

# Guide to the Sybil Huntington May Papers, 1898-1976 (bulk 1910-1919)

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## Collection Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
<b>Creator:</b>	May, Sybil Huntington
<b>Title:</b>	Sybil Huntington May Papers
<b>Inclusive Dates:</b>	1898-1976
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	1910-1919
<b>Quantity:</b>	2 cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Materials related to May's life as a student at Vassar and during the years immediately after her graduation. There is also correspondence related to Leo Huberman, co-founder of the <i>Monthly Review</i> .

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## Biographical Note

Educator Sybil Huntington May taught at the progressive City and Country School in New York City for 24 years before becoming a charter staff member of the *Monthly Review*. May was born in 1893 in New York City, the daughter of Charles and Carder Collins May. She attended the Charlton School, before entering Vassar in 1910. Her post-Vassar education included the New York School of Philanthropy (1914-1915) and Teachers College of Columbia University where she earned an M.A. in 1917. Her early career in education included teaching English at Miss Pond's

School in Newark, New Jersey (1917-1918), English and History at Miss Chapin's School in New York City (1918-1922, 1923-1926) and the sixth grade at Francis Parker School in Chicago(1922-1923). She taught from 1926 until 1950 at the City and Country School in New York City. Upon her retirement, she began working with the *Monthly Review*, serving as the a proofreader and Executive Secretary of *Monthly Review Associates*, which raised funds for the non-profit publication. With the magazine's co-founder Leo Huberman, she co-wrote the *ABC of Socialism* (New York: Monthly Review, 1953), which was translated into Spanish, Swedish, Telugu, and Finnish. She died October 3, 1978.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains correspondence and photographs documenting the lives of May, her family, and friends, many of whom also attended Vassar College. Of special note are portrayals of family life in letters to May while she was at Vassar and observations by young socially conscious Vassar alumnae.

Correspondence from the late 1960's includes material related to Leo Huberman, co-founder of the *Monthly Review*.

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## Subject Headings

### Names:

- Huberman, Leo, 1903-1968

### Organizations:

- Vassar College--Alumni and alumnae
- Vassar College--Students

### VCL Categories

- Vassar College

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## Encoding Information

Encoded by Jessica Kemm, September 2009.

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Sybil Huntington May Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

## Processing Information

Original processing date unknown. Transcribed from paper guide, May 2005.  
Updated by Jessica Kemm, September 2009.

## Acquisition Information

Correspondence from 1915-1918 was donated by Edward Huberman in 1990 and is included in Series 2.

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## Series List

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[Series III.](#) Letters From Sybil H. May

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Folder 1.4	War Ration Books
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Folder 1.29	Brinsmade, Dorothy
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<b>Series III: Letters from Sybil H. May</b>	
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Finding Aid Date

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