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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
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<b>Creator - ctb:</b>	Rockefeller, John D., Jr. (John Davison), 1874-1960
<b>Title:</b>	Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller records, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller papers, Series AA
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## Scope and Contents

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The papers of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller primarily consist of correspondence, including personal correspondence to family and relatives, biographical materials; art collection files, and files pertaining to her philanthropic activities.

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## Arrangement note

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The Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller records are arranged by subject matter in 27 series. Most of these series are wholly or partially open for research. The series are:

A John D. Rockefeller, Sr.; C Business Interests; D Civic Interests; E Cultural Interests; F Economic Reform Interests; G Educational Interests; H Friends and Services; I Homes; J Housing Interests; K Medical Interests; L Real Estate; M Maps and Memorabilia; N Religious Interests; O Rockefeller Boards; P Welfare - General Files; Q World Affairs; R Welfare - Youth Files; S Documents; T Public Relations; U Public Land Law Review Commission; V Greenrock; W Properties; X Costume Collection; Y Media; Z John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Personal; AA Abby Aldrich Rockefeller; AC Abby Rockefeller Mauzé.

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This series is arranged in eight subseries:

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- Education
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- World War I
- Philanthropy -- United States

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## Other Finding Aids

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Other available finding aids describing the Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller records include: [FA310 Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller records, John D. Rockefeller, Sr.](#)

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## Collection Inventory

### Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Papers - Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Correspondence, 1882-1957 1920-1948

Physical Description: 9 document box(es)

#### Arrangement note

Subseries 1, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Correspondence, is arranged in two sections, Personal and Professional. Within Personal Correspondence, letters are arranged in two runs: Named and Subject correspondence. Named correspondence includes both incoming and outgoing correspondence. Within each section and run, letters have been filed alphabetically by correspondent.

#### Scope and Contents note

The bulk of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller's personal and professional correspondence (1882-1957) is located in Subseries 1, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Correspondence. Major correspondents include Abby's sister, Lucy Truman Aldrich, with whom Abby corresponded at length for thirty years; siblings Nelson, Edward, Stuart, William, Richard, Winthrop, and Elsie; and her six children: Abby (Babs), John Davison 3rd, Nelson, Laurance, Winthrop, and David. For what survives of Abby's letters to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., consult the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Papers in Record Group 2, Series Z of the Rockefeller Family Archives.

Abby's correspondence with her brothers (Elsie Aldrich is not a primary correspondent) fills six folders. Letters reveal the friendly rapport and mutual respect that existed between the Aldrich siblings. They also provide information on Abby's occasional anonymous donations to projects in Boston and Providence for which her brothers sought her support. William, who was an architect in Boston, shared Abby's aesthetic interests and often recommended to her the purchase of paintings and furniture.

Among her children, Abby wrote most frequently to Winthrop Rockefeller, especially during the years of his army service (1941-1945) in World War II. Letters (1916-1948) from Babs to her mother include passionate appeals to return home from summer camp and accounts of sightseeing in Europe in 1920-1921 with her aunt, Lucy Truman Aldrich.

There are thirteen letters (1887-1909, n.d.) to Abby from her mother, Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich. In a letter dated 8 March 1897, Mrs. Aldrich advises against a visit to New York, in case "Mamma Rockaffler . . . think you are chasing her son." Abby's letters to her mother are located in Subseries 5. There are thirteen letters (1887-1914, n.d.) to Abby from her father, Nelson W. Aldrich. Some are brief notes enclosed with checks; others display a rare sensitivity. Writing in the 1890s to his now teen-age daughter, the Senator acknowledges impending changes: "Your letter reminds me that very soon I shall not be able to deal with you as a little girl to be disposed of without consultation but that you will have to be treated with as a young lady, with wants and demands."

