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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Vassar College History Department

Title: Vassar College History Department Records

Dates: 1915-1985

Quantity: 13 cubic feet (16 boxes)

Abstract: Course materials, annual reports, and other materials relating to the development of the Vassar College History Department.

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Administrative History

When Vassar College first opened its doors in 1861, there was a Department of History and Political Economy, but there were no dedicated history faculty. In the early decades of the college, history classes were often taught by the college president. In 1887, the first history professor, Lucy Maynard Salmon, was hired. It was Salmon who created an independent history department at Vassar.

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Course materials, annual reports, and other materials relating to the development of the Vassar College History Department.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged roughly in alphabetical order. [Top](#)

Access and Use

Access

This collection is open for research according to the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#) without any additional restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

Permission to quote (publish) from unpublished or previously published material must be obtained as described in the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#).

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Related Material

Related Materials

- [Lucy Maynard Salmon Papers, Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#)
- [Lucy Maynard Salmon Historical Materials Collection, Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#)

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Subject Headings

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Curricula
- Vassar College--Faculty

Subjects:

- History--Study and teaching

Document Types:

- Audiovisual materials
- Correspondence
- Reports

VCL Categories:

- Vassar College Academic Departments and Programs

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, June 2012. Updated by Emma Gronbeck, March 2025.

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

The audio tapes in Box 12 will require reformatting at the researcher's expense before use.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Vassar College History Department Records, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Rachel Schles and Laura Streett, 2007 and 2012.

Acquisition Information

Transferred from the History Department in 2007 and 2012. (A2007-019, A2012-002, A2012-012, A2012-015)

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