experiences a nervous rave, and has tonsillitis.

June Ruth travels back east to visit friends and attend graduation and alumnae events at Bradford Academy.

Fall Ruth begins seeing Frank Richards, Fred Shafer, and John Darlington, in addition to other male friends.

1914 March 26 Ruth begins attending meetings of a Government Science club.

**George H. Grieb, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237254

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351386

**Unit Date** 1913 January 7

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's card; discusses pictures he will send her of a wreck they had seen.

**George H. Grieb, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237255

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351387

**Unit Date** 1913 January 28

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions sending the pictures in spite of not hearing from Ruth; more about the incident on the train to California.

**Leila, Oberlin, Ohio, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237256

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351388

**Unit Date** 1913 April 27 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Much about a dreadful flood.

**Mother to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237257

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351389

**Unit Date** 1913 June 2

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges what Ruth has written about her trip back east; mentions Lyman's interest in Margaret. Date is noted on back of last page.

**Mother to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237258

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351390

**Unit Date** 1913 June 9

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions Ruth's departure today, on a trip that will be "the climax of your Bradford chapter"; discusses finances; advises Ruth to learn how to cook when she returns home.

**Mother to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237259

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351391

**Unit Date** 1913 June 13

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

More on Ruth's experiences back east. Date is noted on back of last page.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brooklyn, New York, but forwarded to Stanford [sic], Connecticut**

**Unit ID** id237260

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351392

**Unit Date** 1913 June 18

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

More on Ruth's trip back east.

**Lyman, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brooklyn, New York**

**Unit ID** id237261

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351393

**Unit Date** 1913 June 23 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Asks Ruth to tell him what Peggy [Margaret] thinks of him.

**Mother to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237262

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351394

**Unit Date** 1913 June 28

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Advises Ruth not to become a go-between for Lyman and Peggy. Date is noted on back of last page.

**Indianapolis, Lyman to Ruth, Brooklyn, New York, but forwarded to Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237263

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351395

**Unit Date** 1913 June 30

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Relays how he feels about Margaret.

**Mother to Ruth****Unit ID** id237264**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351396**Unit Date** 1913 July**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Mentions that she will send this in care of Esther. Date is noted on back of last page.

**Mother to Ruth****Unit ID** id237266**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351397**Unit Date** 1913 July 16 [noted on back of first page]**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges that Ruth has been to Poughkeepsie and New York; mentions that this will be the last letter posted to Bradford.

**Vance Rivers, Los Angeles, to Ruth, Indianapolis****Unit ID** id237267**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351398**Unit Date** 1914 January 9**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

"Dear friend Ruth"; mentions her visit to Oak Glen "that October".

**Frederick Shafer to Ruth and Lyman****Unit ID** id237269**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351399**Unit Date** 1914 March 25**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Regrets not being able to accept an invitation for April 3.

**Fred, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Ruth, Indianapolis****Unit ID** id237270**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351400**Unit Date** 1914 April 2**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Writes of his arrival and his work.

**Fred, Grand Rapids, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237272

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351401

**Unit Date** 1914 April 12

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Discusses working on designs for a new latch; mentions Ruth being in Gertrude's wedding.

**Fred, Grand Rapids, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237273

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351402

**Unit Date** 1914 April 26

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions the wedding, his designs for locks and hinges, and how he misses Indianapolis.

**Cincinnati, Mother to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237274

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351403

**Unit Date** 1914 April 30 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Instructs Ruth to do nothing about the plastering; mentions her itinerary. [postcard]

**F. C. S., Grand Rapids, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237275

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351404

**Unit Date** 1914 May 4

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Expresses sympathy for a death in Ruth's family.

**F. C. S., Greenville, Michigan, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237276

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351405

**Unit Date** 1914 May 13

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Writes of being on a sales trip, selling locks.

**F. C. S., Grand Rapids, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237277

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351406

**Unit Date** 1914 May 20

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces he will be coming to Indianapolis on Sunday.

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233897

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351289

**Unit Date** 1914 June-July

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

June/July Ruth and some friends go to Winona Lake for a week of classes and lectures.

**John, Toledo, Ohio, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237278

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351407

**Unit Date** 1914 June 5

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions his arrival and visiting a tobacco factory; regrets missing the dance last night; relates that his father is letting him go to a commencement and to Hyannis Port.

**F. C. S., Grand Rapids, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237279

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351408

**Unit Date** 1914 June 17

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions receiving Ruth's scrapbook, "a corker"; describes his trip.

**John, Newport, Rhode Island (postmark), to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237280

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351409

**Unit Date** 1914 June 17

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes his five days at Princeton for a reunion and graduation, on his way to Hyannisport; encloses an envelope with a "picture of boat I am on".

