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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Vassar College. Department of Physical Education
Title:	Vassar College Physical Education Department Records
Dates:	1890-1952
Quantity:	16 cubic feet (15 boxes)
Abstract:	General office files, 1895-1952, as well as four volumes including extensive bodily measurements of individual students, with short biographies and health histories, 1890-1899.

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Administrative History

Physical education at Vassar had its beginnings with the founding of the college. The physical health of the students was considered a critical part of the college's mission, specifically because of the prevalent 19th century fear that too much education would physically harm young women. The health of the students was monitored carefully, and records were updated regularly by the college physician.

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Scope and Content Note

Office files containing correspondence, financial records, memoranda, programs,

brochures, reports, and student records, 1895-1952; and four volumes ("gymnasium physical registers") containing extensive bodily measurements of individual students, with short biographies and health histories, 1890-1899.

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Subject Headings

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Students

Subjects:

- Physical education for women
- Physical fitness for women
- Women college students--New York (State)--Poughkeepsie
- Women--Health and hygiene

VCL Categories

- Vassar College Academic Departments and Programs

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Encoding Information

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

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