

Muriel June Dudley RSC '25 Correspondence 1921-1926

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Quantity:	2 manuscript letter boxes
Access:	Open to Research
Acquisition:	Gift, Donaldine Specht, June 1996
Processed by:	Revised by Abigail Stambach, June 2014

Administrative Note:

This collection was donated to the Sage Colleges Archives by Donaldine Specht in June 1996. Ms. Specht was the sister of Muriel Dudley. The gift also included Dudley's Russell Sage College scrapbook, which is housed separately. The collection was processed when it was first received and reprocessed in June 2014.

Biographical Note:

Muriel June Dudley was a member of the Class of 1925. She was from Silver Creek, NY where her father, Carl H. Dudley, was a minister. After completing her freshmen year at Elmira College, she transferred to Russell Sage in 1922. She was a member of the Home Economic Club, Swimming and the Forum (a political thought club) during her three years at Sage. Details regarding Dudley's life after Russell Sage are unknown.

Scope and Contents Note:

This collection contains the correspondence of Muriel June Dudley dating from 1921 to 1926. The majority of the collection is Dudley's letters to her family but there is a folder of letters written to her by family members. The collection also includes the letters' corresponding envelopes. Dudley occasionally included items such as photographs and scraps of fabric. These can be found with the original letter. The collection also includes a photograph of Russell Sage's Class of 1925.

Detailed information about Dudley's college years can be learned through the letters. For instance, Dudley was initially a student at Elmira College as seen by the letters dating from September 21, 1921 to June 5, 1922. While Dudley enjoyed her courses and professors at Elmira, she found her fellow students too radical and disrespectful of her values. She also found her dormitory uncomfortable. Dudley decided to look at other schools midway through the year as a result. She enrolled at Russell Sage College in September 1922, her sophomore year of college. Her letters at the time reveal Dudley was much happier at Sage and met more students who shared her values. In the majority of the correspondence, Dudley discusses her life at Russell Sage College and glimpses of life at the college in the early 1920s can be seen. She writes about her classes, dormitory, fellow students, college activities, administrators, and professors. The letters also give insight into the city of Troy in the 1920s from the eyes of a Russell Sage

student. In addition, Dudley discusses family news and her family dynamics are shown through the collection.

Box and Folder Listing:

Box Number	Folder Number	Folder Contents
1	1	September 21, 1921 – October 17, 1921 (7 items)
1	2	October 24, 1921 – November 20, 1921 (6 items)
1	3	November 27, 1921 – January 25, 1922 (7 items)
1	4	January 30, 1922 – February 26, 1922 (6 items)
1	5	March 5, 1922 – March 30, 1922 (5 items)
1	6	April 20, 1922 – June 5, 1922 (6 items)
1	7	September 20, 1922 – October 15, 1922 (6 items)
1	8	October 23, 1922 – November 26, 1922 (6 items)
1	9	December 1, 1922 – January 28, 1923 (6 items)
1	10	February 4, 1923 – February 24, 1923 (6 items)
1	11	March 4, 1923 – April 15, 1923 (6 items)
1	12	April 22, 1923 – May 27, 1923 (6 items)
2	1	September 9, 1923 – October 14, 1923 (8 items)
2	2	October 21, 1923 – November 25, 1923 (7 items)
2	3	December 2, 1923 – February 2, 1924 (7 items)
2	4	February 3, 1924 – March 9, 1924 (6 items)
2	5	March 16, 1924 – April 27, 1924 (6 items)
2	6	May 4, 1924 – June 8, 1924 (6 items)
2	7	September 8, 1924 – October 26, 1924 (7 items)
2	8	November 2, 1924 – December 7, 1924 (7 items)
2	9	December 14, 1924 – February 22, 1925 (6 items)
2	10	March 1, 1925 – March 30, 1925 (5 items)
2	11	April 12, 1925 – May 8, 1925 (6 items)
2	12	May 10, 1925 – May 31, 1925 (4 items)
2	13	June 13, 1926 (1 item)
2	14	Letters to Muriel Dudley, January 23, 1922 – February 21, 1926 (3 items)
2	15	Photograph, Class of 1925 (1 item)