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Winona Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237281

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351410

**Unit Date** 1914 June 26 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's card, and her return next Thursday.

**John, Hyannisport, Massachusetts, to Ruth, Indianapolis, but forwarded to Winona Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237282

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351411

**Unit Date** 1914 June 26

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's "long letter"; describes his time and accommodations in Hyannisport.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Winona Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237283

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351412

**Unit Date** 1914 June 28 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions canning six quarts of cherries. [postcard]

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Winona Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237284

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351413

**Unit Date** 1914 June 29 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions Lyman's visit for dinner.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Winona Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237285

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351414

**Unit Date** 1914 June 30 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Instructs Ruth to look out for Uncle Charles, who'll be in Winona this week. [postcard]

**F. C. S., Grand Rapids, to Ruth, Winona Lake, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237286

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351415

**Unit Date** 1914 June 30

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Discusses getting two contracts on a successful trip; mentions Ruth being back in Indianapolis on the second and his arrival there on the third.

**John, Hyannisport, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237287

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351416

**Unit Date** 1914 July 5

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

On two 3 x 5 cards. Acknowledges getting Ruth's postcard, but thinks he deserves more than that; describes his activities.

**John, Hyannisport, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237288

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351417

**Unit Date** 1914 July 15

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving her letter; regrets his father won't allow visitors at Hyannisport.

**F. C. S., Grand Rapids, to Ruth, Indianapolis, but forwarded to Culver, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237289

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351418

**Unit Date** 1914 July 31

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Speculates that Ruth is now at Lake Maxinkuckee; discusses being busy, getting more contracts; informs Ruth that "the latch string is out", if she is in the vicinity.

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233899

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351290

**Unit Date** 1914 August-December

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

July/Sept Ruth and her mother vacation at Lake Maxinkuckee.

Fall Ruth makes a little money by selling fruit jellies, handkerchiefs, and baskets.

**John, Hyannisport, to Ruth, Maxinkuckee Lake, Culver, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237291

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351419

**Unit Date** 1914 August 4

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Remembers that it's Ruth's birthday; mentions his activities, and the war; encloses a New York Times clipping with a picture of a wedding party; signs: "John Hardenburgh".

**John, Hyannisport, to Ruth, Maxinkuckee Lake, Culver, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237292

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351420

**Unit Date** 1914 August 21

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving her letter; regrets she has been sick; describes his activities.

**F. C. S., Greenville, Michigan, to Ruth, Maxinkuckee Lake, Culver, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237293

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351421

**Unit Date** 1914 August 31

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Regrets he cannot accept an invitation.

**Frederick C. Shafer, Greenville, Michigan, to Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Maxinkuckee Lake**

**Unit ID** id237294

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351422

**Unit Date** 1914 August 31

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Regrets he cannot accept her invitation for the weekend.

**John, Hyannisport, to Ruth, Lake Maxinkuckee, but forwarded to Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237295

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351423

**Unit Date** 1914 September 18

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces his departure for New York on the 24th, and his intention to send Ruth some chrysalises.

**John, Hyannisport, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237296

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351424

**Unit Date** 1914 September 24

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces his intention to send three chrysalids, which should be butterflies in about a week; provides his New York address.

**John, Philadelphia, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237297

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351425

**Unit Date** 1914 October 1

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces his intention to go to Washington tomorrow or Saturday.

**John, Washington, D.C., to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237298

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351426

**Unit Date** 1914 October 5

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Declares he will be glad to see Ruth.

**F. C. S., Grand Rapids, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237300

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351427

**Unit Date** 1914 October 17

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges her welcomed letter; discusses his work with locks and hinges.

**F., Grand Rapids, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237301

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351428

**Unit Date** 1914 November 3

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Declares that her "fine letter. . .rings so much like a true friend". In the same envelope is apparently a draft of the letter Ruth had sent Fred, in which she mentions their "tramp" the previous Sunday and her auto trip with friends to Brazil, Indiana.

**Helen Bailey Mayo, Marion, Indiana, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237302

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351429

**Unit Date** 1914 November 28

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Much about her activities and their relationship.

**F. C. S., Belding, Michigan, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237303

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351430

**Unit Date** 1914 December 3

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Describes his mood as "in the dumps" and business as "on the blink".

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233902

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351291

**Unit Date** 1915

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1915 March 12-23 Ruth travels to Kansas City to visit her Bradford classmate Margaret 'Peggy' Holmes.

March/June Ruth and her mother travel to California to visit relatives and attend the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco.

June 22-30 Ruth and her mother spend a week with Harold and Suzanne at their new home in Brazil, IN.

August Ruth spends most of the month in bed recovering from bilious attacks.

October 15 Ruth is diagnosed with appendicitis and soon begins osteopathic treatments.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, [Kansas City]**

**Unit ID** id237304

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351431

**Unit Date** 1915 March 13

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Extends "my best" to the Holmes family; mentions Harold and Suzanne in Brazil [Indiana].