Other correspondents include Italianist Bernard Berenson, writing in 1927 from I Tatti; archaeologist James Henry Breasted, describing the recently unearthed tomb of King Tutankhamen; landscape architect Beatrice Ferrand, and painters Henri Matisse (two letters, 1932, 1933), Georgia O'Keefe, Walter Pach, and Peter Blume. Letters (1929-1937) from Eustache de Lorey of the Institut Français d'Archéologie et d'Art Musulmans discuss recent exhibitions, various pieces of Persian and Indian art, and modern pictures de Lorey envisioned for the Museum of Modern Art.

Also housed in Subseries 1 are twenty-four folders of Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) correspondence (1929-1945, 1947). This is largely Abby's incoming correspondence from museum staff relating to exhibitions and loans, personnel and financial matters, the War Veterans' Art Center, and modern movement in art. Major correspondents include Abby's financial adviser Arthur W. Packard, MoMA Director Alfred Barr, A. Conger

Goodyear (President of MoMA), Monroe Wheeler (Director of Exhibitions and Publications), Stephen C. Clark (Chairman of the Board), Frances Hawkins (Secretary), James Thrall Soby (Director of Paintings and Sculpture), and John E. Abbott (Executive Vice President). Stephen Clark's moving tribute to Abby's moral leadership of the museum during the war years is housed in Subseries 7, Chase Biography Files, in folder 339.

The General Office File (1909-1955), a correspondence file maintained by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s office staff, contains information on Mrs. Rockefeller's charitable activities.

Related Archival Materials note:

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For Abby Aldrich Rockefeller's correspondence regarding her philanthropic work, see Subseries 4 - Philanthropy Files.

For Abby Aldrich Rockefeller's correspondence to her mother Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich, and other Aldrich and Greene family correspondence, see Subseries 5 - Aldrich/Greene Family Papers.

For Abby Aldrich Rockefeller's correspondence to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., see the Rockefeller Family Archives, Record Group 2 - Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller, Series Z - John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Personal Papers.

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Folder 1 is an empty folder that was erroneously skipped during processing.		
Personal Correspondence - Named - Aldrich, Abby Pearce Chapman, 1887, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1905-1906, 1909, n.d.	box 1	folder 3
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Personal Correspondence - Named - de Lorey, Eustache, 1929-1937, 1946	box 2	folder 28
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Personal Correspondence - Named - General (E)	box 2	folder 29
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (F)	box 2	folder 30
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (G)	box 3	folder 31
Personal Correspondence - Named - Goddard, Madeleine, 1892, n.d.	box 3	folder 32
Personal Correspondence - Named - Greene, Lucy E., 1887-1888, 1928-1929	box 3	folder 33
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (H)		

	box 3	folder 34
Personal Correspondence - Named - Hooker, Blanchette Ferry, 1948	box 3	folder 35
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (I-J)	box 3	folder 36
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (K)	box 3	folder 37
Personal Correspondence - Named - King, W. Mackenzie, 1915, 1919-1920, 1922, 1946-1948	box 3	folder 38
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (L)	box 3	folder 39
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (M)	box 3	folder 40
Personal Correspondence - Named - MacFadden, Minnie A., 1920, 1925-1926, 1947	box 3	folder 41
Personal Correspondence - Named - Mauzé, Abby Rockefeller, 1916-1948	box 3	folder 42
Personal Correspondence - Named - Mauzé, Abby Rockefeller (Transcripts), 1917-1919, 1920, 1923, 1927	box 3	folder 43
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (N-P)	box 3	folder 44
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (Q-R)	box 3	folder 45
Personal Correspondence - Named - Calendar to the Letters of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller to Lucy Truman Aldrich, 1954	box 4	folder 46
<u>Related Archival Materials note:</u>		
<b>Related Archival Materials note</b>		
See also: Folders 47-55.		
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1919-1920	box 4	folder 47
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1921-1922	box 4	folder 48
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1923	box 4	folder 49
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1924-1926	box 4	folder 50
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1927-1929	box 4	folder 51
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1931-1932	box 4	folder 52
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1933-1935	box 4	folder 53
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1936-1938	box 4	folder 54



Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1940-1941, 1944-1948	box 4	folder 55
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich (to Children), 1922, 1933, n.d.	box 4	folder 55A
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich (to Lucy Greene), 1901, 1903, 1906, 1912-1915, 1917, n.d.	box 4	folder 56
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Almira G., 1906	box 4	folder 57
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Blanchette Hooker, 1932-1934, 1938, 1940-1941, 1944	box 4	folder 58
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, John D., Sr., 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918-1921, 1927	box 4	folder 59
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, John D. 3rd, 1920-1948	box 4	folder 60
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, John D. 3rd and Rockefeller, Blanchette Hooker (Joint Correspondence), 1932-1947	box 4	folder 61
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Laura Spelman, 1906, 1911-1912	box 4	folder 62
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Nelson A., 1916-1945, n.d.	box 4	folder 63
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Transcripts), 1926-1927	box 5	folder 64
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Excerpts), 1927-1935	box 5	folder 65
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Winthrop, 1920-1921, 1925, 1928-1934	box 5	folder 66
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Winthrop, 1935-1941	box 5	folder 67
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Winthrop, 1943-1948	box 5	folder 68
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Winthrop, 1943-1948	box 5	folder 69
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Winthrop, 1943-1948	box 5	folder 70
Personal Correspondence - Named - Rockefeller, Winthrop, 1943-1948	box 5	folder 71
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (S)	box 5	folder 72
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (T)	box 5	folder 73
Personal Correspondence - Named - General (V-Y)	box 5	folder 74
Personal Correspondence - Named - Unidentified, n.d.	box 5	folder 75

Personal Correspondence - Subject - "Atlantic Monthly" Letters, 1919, 1935, 1937	box 6	folder 76
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Autograph File (Addams-Wooley), 1921-1945	box 6	folder 77
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Condolences Received, 1915	box 6	folder 78
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Condolences Received, 1917	box 6	folder 79
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Condolences Received, 1917	box 6	folder 80
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Domestic Employees, 1930-1931, 1936-1937, 1943, 1947-1948	box 6	folder 81
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Domestic Employees, 1949-1951	box 6	folder 82
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Engagement, 1901	box 6	folder 83
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Homes, 1949, n.d.	box 6	folder 84
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Publication of "Abby Aldrich Rockefeller's Letters to Her Sister, Lucy" (1957) - Correspondence of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., 1954-1957	box 6	folder 85
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Publication of "Abby Aldrich Rockefeller's Letters to Her Sister, Lucy" (1957) - Correspondence of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., 1954-1957	box 6	folder 0085A
Personal Correspondence - Subject - Publication of "Abby Aldrich Rockefeller's Letters to Her Sister, Lucy" (1957) - Family Correspondence, 1957	box 6	folder 86
<u>Conditions Governing Access note:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access note</b>  Restricted material.		
Professional Correspondence - General Office File, 1909, 1911, 1917, 1919-1920, 1926-1929, n.d.	box 7	folder 87
Professional Correspondence - General Office File, 1930-1935	box 7	folder 88
Professional Correspondence - General Office File, 1936-1937	box 7	folder 89
Professional Correspondence - General Office File, 1938-1939	box 7	folder 90
Professional Correspondence - General Office File, 1940-1943	box 7	folder 91
Professional Correspondence - General Office File, 1945-1948, 1954-1955	box 7	folder 92
Professional Correspondence - Miscellaneous Office Correspondence - Billings, Clare, 1937, 1940-1941	box 7	folder 93
Professional Correspondence - Miscellaneous Office Correspondence - Burns Family, 1937-1941	box 7	folder 94
Professional Correspondence - Miscellaneous Office Correspondence - Gerard, Raoul, 1949-1952	box 7	folder 95

