

WELLS COLLEGE
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Ethel Towar Collection

Quantity: 1 Linear Foot

Containers: 1 Archival Box

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INTRODUCTION

Biographical Note

The Ethel Towar Collection documents student life at Wells College in Aurora, New York, at the turn of the Nineteenth Century. The collection consists primarily of letters written from Ethel while at college to her mother living in Detroit. The letters span the years 1899-1903, the years that Ethel was a student at Wells. Ethel graduated in 1903. She was a member of the basketball team and involved in the Psychology department.

Ethel's letters are a vivid and detailed description of the day-to-day activities of a college student: classes, exams, social events, vacations, and sports.

History of the Papers and Their Organization

Letters in folders marked 1899 were not dated or received in envelopes, but were ordered and labeled "1899" by the donor. The majority of the remaining letters were in postmarked envelopes.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS

Scope and Content Note

The first folder contains unmarked photos, presumably from the same time period. The second folder contains letters written to Ethel Towar, during and after the 1899-1903 period. The remaining folders contain letters from Ethel.

The correspondence is arranged chronologically. The last folder contains letters that were undated and not in folders.

There are some gaps in the collection, primarily during the summer vacation months. However, in some instances, for example, January to February 1903, the letters are presumably missing.

Organization and Arrangement

The papers are organized into 2 series.

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Series Descriptions

Series 1, Miscellaneous, undated photographs of Wells College

Series 2, Ethel's correspondence from 1899-1903, primarily to her mother in Detroit, including both letters and postcards.

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Box Folder Dates Description

Series 1

1 1 n.d miscellaneous photographs, some taken at Wells College.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
Series 2			
1	1	n.d.	Correspondence with Ethel Towar
1	2	1899	Correspondence
1	3	1899	Correspondence
1	4	1899	Correspondence
1	5	1899	Correspondence
1	6	1899	Correspondence
1	7	1899	Correspondence
1	8	1899	Correspondence
1	9	Feb.-Apr. 1900	Correspondence
1	10	Sept-Oct 1900	Correspondence
1	11	Oct-Nov 1900	Correspondence
1	12	Dec. 1900	Correspondence
1	13	Jan-Feb 1901	Correspondence
1	14	May-June 1901	Correspondence
1	15	Sept.-Nov. 1901	Correspondence
1	16	Jan-Feb 1902	Correspondence
1	17	March 1902	Correspondence
1	18	April 1902	Correspondence
1	19	May-July 1902	Correspondence
1	20	Sept.-Oct. 1902	Correspondence

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	21	Nov.-Dec. 1902	Correspondence
1	22	March-April 1903	Correspondence
1	23	April-May 1903	Correspondence
1	24	June-August 1903	Correspondence and a bill from Wells College
1	25	Oct-Nov 1903	Correspondence
1	26	n.d.	Undated correspondence

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