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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Lathrop, Julia Clifford, 1858-1932
Title:	Julia Lathrop Papers, 1880-1932
Microfilm Produced	1990
Quantity:	6 reels
Abstract:	Microfilmed set of the Lathrop Papers held by the Rockford University Archives in Rockford, Illinois.

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Biographical Note

Julia Lathrop, Vassar Class of 1880, was a noted Progressive Era reformer who focused particularly on child welfare. She was born in 1858 in Rockford, Illinois, where she attended the Rockford Seminary (now Rockford University) along with Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr. After graduation from Vassar, Lathrop worked in her father's law office. In 1890, she moved to Chicago to work with Addams, Starr, Grace Abbott, and others at Hull House. It was the start of a long and active career in social reform. She was appointed to the Illinois State Board of Charities, became the director of the U.S. Children's Bureau, and spent her retirement years as the president of the Illinois League of Women Voters, and a member of the League of Nations' Child Welfare Committee. Lathrop died in 1932.

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Access and Use

Access

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Subject Headings

Organizations:

- Hull-House (Chicago, Ill.)
- League of Women Voters of Illinois
- Rockford College
- Vassar College--Alumni and alumnae

Names:

- Abbott, Grace, 1878-1939
- Addams, Jane, 1860-1935
- Balch, Emily Greene, 1867-1961
- Beers, Clifford Whittingham, 1876-1943
- Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962

Subjects:

- Child welfare--United States
- Social Reformers--United States

VCL Categories:

- Women's History

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Encoded August 2015. Updated by Emma Gronbeck, November 2023.

[Top](#)**Location of Originals**

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[Top](#)**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**

Microfilm reader required.

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- Reel 1 Hull House, 1894
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