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Kansas City**

**Unit ID** id237305

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351432

**Unit Date** 1915 March 16 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions California trip. [postcard]

**Frank, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Kansas City**

**Unit ID** id237306

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351433

**Unit Date** 1915 March 20

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions Lyman's interest in Ruth H.

**Frank, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Los Angeles**

**Unit ID** id237307

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351434

**Unit Date** 1915 April 4

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's long letter; more on Lyman and Ruth Hargrave.

**John, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Los Angeles**

**Unit ID** id237308

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351435

**Unit Date** 1915 April 5

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Expresses his love for Ruth, and his not giving up hope, in spite of "that stone heart of yours"; speculates about possibly selling Oldsmobiles, if he can get the money to buy a demonstrator.

**Jay Dee (J. H. Darlington), Indianapolis, to Ruth, Los Angeles**

**Unit ID** id237309

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351436

**Unit Date** 1915 April 6

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

More on his love for Ruth.

**John, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Los Angeles**

**Unit ID** id237310

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351437

**Unit Date** 1915 April 11

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"I wish I could be out with you."

**Frank, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Los Angeles**

**Unit ID** id237311

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351438

**Unit Date** 1915 May 2

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

More about Lyman and Ruth H; expresses interest in Mary.

**Frank (F. Richards), Indianapolis, to Ruth, Los Angeles**

**Unit ID** id237312

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351439

**Unit Date** 1915 June 6

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Discusses Mary; mentions that Lyman has taken Helen to a dance.

**Paul Weer, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Los Angeles**

**Unit ID** id237314

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351440

**Unit Date** 1915 June 6

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges Ruth's letter from California.

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233903

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351292

**Unit Date** 1916

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1916 January Ruth undergoes a series of xrays.

February 23 Halleck Ranger comes to call, their relationship grows, but Ruth ends it in July.

March 16 Ruth and her mother move into an apartment for six months, while renting their house to neighbors whose house has burned down.

March 21 Ruth goes to Brazil for a two-week stay with Harold and Suzanne.

April Ruth joins the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants.

June 15 - July 9 Three more weeks in Brazil.

July/September Ruth and her mother spend two months on vacation in Leland, MI, on Lake Michigan.

October 14 Ruth's tonsils are removed.

Fall Ruth's relationship with Frank Richards intensifies; Ruth and her mother worry about finances.

**Halleck G. Ranger, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237315

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351441

**Unit Date** 1916 March 21

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Enclosed are five small photos.

**Frank Richards, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237316

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351442

**Unit Date** 1916 March 25

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Expresses hope that he and Lyman will be able to visit next week.

**Halleck, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Flat #9**

**Unit ID** id237317

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351443

**Unit Date** 1916 April 4

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Asks permission to call on her tomorrow.

**Halleck, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237318

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351444

**Unit Date** 1916 June 16

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Inquires about her safe arrival; "my ear still burns".

**Halleck, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237319

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351445

**Unit Date** 1916 June 18

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"Dearest and Sweetest"; discusses a recent visit, and expresses his love and affection.

**Halleck, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237320

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351446

**Unit Date** 1916 June 22

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"My dear Rose"; doubts he should visit this Saturday; suggests he is "in process of being reasoned out of single life". In the same envelope is apparently a draft of a letter Ruth wrote to Halleck in reply, suggesting they "quiet down" and be friends awhile, for his love has not yet aroused hers; "how in a muddle my poor thoughts do get- words can be such jesters and make the so seem not, and the not seem so."

**Frank, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237321

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351447

**Unit Date** 1916 June 23

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Regrets not being able to visit Sunday, because he had sprained his back cranking his Ford.

**Halleck, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237322

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351448

**Unit Date** 1916 June 23

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"Beautiful Rose"; suggests it's best that he not visit Saturday, because he's caught a cold; mentions his financing, her reading circle, and pleasant memories of her.

**Thomas B. Lyons, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237323

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351449

**Unit Date** circa 1916 June 23

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's letter, and regrets not being able to visit, because of business matters.

**Halleck, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237324

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351450

**Unit Date** 1916 June 27

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Asks permission to call on her next Saturday; "yours with a bow, a kiss, and a squeeze".

**Halleck, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237325

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351451

**Unit Date** 1916 June 28

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Warns her that this might hurt her feelings; discusses girls' idea of marriage, his sacrifices for her, her refusal to make love; declares that her friendship is sought, but not right away, and that time is needed to get over it all.

**Halleck, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237326

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351452

**Unit Date** 1916 July 2

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"Lover Mine"; "would that I were with [you] to brush away the tears"; "Dearest the first and last embrace gives me promise of the future joys with my guiding angel". In the same envelope is apparently a draft of a letter Ruth wrote to Halleck in reply: "quick, dear H, before it hurts too much, let me go. It cannot be"; she writes that she hopes to see him before she leaves Monday for the North, when he must tell her she is right.

