The Smith, H.W. mss., 1817-1987, consist primarily of letters of Hannah (Whitall) Smith, 1832-1911, her two daughters Mary (Smith) Berenson, 1864-1945, and Alys Whitall Pearsall (Smith) Russell, 1867-1951, and Mary's two daughters Ray (Costelloe) Strachey, 1887-1940, and Karin (Costelloe) Stephen, 1889-1953. Hannah and her husband Robert settled in the Quaker community of Germantown, Pennsylvania after their marriage in 1851. Hannah began preaching and writing on religious subjects, and later became involved in the temperance and suffrage movements. When Mary married an English barrister in 1888, the family moved to England where Hannah continued her work. It was there that Alys married philosopher Bertrand Russell. Alys joined her mother in working for women's rights and had a keen interest in political issues. Meanwhile Mary's marriage to Frank Costelloe failed soon after the birth of their second daughter Karin. Mary left England to tour the museums and cathedrals of Europe with her future husband, art critic Bernard Berenson. Mary's daughters Ray and Karin stayed in England with their father and thrived under the influence of their grandmother Hannah. Ray became the third generation of "Whitall" women to devote her life to women's issues, while Karin became a pioneer in Freudian psychoanalysis and one of Britain's first psychoanalysts.

The circle of friends and relatives broadened further when Ray married into the Strachey family and Karin wed Virginia Woolf's brother Adrian Stephen.

The correspondence is mostly among these five women, but included is correspondence with other members of the Smith family, extended relations and friends both in the U.S. and Europe. Correspondents include: Nancy Witcher (Langhorne) Astor, viscountess Astor, John Lloyd Balderston, Clive Bell, Bernard Berenson, Henry Louis Bergson, Richard Maurice Bucke, Jonathan Cape, Edgar Algernon Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, viscount Cecil, Kenneth McKenzie Clark, baron Clark, Cyril Vernon Connolly, Frank Costelloe, Dame Kathleen D'Olier Courtney, Dame Millicent (Garrett) Fawcett, Michael Field, Edward Morgan Forster, Charles Lang Freer, Roger Eliot Fry, Isabella (Stewart) Gardner, Barbara (Strachey) Halpern, Jane Ellen Harrison, John Waller Hills, John Maynard Keynes, baron Keynes, Henry Lamb, Hermann Obrist, Ralph Barton Perry, Marion Phillips, Corinne (Roosevelt) Robinson, Bertrand Russell, 3rd earl Russell, George Santayana, Geoffrey Scott, John Jay Smith, Logan Pearsall Smith, Robert Pearsall Smith, Lady Isabella Caroline (Somers-Cocks) Somerset, Adrian Stephen, Alix Strachey, Christopher Strachey, Giles Lytton Strachey, Oliver Strachey, Edith (Carpenter) Thomas, M. Carey Thomas, Robert Calverley Trevelyan, Beatrice (Potter) Webb, baroness Passfield, Walt Whitman, Albert Basil Orme Wilberforce, Frances Elizabeth Caroline Willard, Virginia (Stephen) Woolfolder.

The collection also contains: notes and transcripts of letters, writings, clippings, scrapbooks, diaries, and photographs.


ca. 30,500 items
SMITH, H.W. MSS
INVENTORY

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence is divided into two segments: 1. Letters from friends and colleagues, arranged chronologically; 2. letters from family members, arranged chronologically under each name

Correspondence from:

Colleagues and friends:
   Boxes 1-2: 1710-1987 (674 letters)

Berenson, Mary (Smith)
   Boxes 2-5: 1872-1944 (7,045 letters)

Russell, Alys Whitall Pearsall (Smith)
   Boxes 5-8: 1868-1950 (5,358 letters)

Smith, Hannah (Whitall)
   Boxes 8-11: 1836-1911 (7,113 letters)

Stephen, Karin (Costelloe)
   Boxes 11-13: 1892-1945 (2,884 letters)

Strachey, Ray (Costelloe)
   Boxes 13-15: 1890-1940 (4,535 letters)

MISCELLANEOUS

Berenson, Bernard
   Box 15
      folder 19 Cipher (for bookplate?)
      folder 20 Printed material about Berenson
      folders 21-22 Clippings, 1951-1984
      folder 23 Clippings - obituaries

Berenson, Mary (Smith)
   folders 24-25 Juvenalia
   folder 26 "Confessions of M.W.C., 1890"
   folders 27-28 Life of B.B., chap. I-IX
folder 29 "Reminiscences of Walt Whitman"
folder 30 Misc. poetry
folder 31 Misc. prose
folder 32 Lecture invitations and handbills
folder 33 Lock of hair
Box 16
folders 1-3 Miscellaneous
folder 4 Clippings, 1885-1950

