

# Guide to the Pancholi Collection of Gandhi Letters

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1483

**CREATOR:** Gandhi, Mahatma, 1869-1948

**TITLE:** Pancholi collection of Gandhi letters

**DATES:** 1935-1948

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Gujarati

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of fifty letters from Mahatma Gandhi to Vijayaben M. Pancholi. Also included are a sari made from yarn spun by Gandhi and his wife, Kasturba Gandhi; a necklace of Tulsi given by Gandhi to Vijayaben Pancholi; and a collection of vignettes about Gandhi written by Vijayaben Pancholi.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Vijayaben M. Pancholi, 1988.

## Conditions Governing Access

Researchers must use photocopies of the letters. The artifacts may be viewed with a reference archivist in attendance.

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## Scope and Contents

The Pancholi Collection of Gandhi Letters consists of fifty letters and postcards written by Mohandas (Mahatma Gandhi to Vijayaben M. Pancholi, Gandhi's pupil and a member of his ashram. The letters were written to Mrs. Pancholi in Gandhi's own hand in the Gujarati language over a period of about thirteen years, from 1935 until three weeks before his assassination on January 30, 1948.

The letters are non-political and discuss personal events. In one letter, Gandhi offers Mrs. Pancholi advice during her pregnancy. In another he comments on his own state of health.

In addition to the letters, the collection also contains a sari, made from yarn spun by Gandhi and his wife Kasturba Gandhi; a Tulsi necklace; and a collection of vignettes about Mahatma Gandhi written by Vijayaben M. Pancholi.

The collection was given to the Yale University Library by Mrs. Pancholi in October, 1988.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1 - 10	<a href="#">Letters to Vijayaben M. Pancholi from Mahatma Gandhi</a>	1935-1948
b. 1, f. 11	A collection of vignettes of Gandhi written by Mrs. Pancholi	1986
b. 2	A necklace of Tulsi given by Gandhi to Mrs. Pancholi	undated
b. 2	A sari made of yarn spun by Mahatma Gandhi	undated

## **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.

### **Geographic Names**

India -- Social life and customs

### **Names**

Gandhi, Mahatma, 1869-1948