Professional Correspondence - Miscellaneous Office Correspondence - Museum Administrators (Various), 1936, 1945-1947	box 7	folder 96
Professional Correspondence - Miscellaneous Office Correspondence - Paine Mexican Arts Corporation, 1928-1931	box 7	folder 97
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1929	box 7	folder 98
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1930	box 7	folder 99
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1931	box 7	folder 100
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1932	box 7	folder 101
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1933	box 7	folder 102
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1934	box 7	folder 103
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1935	box 8	folder 104
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1936	box 8	folder 105
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, January-September 1937	box 8	folder 106
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, October-December 1937	box 8	folder 107
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence - Executive Director's Report, 1937	box 8	folder 108
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence - Film Library Report, 1937	box 8	folder 109
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, January-May 1938	box 8	folder 110
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, June-December 1938	box 8	folder 111
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, January-July 1939	box 8	folder 112
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1940	box 8	folder 113
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1941	box 9	folder 114
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1942	box 9	folder 115

Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, January-May 1943	box 9	folder 116
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, June-September 1943	box 9	folder 117
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, October-December 1943	box 9	folder 118
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, January-July 1944	box 9	folder 119
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, August-December 1944	box 9	folder 120
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, January-June 1945	box 9	folder 121
Professional Correspondence - Museum of Modern Art Correspondence, 1947	box 9	folder 122

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## Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Papers - Personal Papers, 1883-1887, 1891-1950, 1954, n.

Physical Description: 5 document box(es)

### Arrangement note

Files are alphabetically arranged by type of material.

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries 2, Personal Papers, brings together an assortment of personal effects which were previously dispersed throughout the collection. There are two volumes of diaries kept by Abby as a young student and debutante in Providence (1892, 1893-1894); seven thick tablets recording social engagements for the years 1894-1898, 1900, and 1901; itineraries, passports, and passenger lists for European trips; invitations; wedding books; and clippings relating to Abby's marriage in 1901, the activities of her six children, and her anti-war and prohibition work.

Title/Description	Instances	
Address Book, n.d.	box 10	folder 123
Address Book, n.d.	box 10	folder 124
Bills - European Trip, 1924	box 10	folder 125
Bills - Furniture - 740 Park Avenue, 1936-1939	box 10	folder 126
Biographical Material, 1930, 1937, 1950, n.d.	box 10	folder 127
Clippings - Anti-War Work, 1925	box 10	folder 128
Clippings - Art Collections, Exhibits, and Donations, 1922, 1928, 1935-1939	box 10	folder 129
Clippings - Marriage, 1901		

	box 10	folder 130
Clippings - Prohibition Enforcement, 1926	box 10	folder 131
Clippings - Rockefeller Family - Mauzé, Abby Rockefeller, 1922, 1934, n.d.	box 10	folder 132
Clippings - Rockefeller Family - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1914-1943	box 11	folder 133
Clippings - Rockefeller Family - Rockefeller, David, 1940, 1947	box 11	folder 134
Clippings - Rockefeller Family - Rockefeller, John D. 3rd, 1920, 1929, 1932, 1938, n.d.	box 11	folder 135
Clippings - Rockefeller Family - Rockefeller, Laurance S., 1926, 1929, n.d.	box 11	folder 136
Clippings - Rockefeller Family - Rockefeller, Nelson A., 1922-1944, n.d.	box 11	folder 137
Clippings - Rockefeller Family - Rockefeller, Winthrop, 1932, 1941, n.d.	box 11	folder 138
Diaries, 1892, 1893-1894	box 11	folder 139
Engagement Books, 1894-1898	box 11	folder 140
<b>General note</b>		
Fragile items.		
Engagement Books, 1900, 1901	box 11	folder 141
<b>General note</b>		
Fragile items.		
Exercise Book, 1883-1887	box 12	folder 142
Exercise Book, 1891	box 12	folder 143
European Trips - Miscellaneous Papers, 1894-1902, 1921-1925, 1930	box 12	folder 144
European Trips - Passenger Lists, 1894-1896, n.d.	box 12	folder 145
Gift Book, 1931	box 12	folder 146
Invitations, 1901-1945, n.d.	box 12	folder 147
Ledger, 1927-1934	box 13	folder 148
Lucy Truman Aldrich Kidnapping - Miscellaneous Papers, 1932	box 13	folder 149
Medals, 1921, 1924	box 13	folder 150
Memorials, 1923, 1954	box 13	folder 151
Obituaries, 1948	box 13	folder 152
Passports, 1894, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1928	box 13	folder 153