**Frank Richards, Detroit, Michigan, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237327

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351453

**Unit Date** 1916 July 5

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions he is on vacation and will be home next Monday.

**Halleck, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Brazil, Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237328

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351454

**Unit Date** 1916 July 6

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"My dear Sweetheart"; suggests they drop the matter of marriage and simply be dear friends, for there is no need to hurry. Inserted in the envelope apparently is Ruth's list of her contacts with Halleck.

**Frank Richards, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Leland, Michigan**

**Unit ID** id237329

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351455

**Unit Date** 1916 August 6

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions Ruth's birthday the previous Friday; discusses his work in a lumber office.

**Nona, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Leland, Michigan**

**Unit ID** id237330

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351456

**Unit Date** 1916 August 10 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces that her doctor won't let her travel to Leland because she is three months pregnant.

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233905

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351293

**Unit Date** 1917 March-September

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

1917 March 28-30 Ruth attends a King's Daughters convention in Terre Haute, IN.

May 11 Preoccupied with war news, Ruth begins volunteering with the Red Cross.

June 1-8 Ruth and her mother spend a week visiting relatives in Cincinnati, OH, and Greensburg, IN.

June 9 Having rented out their house again, Ruth and her mother take a room in a home just outside Indianapolis, for four weeks.

July 11 Ruth's brother Lyman marries Lucille Thomas.

July/Sept Ruth and her mother vacation at Leland, MI. They hear that Lyman has been drafted and Harold

and Suzanne have arrived in Washington, DC, where he takes a position in the War Department.

**Lyman, Des Moines, Iowa, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237331

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351457

**Unit Date** 1917 March 10

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Discusses his relationship with Lucile; asks Ruth to see that pictures he has ordered for Lucille are delivered.

**Lyman, Mason City, Iowa, to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237332

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351458

**Unit Date** 1917 March 19

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Encloses money for the pictures and for Ruth to buy Easter flowers for Lucile; mentions he has sold his third "station", for \$342.

**Ruth to Frank Richards, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237333

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351459

**Unit Date** 1917 April 4

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

"Never sent"; invites Frank to an Easter service, and wonders why he won't go; expresses her desire to understand what he thinks, how he feels; mentions the kiss she had given him as an Easter present.

**Lyman, Waterloo, Iowa, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237334

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351460

**Unit Date** 1917 April 10

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Announces getting his eighth "victim", for \$407; writes that Lucile wants the wedding to be in July; thinks the "militia" will get Frank, but Lyman's eyes will make him immune for now.

**Lyman, "Enroute", to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237335

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351461

**Unit Date** 1917 April 18

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Lists which clothes Ruth should send him; thanks Ruth for all she's done, and encloses \$1 for her troubles.

**Lyman, Des Moines, Iowa, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237336

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351462

**Unit Date** 1917 April 29

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Asks Ruth to send his bank book and check book, and to buy a silver frame for Lucile.

**Lyman, Des Moines, Iowa, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237337

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351463

**Unit Date** 1917 May 6 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Discusses Frank: his being mad at both of them, whether he's been called out yet, his car; writes that he's glad Mother has rented the house for the summer and planned to get away from Indianapolis.

**Lyman and Lucile, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Leland, Michigan**

**Unit ID** id237338

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351464

**Unit Date** 1917 July 19

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Thanks Ruth for the water pitcher she gave them, and for giving up part of her vacation to help with their wedding.

**Florence M. Marshall, American Red Cross, Washington, to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237339

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351465

**Unit Date** 1917 July 24

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Encloses Ruth's certificate for completing a course on the preparation of surgical dressings.

**Emma Kothe, American Red Cross, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Leland, Michigan**

**Unit ID** id237340

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351466

**Unit Date** 1917 August 8

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Asks Ruth, due to her excellent record, to make her "Washington box" as soon as possible.

**Lyman, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Leland, Michigan**

**Unit ID** id237341

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351467

**Unit Date** 1917 August 19

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Writes that the National Guard is being called up, but he's still heard nothing "from the exemption"; mentions that he's still welding at the "P. O. L."

**H. E. Thompson, Washington, D.C., to L. H. Thompson, Leland, Michigan**

**Unit ID** id237342

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351468

**Unit Date** circa 1917 September 7

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

[Appears to be a handwritten transcription of a telegram]; informs Lyman that Harold is trying to arrange his promotion to sergeant and change from drafted to enlisted status, as well as a temporary transfer to the Rock Island Arsenal, as a welding foreman.

**Emma Kothe, Indianapolis Red Cross Shop, to Ruth, Leland Lake, Michigan**

**Unit ID** id237343

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351469

**Unit Date** 1917 September 17 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges sending a recommendation to Washington.

