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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Raymond, Cornelia M., 1861-1952
Title:	Cornelia Morse Raymond Papers
Inclusive Dates:	1819-1952
Bulk Dates:	1876-1952
Quantity:	2.6 cubic feet (9 boxes)
Abstract:	Materials relating to Raymond's life as the daughter of a Vassar College president, a Vassar student, administrator of the College, and unofficial historian. Also included is information about the years she spent as a grade school teacher.

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Biographical Note

Cornelia Raymond (1861-1952), the youngest child of nine children of John H. and Cornelia Morse Raymond, first arrived at Vassar when her father assumed the college presidency in the summer of 1864. The pet of both students and faculty, "Nellie" attended the Poughkeepsie Female Academy and was a student in Vassar's preparatory division. Following President Raymond's death, the trustees allowed Cornelia and her mother to stay at Vassar until Cornelia graduated in 1883. For the next thirty years Cornelia Raymond worked as a teacher, but returned to Vassar in

1913 to serve as an associate warden. From 1926-1931 she was Director of the Bureau of Publications, and after retiring for two years returned as Publicity Secretary. In both positions Cornelia Raymond managed to serve the interests of the college and to win the respect of the press. She published many articles in college publications; and her book, MEMORIES OF CHILD OF VASSAR, was published on the occasion of Vassar's seventy-fifth anniversary. After retirement she continued her extensive research in the college's early records.

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Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, 1892-1951, concerning her work, social activities, responses to questions about Vassar students and faculty, Vassar students participating in a 1934 hunger strike, and other topics primarily relating to Vassar College; manuscripts and notes about her life, including her connections with Vassar and a trip to Alaska in 1939; diaries recording daily activities and personal account books, 1876-1951; congratulatory letters, reviews, and sales records on her book MEMORIES OF A CHILD OF VASSAR, 1940; her personal scrapbook, 1866-1878, and one kept by a relative, Belinda S. Morse, 1819; and photographs.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Morse, Belinda S.
- Raymond, John H. (John Howard), 1814-1878

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Employees
- Vassar College--Faculty
- Vassar College--Students

Subjects:

- Hunger strikes
- Women authors, American
- Women college students--Political activity
- Women's colleges--New York (State)--Poughkeepsie
- Women--Diaries

Places:

- Alaska--Description and travel

Document Types:

- Diaries
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

VCL Categories

- Literature and Writing
- Travel
- Vassar College

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Elizabeth Clarke, February 2007.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Cornelia Morse Raymond Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Original processing date unknown. Last updated January 2007 by Laura Streett.

Acquisition Information

Gift of the estate of Cornelia M. Raymond.

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Container List

Folder 1.1	Biographical material
Folder 1.2	Letters from Cornelia Morse Raymond, 1915-1951 (24 letters)
Folder 1.3	Letters to Cornelia Morse Raymond, ca. 1892-1949 (54 letters)
Folder 1.4	Benson Lossing to Cornelia Morse Raymond, 1 Nov 1886 (1 letter and 1 transcript)
Folder 1.5	Manuscripts and notes, including notes on trip to Alaska, 1939

Folder 1.6	Bibliography and publications.
Folder 1.7	Memories of a Child of Vassar, Poughkeepsie, NY: Vassar College, 1940. Includes letters of congratulation, reviews, and publishing and sales information.
Folder 1.8	Photographs.
Box 2	Diary, Sep 1876 - Feb 1877
Box 2	Diary, May - Nov 1877
Box 2	Diary, Nov 1877 - May 1878
Box 2	Diary, 1882
Box 2	Diary, Jan-Feb 1885 (typed)
Box 2	Diary, 1885
Box 2	Diary, 1886
Box 2	Diary, 1887
Box 2	Diary, 1888
Box 2	Diary, 1889
Box 2	Diary, 1890
Box 2	Diary, 1891
Box 2	Diary, 1892
Box 3	"Line a Day" Diary, 1885-1899
Box 3	Travel Book – Europe, 1906
Box 3	Diary, 1906
Box 3	Diary, 1907
Box 3	Diary, 1908
Box 3	Diary, 1909
Box 4	Diary, 1910
Box 4	Diary, 1911
Box 4	Diary, 1912
Box 4	Diary, 1913
Box 4	Diary, 1914
Box 4	Diary, 1915

Box 5	Diary, 1916
Box 5	Diary, 1917
Box 5	Diary, 1918
Box 5	Diary, 1919
Box 5	Diary, 1920
Box 6	Diary, 1921
Box 6	Diary, 1922
Box 6	Diary, 1923 (typed)
Box 6	Diary, 1924 (typed)
Box 6	Diary, 1926 (typed)
Box 6	Diary, Jan-July 1927 (typed)
Box 6	Diary, 1929 (typed)
Box 6	Diary, 1932
Box 6	Diary, 1933
Box 6	Diary, Aug 1932 - Nov 1933 (typed)
Box 6	Diary, Dec 1933 - Nov 1934 (typed)
Box 7	Diary, 1935
Box 7	Diary, 1936
Box 7	Diary (typed), 1937
Box 7	Diary, 1938
Box 7	Diary, 1939
Box 7	Diary, 1940
Box 7	Diary, 1942
Box 7	Diary, 1943
Box 8	Diary, 1944
Box 7	Diary and accounts, Jan-Sep 1948
Box 8	Diary, Sep 1948 - Aug 1949
Box 7	Diary, 1949
Box 8	Diary, Jan-May 1950
Box 8	Diary, June-Dec 1950
Box 7	Diary, 1951

Box 9	Diary and accounts, Jan-June 1952
Box 9	Diary, n.d. (fragments)
Box 9	Account Book, 1923-1929
Box 9	Account Book, 1923-1932
Box 9	Account Book, 1925-1931
Box 9	Notebook: includes diary entries, accts, and various lists, n.d.
Box 9	Notebook: alphabetical directory of political figures, ca. 1945-1952
Box 9	Unidentified fragments, n.d.
Box 8	Scrapbook kept by Cornelia Morse Raymond, 1866-1878
Box 9	Scrapbook kept by Cornelia Morse Raymond, 1868-1878
Box 10	Scrapbook kept by Cornelia Morse Raymond, 1879-1883
Box 9	Scrapbook kept by Belinda S. Morse, ca. 1819-1878

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