Photographs Detached from Scrapbook Pages, n.d.	box 13	folder 0153A
Prayers - Disbound Transcripts, 1920, n.d.	box 13	folder 154
Prayers - Disbound Transcripts, 1920, n.d.	box 13	folder 155
Reading Lists, 1898, 1900, n.d.	box 13	folder 156
Scrapbook - "Abby Greene Aldrich, July 5th, 1893, Warwick, R.I."	box 13	folder 157

### General note

Box 18

Related Archival Materials note:

### Related Archival Materials note

See also RAC Photograph Collection, Series 1005.

Scrapbooks, Typescript Excerpts from, 1912-1933	box 13	folder 0157A
Speeches of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, 1918-1924, 1927	box 13	folder 158
Speeches of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, n.d.	box 13	folder 159
Speeches - Publicity, 1929	box 14	folder 160
Wedding Book, 1901	box 14	folder 161
Wedding Gifts, 1901	box 14	folder 162

### Scope and Contents note

Lists of those who gave gifts.

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## Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Papers - Art Collections, 1931-1956, n.d.

Physical Description: 8 document box(es)

### Arrangement note

Files are alphabetically arranged by subject or name of institution.

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries 3, Art Collections, contains disbound albums of photograph inventories of the works of art donated, loaned or sold by Abby Rockefeller from 1931 to 1956. Information pertaining to the original purchase or acquisition of Abby Rockefeller's paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, Japanese and Chinese prints, and American folk art is available in these albums, including provenance, dealer name, purchase price, and date of sale or gift. The verso often holds commentary by the dealer. Major gifts represented in Subseries 3 include those to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Rhode Island School of Design, Colonial Williamsburg, and

other major museums such as the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Title/Description	Instances	
Catalog of Objects Sold, 1937-1955	box 15	folder 163
Catalog of Objects Sold, 1937-1955	box 15	folder 164
Folk Art Pictures (Not Located), 1939, 1956	box 15	folder 165
<u>Related Archival Materials note:</u>		
<b>Related Archival Materials note</b>		
See also: Williamsburg, Boxes 18-20, folders 192-199.		
Gifts and Sales, 1937-1954	box 15	folder 166
Gifts to Museums (Disbound Album), ca. 1941	box 15	folder 167
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Amherst College Averill College Boston Museum Brown University Fiske University Fogg Museum Miscellaneous Museum of the City of New York Philadelphia Museum Phillipse Castle Riverside Church William and Mary College		
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Art Institute of Chicago, ca. 1946-1949	box 15	folder 168
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Cleveland Museum of Art, 1936, 1938	box 16	folder 169
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Dartmouth College, 1935	box 16	folder 170
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Dartmouth College, 1935	box 16	folder 171
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Fogg Museum, Harvard University, ca. 1947	box 16	folder 172
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Metropolitan Museum of Art - Part I, 1936-1937, 1950	box 16	folder 173
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Metropolitan Museum of Art - Part II, 1936-1937, 1950	box 17	folder 174
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Metropolitan Museum of Art - 1949 Gift, 1936-1939, 1949	box 17	folder 175
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Miscellaneous Museums, 1937-1938, 1950	box 17	folder 176
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Museum of Modern Art - Summary of Gifts, n.d.	box 17	folder 177
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Museum of Modern Art - Gifts (A-G), 1935-1938, 1942	box 17	folder 178

**Scope and Contents note**

Arranged by artist's name.

Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Museum of Modern Art - Gifts (H-K), 1935-1938, 1942	box 17	folder 179
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**Scope and Contents note**

Arranged by artist's name.

Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Museum of Modern Art - Gifts (L-P), 1935-1938, 1942	box 17	folder 180
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**Scope and Contents note**

Arranged by artist's name.

Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Museum of Modern Art - Gifts (R-Z), 1935-1938, 1942	box 17	folder 181
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**Scope and Contents note**

Arranged by artist's name.

Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Newark Museum, ca. 1937-1940	box 18	folder 182
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Rhode Island School of Design - Chinese Porcelain, 1954-1955	box 18	folder 183
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Rhode Island School of Design - Chinese Prints, [1934?]	box 18	folder 184
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Rhode Island School of Design - Japanese Prints - Index of Artists and Prints, 1934	box 18	folder 185
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Rhode Island School of Design - Japanese Prints - Catalog, pp. 1-33, 1934	box 18	folder 186
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Rhode Island School of Design - Japanese Prints - Catalog, pp. 34-57, 1934	box 18	folder 187
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Rhode Island School of Design - Japanese Prints - Catalog, pp. 64-78, 1934	box 18	folder 188
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Rhode Island School of Design - Japanese Prints - Catalog, pp. 80-102, 1934	box 18	folder 189
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Rhode Island School of Design - Miscellaneous, [1934?]	box 18	folder 190
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Rhode Island School of Design - Sculpture, 1938	box 18	folder 191
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Williamsburg - Gifts, 1931-1935	box 19	folder 192
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Williamsburg - Inn, 1937	box 19	folder 193
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Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Williamsburg - Ludwell-Paradise House, ca. 1939	box 19	folder 194
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Williamsburg - Ludwell-Paradise House, ca. 1939	box 19	folder 195
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Williamsburg - Ludwell-Paradise House, ca. 1939	box 19	folder 196
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Williamsburg - Ludwell-Paradise House, ca. 1939	box 19	folder 197
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Williamsburg - Miscellaneous Gifts, 1939	box 20	folder 198
Gifts to Nelson A. Rockefeller, n.d.	box 20	folder 200
Gifts to Museums and Restorations - Williamsburg - Miscellaneous Houses, 1937	box 20	folder 199
House Inventories and Bills of Goods - Bassett Hall, Williamsburg, 1921, 1937-1938, 1941-1942, 1955, n.d.	box 20	folder 201
House Inventories and Bills of Goods - Seal Harbor, Maine, 1936, n.d.	box 20	folder 202
House Inventories and Bills of Goods - 740 Park Avenue, New York City, 1938-1939, 1941-1942	box 20	folder 203
Japanese Prints	box 20	folder 204

### Scope and Contents note

"Contents of Boxes" "Index of Artists" "The Philadelphia Museum Bulletin," Volume XLII, No. 211, November 1946

Related Archival Materials note:

### Related Archival Materials note

See also folders 205-211.

Japanese Prints - Boxes 1-2b	box 20	folder 205
Japanese Prints - Boxes 3-4b	box 20	folder 206
Japanese Prints - Boxes 5-8	box 21	folder 207
Japanese Prints - Box 9	box 21	folder 208
Japanese Prints - Boxes 10-11	box 21	folder 209
Japanese Prints - Boxes 12-18	box 21	folder 210
Japanese Prints - Boxes 19-23, 29-33	box 21	folder 211
Japanese Prints - Inventory of Prints at 740 Park Avenue, ca. 1938	box 21	folder 212
Japanese Prints - Various Prints, n.d.	box 22	folder 213
Loans to Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1937	box 22	folder 214

Miscellaneous Items Not Located, 1956	box 22	folder 215
Modern Pictures Sold, 1937-1938	box 22	folder 216

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## Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Papers - Philanthropy Files, 1917-1953, 1957

Physical Description: 4 document box(es)

### Arrangement note

This subseries is alphabetically arranged by subject.

### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence documenting Abby's philanthropies, especially her World War I relief work, the Y.M.C.A. Housing Committee work, the Grace Dodge Hotel, and the Bayway Community Center is housed in Subseries 4, Philanthropy Files, together with annual benevolence reports (1917-1924, 1935-1943) prepared by Arthur W. Packard. As used in this subseries, the term "contribution" generally refers to a monetary gift made to an institution or organization; the term "donation" typically refers to a monetary gift made to an individual.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bayway Community Center - Correspondence of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, 1919-1928, n.d.	box 23	folder 217
Bayway Community Center - Correspondence of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, 1936-1940, 1942	box 23	folder 218
Bayway Community Center - Correspondence of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, 1943-1953, 1957	box 23	folder 219
Bayway Community Center - Files of Arthur W. Packard, 1937-1944	box 23	folder 220
Bayway Community Center - Files of Arthur W. Packard, 1937-1944	box 23	folder 221
Bayway Community Center - Printed Material, 1942-1943, 1953, n.d.	box 23	folder 222
Bayway Community Center - Survey of Community House Activities, 1944	box 23	folder 223
Benevolences - Appeals Letters (A-C)	box 24	folder 224
Benevolences - Appeals Letters (D-F)	box 24	folder 225
Benevolences - Appeals Letters (G-L)	box 24	folder 226
Benevolences - Appeals Letters (M-Na)	box 24	folder 227
Benevolences - Appeals Letters (New York Cancer Institute - New York Osteopathic)	box 24	folder 228
Benevolences - Appeals Letters (New York Skin and Cancer Hospital - P)	box 24	folder 229

Benevolences - Appeals Letters (R-T)	box 24	folder 230
Benevolences - Appeals Letters (V-Y)	box 24	folder 231
Benevolences - Contributions, 1935-1940	box 24	folder 232
Benevolences - Contributions, 1941-1943	box 24	folder 0232A
Benevolences - Contributions, 1944-1946	box 24	folder 0232B
Benevolences - Contributions, 1947-1948	box 24	folder 0232C
Benevolences - Correspondence of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, 1912-1921, 1940, 1945	box 25	folder 233
Benevolences - Declinations (Samples), 1940	box 25	folder 234
Benevolences - Donations, 1936-1939	box 25	folder 235
Benevolences - Donations, 1940-1943	box 25	folder 0235A
Benevolences - Donations, 1944-1947	box 25	folder 0235B
Benevolences - Donations and Presents, 1948	box 25	folder 0235C
Benevolences - Closed Folder	box 25	folder 235
<u>Conditions Governing Access note:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access note</b> Restricted material.		
Benevolences - Memoranda, 1941-1948	box 25	folder 236
Benevolences - Reports, 1917-1924, 1935-1943	box 25	folder 237
Roadside Improvement Program - Scrapbook, 1904-1935	box 25	folder 238
Wayside Improvement Program, 1927	box 26	folder 239
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) - Grace Dodge Hotel, 1922-1935	box 26	folder 240
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) - Housing Committee of the War Work Council, 1917-1919	box 26	folder 0240A
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) - Housing Committee of the War Work Council, 1920-1923, 1926, 1929, 1932-1934, 1941-1944, 1949	box 26	folder 0240B

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## Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Papers - Aldrich/Greene Family Papers, 1858-1949, n.d.

Physical Description: 1 document box(es)

**Arrangement note**

Records are alphabetically arranged by type of material.

**Scope and Contents note**

Subseries 5 contains the Aldrich and Greene Family Papers (1858-1949). The series consists largely of the correspondence (1860-1913, n.d.) received by Abby's mother, Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich, who, though born in Preston, Connecticut, was raised by the Duty Greene family of Providence. Most of the correspondence is from the Greene and Pierce families, Providence friends, and four of her children, Lucy (1885, 1887-1902), Stuart (1885, 1887), William (1885, 1887, 1900), and Abby (1885-1913). There is one folder of correspondence from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (1901-1907, 1907-1911) and two letters from Laura Spelman Rockefeller (1901, 1903).