**Paul, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Leland, Michigan, but forwarded to Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237344

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351470

**Unit Date** 1917 September 27 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving her letter; discusses his experience in the military, with expectations of being sent to France; expresses regrets at not being able to visit Leland, but hopes for seeing Ruth before he's sent east.

**Letters**

**Unit ID** id233906

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351294

**Unit Date** 1917 October-1918 July

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

October 18-22 Ruth visits her brother Lyman at Camp Taylor, near Louisville, shortly before he is transferred to Rock Island, IL. In November he is ordered to Washington, a move Harold has been working for.

October Having told Ruth he doesn't think they should marry during wartime, Frank Richards enlists and leaves for camp in Hattiesburg, MS.

November Ruth complains about fatigue and nerves, spends time in bed with a 'cold on [her] lungs', and suffers a sprained rib caused by coughing.

December Ruth travels back east to spend the holidays with friends in New England and New York.

1918 January Ruth joins her mother in Washington, DC, where both her brothers are stationed; back in Indianapolis she continues her work with the Red Cross.

May 31 Lyman and Lucille have a son, Thomas Hubbard Thompson.

July 1 Ruth learns that Harold has arrived safely in France; he went with 225 men, whom he had equipped, but he is safely behind the lines.

Chronology after the letters:

November Ruth has a position with the sugar division of the government's rationing administration.

November 11 The war is over. Presumably, Frank Richards has arrived in England. Ruth learns that Lyman will go to France with the Motor Transport Corps.

November 14 Having rented out their house once again, Ruth and her mother move into a flat.

November 18 Ruth's job ends, and her Red Cross work is over; she will look for a new job. The flu germ has arrived. There is much news of the Kaiser, Germany, and peace.

1920 August Ruth is an instructor of girls at Pinewood Camp, Brutus, MI. [This is the last these papers reveal about her.]

### **Florence M. Marshall, American Red Cross, Washington, D.C., to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237345

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351471

**Unit Date** 1917 October 4

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's sample box of surgical dressings; informs her that an inspection report has been sent to the division supervisor, who will issue Ruth's instructor's certificate.

### **Fred (F. C. Sisson), Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237346

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351472

**Unit Date** 1917 October 4

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's note; discusses life in camp.

### **Brooklyn, New York, Ruth [Cragin?] to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237347

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351473

**Unit Date** 1917 October 9

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

About her father's death and consequences.

### **Lyman, Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237348

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351474

**Unit Date** 1917 October 10 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Discusses the duties of his unit; hints that Lucile is pregnant; speculates he'll be sent to France in February.

**Adelaide McKee, Red Cross, Cleveland, Ohio, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237349

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351475

**Unit Date** 1917 October 13

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's surgical dressings; informs her she'll need to take "intensive training" before receiving an instructor's card.

**Paul, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237350

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351476

**Unit Date** 1917 October 17 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's letter; mentions having a "wonderful vacation. . .[in] our canvas tents".

**Frank, [Apparently en route by train], Alabama, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237351

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351477

**Unit Date** 1917 October 26

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Expresses regrets for not getting to say goodbye before leaving yesterday; describes his duties on the train, heading to Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; mentions her "foolish idea" about his crossing a street to avoid her.

**Fred Sisson, Louisville, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237352

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351478

**Unit Date** 1917 October 31

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions receiving a letter from Lyman, saying he likes it fine at Rock Island; asks permission to call on her when he gets a pass to go home.

**Mother to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237353

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351479

**Unit Date** 1917 November 8-9

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Speculates that Ruth's train was late arriving in Boston; hopes all is well in Marblehead.

**[Unidentified], Chattanooga, to Mrs. Thompson**

**Unit ID** id237354

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351480

**Unit Date** 1917 November 13

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions Lucile's arrival at noon, with news that Lyman probably will leave the 15th and sail from Hoboken on the 18th, expecting to return in a couple of months.

**Mother to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237355

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351481

**Unit Date** circa 1917 December 11

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Mentions cold weather, planning a Xmas party, and her YWCA duties for the war effort.

**Mother, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Marblehead, Massachusetts**

**Unit ID** id237356

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351482

**Unit Date** 1917 December 14 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving only the letter Ruth wrote on the train.

**Mother, Washington, D.C., to Ruth, Marblehead, Massachusetts**

**Unit ID** id237357

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351483

**Unit Date** 1917 December 23 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Writes from the train about being late arriving in Washington, and having sent a package to Ruth. [postcard]

**Mother to Ruth**

**Unit ID** id237358

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351484

**Unit Date** 1917 December 25

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Assumes that Ruth will go to Esther's tomorrow; describes Lyman and Lucile's quarters in Washington, and her [Mother's] Xmas with Harold, Suzanne, Lyman and Lucile.

