

Guide to the Margery Ryerson Papers, approximately 1905-1963

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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Ryerson, Margery
Title:	Margery Ryerson Papers
Dates:	approximately 1905-1963
Quantity:	2 boxes
Abstract:	Correspondence, class notes, printed material and realia documenting the student years of Margery Ryerson and her involvement in subsequent alumnae events.

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Biographical Note

Margery Ryerson (1886-1989) graduated from Vassar College in 1909. She went on to study painting with Charles Hawthorne at the Cape School of Art in Provincetown, MA, and with Robert Henri at the Art Students League in New York City. In addition to working as an artist, Ryerson taught art in New York settlement houses. In 1923 she published *The Art Spirit* on the teachings of Robert Henri. As an artist, Ryerson excelled at portraiture, particularly of children, several of her images of which were used by the United Nations Children's Fund to illustrate stamps and greeting cards.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of correspondence, class notes, printed material and realia documenting the student years of Margery Ryerson at Vassar College and her involvement in subsequent alumnae events. Of particular interest are the letters and cards Ryerson sent while at Vassar, items which help to document student life at women's colleges in the United States during the early 20th century.

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Subject Headings

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Alumni and alumnae

Subjects:

- Women artists--United States--20th century

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Encoding Information

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Margery Ryerson Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Acquisition Information

Gift of the LeClair Family (via Janet LeClair) (M2019-038).

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Container List

Two boxes containing the following materials:

Vassar diploma (1909)

College class notes--Chemistry

College class notes--Biology

College notes-various

Vassar College-class of 1909: 1949 bulletin (Ryerson mentioned page 91-92)

Vassar College-class of 1909: 1958 bulletin (Ryerson mentioned page 46)

Vassar College-class of 1909: 1963 bulletin (Ryerson mentioned page 82)

Helen Lockwood College years: 1908-1912 (Ryerson sketches, pages 15, 23)

Fragment of letter from Margery's mother to Margery at Vassar regarding her matriculation from Vassar

Vassar Class day invitations (1909)

Letters and cards from Margery while at Vassar

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Finding Aid Date

Dates: approximately 1905-1963