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Account Book and Miscellaneous Papers of Nelson W. Aldrich, 1884-1885, 1867	box 27	folder 241
Correspondence of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich - General - Family and Friends, 1860-1902, n.d.	box 27	folder 242
Correspondence of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich - Aldrich, Lucy Truman, 1885, 1887-1902	box 27	folder 243
Correspondence of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich - Aldrich, Stuart M., 1885, 1887	box 27	folder 244
Correspondence of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich - Aldrich, William T., 1885, 1887, 1900	box 27	folder 245
Correspondence of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich - Pierce, Frank, 1916	box 27	folder 246
Correspondence of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich - Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich, 1885-1913, n.d.	box 27	folder 247
Correspondence of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich - Rockefeller, John D., Jr., 1901-1905, 1907-1911, n.d.	box 27	folder 248
Correspondence of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich - Rockefeller, Laura Spelman, 1901, 1903	box 27	folder 249
Diary of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich, 1858, 1879	box 27	folder 250

**Scope and Contents note**

With typescript excerpts, n.d.

Genealogical Material, 1926-1949, n.d.	box 27	folder 251
Genealogy - "Ancestry of Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich and His Wife, Abby Pearce Truman Chapman", 1938	box 27	folder 252
Ira Pearce Family Correspondence, 1866, 1869	box 27	folder 253
Settlement - Estate of Duty Greene, 1864-1865	box 27	folder 254

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## Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Papers - Death of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, 1948, 1950, 1953, 1956

Physical Description: 7 document box(es)

### Arrangement note

Files are alphabetically arranged by subject or type of material.

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries 6, Death of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, contains clippings, condolences, and publicity occasioned by Abby's death in 1948.

Title/Description	Instances	
Arrangements - Press, Flowers, 1948	box 28	folder 255
Clipping Book, 1948	box 28	folder 256
Clippings, 1948	box 28	folder 257
Clippings, Reproductions of, 1948	box 28	folder 258
Clippings, 1953	box 28	folder 259
Condolences - Index of Condolences Received, 1948	box 28	folder 260
Condolences (A)	box 28	folder 261
Condolences (Ba)	box 28	folder 262
Condolences (Be-BI)	box 28	folder 263
Condolences (Bo)	box 28	folder 264
Condolences (Br-By)	box 29	folder 265
Condolences (Ca)	box 29	folder 266
Condolences (Ch-Cl)	box 29	folder 267
Condolences (Coe-Con)	box 29	folder 268
Condolences (Cot-Cuy)	box 29	folder 269
Condolences (Dab-Deb)	box 29	folder 270
Condolences (DeC-Dwi)	box 29	folder 271
Condolences (E)	box 29	folder 272
Condolences (Fa-Fl)	box 30	folder 273
Condolences (Fo-Fu)	box 30	folder 274
Condolences (Ga-Gi)	box 30	folder 275
Condolences (Gl-Go)	box 30	folder 276
Condolences (Haa-Heb)	box 30	folder 277

Condolences (Hei-Hit)	box 30	folder 278
Condolences (Ho-Hy)	box 31	folder 279
Condolences (Ind-Joh)	box 31	folder 280
Condolences (Jol-Jos)	box 31	folder 281
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Physical Description: 4 document box(es)

### Arrangement note

Subseries 7 is alphabetically arranged by type of material.

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries 7, Chase Biography Files, includes John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s correspondence with Mary Ellen Chase, Abby's biographer, and with his office staff concerning arrangements for the publication and distribution of "Abby Aldrich Rockefeller" (1950). Also present are Chase's research materials, consisting of typed excerpts of Abby's correspondence, together with the original annotated typescript.

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## Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Papers - Family Correspondence, 1915-1948

Physical Description: 4 document box(es)

### Arrangement note

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