**John, Indianapolis, to Ruth, Marblehead, Massachusetts**

**Unit ID** id237359

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351485

**Unit Date** 1917 December 28

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's note; expresses regrets that Ruth won't be there for his wedding.

**Mother, Washington, D.C., to Ruth, Marblehead, Massachusetts**

**Unit ID** id237360

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351486

**Unit Date** 1917 December 29 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acknowledges receiving Ruth's letter describing her "lovely Xmas" and plans to visit Esther Jones and Adelaide; mentions plans for Ruth's stay in Washington; encloses a note from Suzanne.

**Mother, Washington, D.C., to Ruth, Poughkeepsie, New York, but forwarded to New Haven, Connecticut**

**Unit ID** id237361

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351487

**Unit Date** 1918 January 5 (postmark)

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

There are two letters in the envelope. (1) Describes activities in Washington. (2) Informs Ruth that, about two weeks after she arrives in Washington, they will return home [to Indianapolis].

**Edward C. Helwig, New Albany, Indiana, to Ruth, Indianapolis**

**Unit ID** id237362

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351488

**Unit Date** 2015-07-15T00:00:00.000

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

[On stationery of the U.S. Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, Louisville, Kentucky] Affirms that he is enclosing a letter of introduction to Dr. H. E. Barnard, in hopes that she might secure a position in his department.

**Series 3: Notebooks**

**Unit ID** id233263

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351260

**Unit Date** circa 1905-1916

**English themes**

**Unit ID** id233909

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351295

**Unit Date** 1905, 1908

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 14 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

About a dozen writing assignments dated 1905 and 1908, with teachers' marks and comments. 1 volume, 7 x 8½ inches, lined paper, two-hole punched, partially held together with string and ribbon.

### **Notebook**

**Unit ID** id233910

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351296

**Unit Date** 1907

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 15 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Some of Ruth's friends enter responses to various inquiries: Name & address, Nicknames, Birthday, Age, Of what descent, General appearance, Color of eyes and hair, Candid opinion of yourself, Motto, Favorite expression, One ambition in life, Favorite sports, School you like best, College you like best, Frat or sorority you like best, Your best accomplishment, Latest fad, Ever had your fortune told?, What did they tell you?, Date you wrote in here. The respondents are John Baker, Dorothy Pray, Erna Francke, Gladys Bocknatter(?), Mary Johnston (New York City), Mary Winona Montgomery, Sylvia Johnston (Connersville(?), Ind.), Alexander Walton (Wyoming, Ohio), Callie Ballard (Watkins, Colorado), Elnora Herzsich, Helen Eaglesfield (Woodruff), Eleanor Taylor, Ruth Hellekson, Portia Pratt, and Kurt Francke. [Those with no place noted are from Indianapolis.] Inside front cover: Ruth E. Thompson / 2018 N. Meridian St. / June 1, '07. Bound volume, softcover, 8 x 10 inches.

### **Notebook**

**Unit ID** id233913

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351297

**Unit Date** 1913-1916, undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This volume contains a variety of accounts and lists. Most entries are not dated, but the dates noted are in the period 1913-1916. There are lists of novelties made and sold, apparently by Ruth and her mother, with prices. Among the items are sachets, handkerchiefs, garter purses, and fruit jellies. Lists of materials purchased include costs, and some invoices are inserted. There is a list of guests invited to a dance hosted by Ruth and her brother Lyman on April 3, 1914. Other lists possibly include guests at other parties, and there is a list of names with addresses. Inside front cover: Mrs Elizabeth H Thompson [Ruth's mother] / 629 N. Illinois St. / Indianapolis / Ind. Bound volume, lined paper, 7½ x 9¾ inches, with front and back covers broken free; pages are numbered to 98, but numerous leaves have been either cut out or left blank.

### **Series 4: Ephemera**

**Unit ID** id233264

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351261

**Unit Date** circa 1905-1922

### **Photographs**

**Unit ID** id233914

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351298

**Unit Date** 1905-1906, undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 17 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Each small photograph is a portrait of one or two individuals, none of whom is identified. The photographs were divided between two cut-off envelopes.

**Envelope 1****Unit ID** id237363**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351489**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 17 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Envelope 1 contained ten strips of two to five photos each, including some duplicates. Handwritten, on the outside of Envelope 1: Battle Creek Mich / 3472-1. Stamped, on the outside of the Envelope 1: A Duplicate Set of 30 of these Pictures can be had at any time by sending the number on this envelope with 27c in 2c stamps to Morris Penny Picture Studio, Battle Creek, Mich. Handwritten, on the back of one of the strips of photos: Winona Lake Indiana / July 1905 / Ruth Thompson.

