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*Agassiz, Elizabeth Cabot Cary, 1822-1907. Papers of Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz, 1884-1959: A Finding Aid*
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Summary Information

Repository: Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute

Creator: Agassiz, Elizabeth Cabot Cary, 1822-1907

Title: Papers of Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz, 1884-1959

Identifier: SC 4

Date: 1884-1959

Physical Description: .42 linear feet ((1 file box) plus 1 folio folder)

Language Of Materials: Materials in English.

Overview:
Correspondence, speeches, memorials, etc., of Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz, first president of Radcliffe College.

Access Restrictions:
Access. Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use:
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Immediate Source Of Acquisition:
Accession number: R78-41

This collection was removed from the Radcliffe College Archives vertical file in October 1978.

Processing Information:
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Related Material:
There is related material at the Schlesinger Library; see Records of Radcliffe College President Elizabeth Cary Agassiz, 1879-1978 (SC 99); Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz Papers, 1838-1920 (A-3); Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz Papers, 1859-1879 (A/A262); Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz Letters, 1898 March 30 (A/A262a); Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz Letters, 1891, 1907 (A/A262b); Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz Letters, undated (A/A262c); Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz Letter, 1868 October 21 (A/A262d); Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz Postcards, 1905-1908 (A/A262e); Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz Letter, undated (A/A262f).

Preferred Citation:
Elizabeth Cabot Cary Agassiz Papers, 1884-1959; item description, dates. SC 4, folder #. Radcliffe College Archives, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University.

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Biography

Elizabeth Cary Agassiz, educator, was born into an upper class Boston family. She married the Swiss naturalist Louis Agassiz in 1850. She reared his three children and traveled extensively with him. From 1855-1859, she ran the Agassiz school for girls, and in 1879, having been widowed in 1873, she became one of the seven Lady Managers of the Society for the Private
Collegiate Instruction for Women (Harvard Annex). Elizabeth Cary Agassiz became the first President of the Society in 1882, and of Radcliffe College on its incorporation in 1894. Elizabeth Cary Agassiz resigned in 1900, and served as Honorary President until 1903. By her tact and her fund-raising abilities, she nurtured the college and insured its continuity.

Scope And Content

The papers contain correspondence, speeches by Elizabeth Cary Agassiz during her presidency, and memorials and biographical notices.
Collection Inventory

Papers concerning Elizabeth Cary Agassiz's visit to Oxford and Cambridge, 1895; circulars re: granting of degrees to women in Cambridge, 1896; notes by Isa E. Gray, 1895; newspaper clipping, 1896; speech by Elizabeth Cary Agassiz to Emmanuel Club, 1897.
   Identifier: 1. Box 1

Elizabeth Cary Agassiz's reports and speeches, 1884-1902: commencement address, 1884; librarian's reports, 1889-1890, 1890-1891, 1891-1892; notes for board meeting, 1896-1997; speech at the opening of Bertram Hall, 1901; speech on acceptance of gift of Student's Hall (Agassiz House), 1902.
   Identifier: 2. Box 1

Elizabeth Cary Agassiz scholarship, 1895; autograph letter, signed from Sarah Hallowell to Elizabeth Cary Agassiz, October 21, 1895.
   Identifier: 3. Box 1

Correspondence with Elizabeth Cary Agassiz, including Isa E. Gray, Henry Higginson, Agnes Irwin, 1889-1902; also 23 letters to Elizabeth Cary Agassiz re: her 80th birthday from college Presidents 1902; concert program 1902; and letters about Elizabeth Cary Agassiz from Wilbur K. Jordan and Louise Hall Tharp, 1944-1959.
   Identifier: 4. Box 1

Memorials, reminiscences and biographical notices by Georgina Schuyler at the memorial meeting for Elizabeth Cary Agassiz, December 8, 1907; reminiscences of Elizabeth Cary Agassiz by Mary Cary Felton, July 1915; news release 1947; clippings, 1902-1959.
   Identifier: 5. Box 1

Testimonials presented to Elizabeth Cary Agassiz on her 80th birthday, 1902
   Identifier: 6f+. Folio+ box | RCA FOLIO+. PROCESSED, Box 1
Controlled Access Headings

- Agassiz House (Cambridge, Mass.)
- Briggs, Le Baron Russell, 1855-1934
- Educators
- Higginson, Henry Lee, 1834-1919
- Irwin, Agnes, 1841-1914
- Women--Education

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