

Guide to the Ruth Wetmore Newcomb Papers

GEN MSS 2145



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 2145

CREATOR: Newcomb, Ruth Wetmore , author

TITLE: Ruth Wetmore Newcomb papers

DATES: 1914–1931

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.55 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script)

SUMMARY: This collection contains correspondence with related transcription, accounts and inventories, photographs, and printed material related to Ruth Wetmore Newcomb's life including her 1914 tour of Europe, the Mediterranean, and North Africa before the outbreak of World War I.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Jennifer Lattin Julier, 2024.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Ruth Wetmore Newcomb Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

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

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

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

Ruth Wetmore Newcomb

Ruth Wetmore Newcomb was born in New London, Connecticut on March 28, 1890. She attended Williams Memorial Institute and the Abbot Academy at Phillips Andover. After returning home from school, she spent time with her uncle, James Newcomb and his wife, Elizabeth Wilmont Newcomb.

In 1914, Ruth Wetmore Newcomb was invited to join Elizabeth Wilmont Newcomb on a Grand Tour aboard the S. S. Rotterdam. She was accompanied by her friend Helen Whiton on the voyage.

Throughout her life, Wetmore Newcomb continued to travel. She also taught ceramics and crafts in Connecticut, and engaged in architectural preservation efforts around the New London, Connecticut area.

Ruth Wetmore Newcomb died on March 9, 1984.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection largely maintain order found at time of acquisition.

Collection Contents

b.1	Correspondence <i>5 Folders</i> Contains letters sent to members of the Newcomb family. Letters are arranged chronologically.	1914 February-1914 June
b.1	Grand Tour Contains accounts, a program, inventories, and a leaf removed from a letter sent from Rome in March 1914.	1914
b.1	Letters of Ruth Wetmore Newcomb from Grand Tour aboard the S. S. Rotterdam Contains a bound transcript of letters from Ruth Wetmore Newcomb, sent while on the Grand Tour of Europe and the Mediterranean (February-June 1914). Also included are transcriptions of the letters created by Wetmore Newcomb's great-niece, Jennifer Lattin Julier.	undated
b.1	Pamphlets Contains pamphlets from different sites in Europe.	1931, undated
b.2	Photograph album Contains black and white photographs of the Grand Tour with manuscript identification.	1914
b.3	Photograph album Contains black and white photographs and cyanotypes of the Grand Tour with manuscript identifications.	1914

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Genres / Formats

Correspondence
Photograph albums

Geographic Names

Europe -- Description and travel -- 20th
Century
Mediterranean Region -- Description and travel

Subjects

Travel photography
Women travelers