

# Guide to the Elsie Slaughter Papers, 1958-1962

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## Collection Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
<b>Creator:</b>	Slaughter, Elsie
<b>Title:</b>	Elsie Slaughter Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1958-1962
<b>Quantity:</b>	1.4 cubic feet (7 boxes)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Slaughter's manuscripts on the history of women and Great Britain, as well as correspondence with Vassar College about her work.

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## Biographical Note

In the late 1950s Elsie Slaughter sent a series of unsolicited manuscripts to the Vassar College Library. At that time she was living in El Cajon, Calif. and was advanced in years. In her letters to the library, Slaughter offered little autobiographical information except to say that she was a professional writer and had suffered from "mental depression." The manuscripts, most of which deal with the history of women, appear to have been the result of many years of research but are unsupported by bibliographical documentation. Judging from the manuscripts and correspondence, it appears likely that Elsie Slaughter had lived in Great Britain and may have been born there.

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## Scope and Content Note

Papers primarily consist of Slaughter's undated manuscripts on London in 1918, her childhood in England, Ireland before 1914, and her research into women's history, including women artists, doctors, midwives, women in politics, women and education, and women and religion. There is also correspondence with Vassar College about her manuscripts, 1958-1962.

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## Subject Headings

### Names:

- Slaughter family

### Organizations:

- Vassar College

### Subjects:

- Family--England
- Midwives
- Women and religion
- Women artists
- Women authors, English
- Women in politics
- Women physicians
- Women--Education
- Women--History
- World War, 1914-1918--England--London

### Places:

- England--Description and travel
- Ireland--Description and travel
- London (England)--Description

### VCL Categories

- Literature and Writing
- Religion
- War and War Crimes
- Women's History

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## Encoding Information

Encoded by Elizabeth Clarke, April 2007.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

Elsie Slaughter Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

### **Processing Information**

Original processing date unknown.

### **Acquisition Information**

Gift of Elsie J. Slaughter.

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## **Container List**

Box 1	Information about Elsie Slaughter and the manuscripts
Box 1	"Armchair Exploration"
Box 2	"Artists and Bookish Women"
Box 2	"Doctoring Ladies"
Box 3	"The Learned and the Venturesome"
Box 3	"The Midwives"
Box 4	"Political Women"
Box 4	"Some Great Ladies"
Box 5	"Some Queens and Mistresses"
Box 5	"The Wild and Warlike Women"
Box 6	"Woman and Education"
Box 6	"Women Musicians, Actresses, and Sportswomen"
Box 7	"Women and Religion."

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