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## Collection Summary

**Repository:** Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

**Creator:** Calvin, Ruth Goodkind, 1902-1957

**Title:** Ruth (Goodkind) Calvin Photograph Album

**Dates:** 1918-1923

**Quantity:** 0.2 cubic feet (1 box)

**Abstract:** The photograph album contains images from Ruth Goodkind Calvin's years at Vassar College, as well as her travels across the United States, particularly the American West and the National Parks.

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## Biographical Note

Ruth (Goodkind) Calvin (1902-1957) was born in Chicago to Doctor Maurice L. Goodkind (1866–1939) and Rose (Snydacker) Goodkind (1874–1940). She graduated from Vassar College with the class of 1922. During her college years and after, Calvin travelled extensively across the continental United States. In 1928, she married rancher James F. Calvin and settled in Cerrillos, New Mexico, where she lived until her death in 1957.

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## Scope and Content Note

The photograph album contains images from Ruth Goodkind Calvin's years at Vassar College, as well as her travels across the United States, particularly the American West and the National Parks. The Vassar photographs occupy about a quarter of the album and depict student life at the college, including a trip to West Point, athletic events, marching band, picnics, plays, ceremonies, buildings and grounds, and dorm life. The remainder of the album includes photographs of Glacier Park, Montana; Blackfoot Native Americans; cowboys, horses, and ranch life; Camp Hanoum in Vermont; Mt. Rainier, Washington; Rocky Mountain National Park and Great Sand Dunes National Park, Colorado; Logan Falls, Pennsylvania; San Ysidro Ranch in Santa Barbara; Chicago; and Kentucky. Also included are images from a visit to IXL Ranch in Wyoming, where Calvin met author Mary Roberts Rinehart (1876-1958).

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## Access and Use

### Access

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## Restrictions on Use

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## Related Material

- [Vassar College Student Materials Collection](#)

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## Subject Headings

### Organizations:

- Vassar College--Pictorial works

### Subjects:

- National parks and reserves--Pictorial works

### Places:

- West (U.S.)--Pictorial works

### Document Types:

- Photographs

### VCL Categories:

- Nature and Natural History
- Travel
- Vassar College

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## Encoding Information

Encoded by Emma Gronbeck, March 2023.

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Ruth (Goodkind) Calvin Photograph Album, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Emma Gronbeck, March 2023.

### **Acquisition Information**

Purchased from Lizzy Young Bookseller, March 2023.

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