**Envelope 2****Unit ID** id237364**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351490**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 17 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Envelope 2 contained eleven single photos and seven strips of two or five photos each, including some duplicates. Handwritten, on the outside of Envelope 2: To always keep / 3489-3. Stamped, on the outside of Envelope 2: [same as on Envelope 1] Handwritten, on the back of one of the strips of photos: Battle Creek Michigan / August 1905 / Ruth Thompson. Handwritten, on the back of another strip: Indianapolis Indiana / January 1906 / Ruth Thompson.

**Report cards****Unit ID** id233915**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351299**Unit Date** 1906-1909**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 18 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Four of Ruth's report cards from the Tudor Hall School for Girls. The report cards record monthly attendance and grades for October through May. Mrs. E. M. Thompson signed the reports every month except May.

**1906/07****Unit ID** id237365**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351491**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 18 (Folder)**1907/08****Unit ID** id237366**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351492**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 18 (Folder)**1908/09****Unit ID** id237367**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351493**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 18 (Folder)

**1908/09 [Oct-Dec]**

**Unit ID** id237368

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351494

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 18 (Folder)

### **Cards**

**Unit ID** id233917

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351300

**Unit Date** 1906-1922, undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

#### **Invitation to Tudor Hall's commencement exercises**

**Unit ID** id237369

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351495

**Unit Date** 1906 June 6

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Included in the envelope are a card naming the speaker and a card listing the fourteen class members.

#### **Place card, Ruth Thompson**

**Unit ID** id237370

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351496

**Unit Date** 1914

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

With an image of a girl dressed in orange and yellow; the date handwritten on the back.

#### **Invitation to the wedding of Mary Hendrickson and Robert William McKisson**

**Unit ID** id237371

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351497

**Unit Date** 1917 October 11

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Attached is a newspaper clipping with the wedding announcement.

#### **Greeting card**

**Unit ID** id237372

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351498

**Unit Date** 1922

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

With an image of a girl dressed in pink; handwritten, inside: For Iris

**Table card****Unit ID** id237373**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351499**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

With an image of a black cat; handwritten, on the back: Table 2.

**3 place cards****Unit ID** id237374**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351500**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**3 invitation cards****Unit ID** id237375**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351501**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**3 gift cards, 2 with envelopes****Unit ID** id237376**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351502**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**4 flower cards****Unit ID** id237377**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351503**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**2 dance cards****Unit ID** id237378**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351504**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

One with an attached pencil.

**Card with an engraved letter L****Unit ID** id237379**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351505**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**Valentine card****Unit ID** id237380**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351506**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Unsigned

**Programs: Concerts, plays, etc.****Unit ID** id233918**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351301**Unit Date** 1914-1917**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 20 (Folder)**Ona B. Talbot Enterprises****Unit ID** id237381**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351507**Unit Date** 1914 April 21**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 20 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Shubert Murat Theatre / Tuesday Evening, April Twenty-First / Nineteen hundred fourteen / Mme. Luisa Tetrazzini.

**Commencement****Unit ID** id237382**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351508**Unit Date** 1914 June 3**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 20 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Tudor Hall / School for Girls / Wednesday Evening, June the Third / Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen / Tabernacle Church / Indianapolis.

**Shubert Murat****Unit ID** id237383**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351509**Unit Date** 1914 September 14**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 20 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Week of September 14, 1914 / Oliver Morosco Presents / An Hawaiian Play / "The Bird of Paradise" / By Richard Walton Tully.

### **Zweites Konzert und Sylvester-Feier**

**Unit ID** id237384

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351510

**Unit Date** 1914 December 31

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Indianapolis Maennerchor / Donnerstag Abend, den 31, December, 1914.

### **"Secret Service"**

**Unit ID** id237385

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351511

**Unit Date** 1915 March 1

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

The Boys' Club Association / of Indianapolis / Presents Its / Annual Benefit Performance / "Secret Service" / A Drama in Four Acts / By William Gillette / Murat Theatre / Monday Evening, March the first / nineteen hundred and fifteen.

### **The Little Theatre Society of Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237386

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351512

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

The Little Theatre Society of Indiana / Program / for the / Fourth Production / to be performed on / January 28, 29, and / February 4, 5, 11 and 12, 1916 / at the / John Herron Art Institute.

### **Good Friday**

**Unit ID** id237387

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351513

**Unit Date** 1916 Easter

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

St. Paul's Church . . . / Good Friday / and Easter-Day, 1916.

### **"As You Like It", "The Comedy of Errors", "Romeo and Juliet", "Much Ado About Nothing"**

**Unit ID** id237388

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351514

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

The Ben Greet / Woodland Players . . . / Butler College Campus / June 8, 9 and 10 / 1916.

### **5th Annual, for Benefit of The Star Santa Claus Fund**

**Unit ID** id237389

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351515

**Unit Date** 1916 December 13

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Ye Old Time Melodies Concert / Murat Theatre, Wednesday December 13th, Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen.

**Fifth Concert**

**Unit ID** id237390

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351516

**Unit Date** 1917 January 14

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

The Indianapolis Orchestra . . . / Sunday Afternoon, January 14, 1917.

**Meeting To Protest against the Deportation of the Belgians by the Imperial German Government**

**Unit ID** id237391

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351517

**Unit Date** 1917 January 25

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Murat Theatre Indianapolis / Thursday, January 25th, 1917.

**An Evening With the Irish**

**Unit ID** id237392

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351518

**Unit Date** 1917 April 10

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

The Little Theatre Society of Indiana / Sixth Production / Tuesday, April Tenth / Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen / Masonic Temple.

**"Joan the Woman"**

**Unit ID** id237393

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351519

**Unit Date** 1917 April 22

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

English's Opera House / Starting / Sunday, April 22 [1917] . . . / Geraldine Farrar / In a Photoplay in Two Parts / By Jeanie MacPherson / Based on the Life of Joan of Arc.

**An Evening of One-Act Plays**

**Unit ID** id237394

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351520

**Unit Date** 1917 May 19

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

College of Musical Arts . . . / Given by Pupils / of / The Department of Expression . . . / College Hall /

Saturday Evening, May Nineteenth, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.

**Follies of 1917**

**Unit ID** id237395

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351521

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Evenings of Aug. 22, and 23, 1917. Penciled on back: Black Related Vaudeville, Indianapolis.

**Musicale**

**Unit ID** id237396

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351522

**Unit Date** 1917 October 27

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Under the Auspices of / The Home Circle / of / Company K, 334th Regiment. [October 27, 1917?] Ruth and her mother are listed under Officers of Club.

**Presents for the Indiana State Conference for War Work of the National Young Women's Christian Association**

**Unit ID** id237397

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351523

**Unit Date** 1917 November 7

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

The Little Theatre Society of Indiana / at Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, on / Wednesday Night, November 7, 1917 / The Drawing of the Sword / A Pageant of the Present / By Thomas Wood Stevens. 2 copies. Ruth is listed as a member of the cast. Attached to the second copy: An invitation to a reception and dance given by The Ninth Fort Benjamin Harrison Training Company, November 10, 1917, at the Company Barracks.

**Programs: Clubs**

**Unit ID** id233919

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351302

**Unit Date** 1915-1917

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

**Government Science Club Program**

**Unit ID** id237398

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351524

**Unit Date** 1915-1916

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

**Government Science Club Program**

**Unit ID** id237399

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351525

**Unit Date** 1916-1917

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

### **The King's Daughters Program**

**Unit ID** id237400

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351526

**Unit Date** 1916-1917

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

### **Train schedules and ticket stubs**

**Unit ID** id233920

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351303

**Unit Date** 1917-1918

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)

### **A New York Central Railroad schedule and two Pennsylvania Railroad schedules**

**Unit ID** id237401

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351527

**Unit Date** 1918 January

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)

### **Two ticket stubs**

**Unit ID** id237402

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351528

**Unit Date** 1917 March 30, undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents One stamped MAR 30 '17, and the other undated.

### **Newspaper clippings**

**Unit ID** id233922

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351304

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 23 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

9 items, including a map of the World's Fair [San Francisco, 1915]

### **Receipts, Lists, and Publications**

**Unit ID** id233924

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351305

**Unit Date** 1914-1918, undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

### **An account**

**Unit ID** id237403

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351529

**Unit Date** 1914 June 1

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Ruth Thompson, in account with Edna M. Giffin, Gowns.

**Announcement of a reunion of the Class of 1912**

**Unit ID** id237404

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351530

**Unit Date** 1917

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Bradford Academy. [date penciled at bottom]

**Front cover [?] of a publication of the Indiana Art Club**

**Unit ID** id237405

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351531

**Unit Date** 1917

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Indianapolis.

**Notes on the furnishings of Cottage**

**Unit ID** id237406

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351532

**Unit Date** 1918

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Leland.

**A receipt for Cash Deposited**

**Unit ID** id237407

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351533

**Unit Date** [?] March 8

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

By Ruth Thompson.

**Texts of two Hymns of the Order**

**Unit ID** id237408

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351534

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

By Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickinson.

**Three handwritten lists of names**

**Unit ID** id237409

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351535

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Text of Song of Indiana**

**Unit ID** id237410

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351536

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Written by a Hoosier, after escaping from Californy [sic].

**Memoranda**

**Unit ID** id237411

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351537

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

From examination of plates, from talking to Dr. C's assistant, and to Drs. [?] and E. D. Clark. Mentions sagging of colon, an incompetent valve, an inflammation, and the possibility of surgery. Accompanying the memoranda is a sketch, perhaps anatomical, on an envelope.

**Notes from a palm reading [?]**

**Unit ID** id237412

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/351538

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

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