Costelloe, Frank
folder 5 Election posters; "A wife shd"; photocopy of will
folder 6 Clippings, 1885-1886

Halpern, Barbara (Strachey). Contains research materials on:
folder 7 Bernard Berenson
folders 8-21 Mary (Smith) Berenson
folder 22 Frank Costelloe
folder 23 Alys Whitall Pearsall (Smith) Russell
folder 24-28 Hannah (Whitall) Smith
Box 17
folders 1-2 Logan Pearsall Smith
folder 3 Robert Pearsall Smith
folder 4 Karin (Costelloe) Stephen
folder 5 M. Carey Thomas
folder 6 Horace Traubel and Walt Whitman

Heithersay, Margaret L.
folder 7 Memoirs

Russell, Alys Whitall Pearsall (Smith)
folder 8 Broadcast scripts: 1) In my experiences... Sunday, Nov. 7, 1948; 2) A visit to
Tennyson... Thursday, Nov. 3, 1949
folder 9 Loose material from scrapbook, 1892-1896
folder 10 Loose material from scrapbook, 1898-1900
folder 11 Reminiscences about Bertrand Russell, notebook (Alys' hand?)
folder 12 Miscellaneous
folder 13 Printed: clippings, handbills

Smith, Hannah (Whitall)
folder 14 Contracts and copyright agreements
folder 15 Oxford meetings, 1874
folder 16 Woman's Christian Temperance Union
Writings
folder 17 Autobiography
folder 18 Memoirs
folder 19 "On authority of a husband"
folder 20    Misc. writings
folder 21    Printed: Yellowstone Park articles
folder 22    Printed: Misc.
folder 23    Writings by others on the Holiness Movement
folders 24-25    Miscellaneous
folder 26    Scrapbook: clippings and printed material, 1873-1884
folders 27-29    Clippings, 1876-1951

Smith, Logan Pearsall
    folder 30    Miscellaneous writings and photocopy of will

Smith, Robert Pearsall
    folder 31    Handbill, biographical information

Stephen, Adrian
    folder 32    Printed writings, photocopy of portion of diary

Stephen, Karin (Costelloe)
    folder 33    Juvenalia
    folder 35    Lecture
    folder 36    Speeches
    folder 37    Miscellaneous
    folder 38    Printed articles by Stephen
    folder 39    Clippings, 1907-1976

Strachey, Oliver
    folder 40    Misc. writings

Strachey, Ray (Costelloe)
    folder 41    Juvenalia
    folder 42    Transcript of letters, July 2-Nov. 24, 1908
Box 18
    folder 1    "Ray's journal," 1905
    folder 2    1918 election: handbills, clippings
    folder 3    Women's suffrage, 1909
    folder 4    Miscellaneous

Strachey family
    folder 5    Miscellaneous clippings, handbills, school reports: James, Alix, Julia, Philippa

Strachey

Thomas, M. Carey
    folder 6    Miscellaneous
    folder 7    Printed articles by Thomas
    folder 8    Clippings, 1885-1904
Whitall, John and Mary
    folder 9  Misc. writings, printed material

Miscellaneous
    folder 10  Printed material relating to Smith family and unidentified items

PHOTOGRAPHS

("Circ." refers to Circular letters written by Hannah (Whitall) Smith. See: Appendix A for the location of the Circular letters. For photographs in "Bound" volumes refer to the BOUND VOLUMES section which follows PHOTOGRAPHS)

Box 18 (cont'd)
    folder 11  Berenson, Bernard  (see also:  Box 18, folder 14, 15, 25; Circ. 125)
    folder 12  Berenson, Mary Smith  (see also:  Box 18, folder 12, 18, 22, 22a, 25, 28, 34, 35; Circ. 6, 87, 100, 102, 115, 125; Bound - Smith, no. 17; Strachey, no. 6, 7; Children's scrapbooks, no. 1, 4)
    folder 13  Costelloe, Frank  (see also:  Box 18, folder 12, 18; Circ. 29)
    folder 14  Halpern, Barbara (Strachey)  (see also:  Box 18, folder 11)
    folder 15  Hultin, Roger  (see also:  Box 18, folder 11, 12, 25, 26)
    folder 16  Russell, Alys Whitall Pearsall (Smith)  (see also:  Box 18, folder 18, 22, 22a, 28, 35; Circ. 6, 14, 65, 67, 83, 87, 92, 108, 115, 123; Bound - Smith, no. 17; Children's scrapbooks, no. 1, 4)
    folder 17  Smith, Hannah (Whitall)  (see also:  Box 18, folder 12, 16, 18, 22, 22a, 27, 35; Circ. 6, 14, 87, 115, 127; Bound - Smith, no. 17; Stephen, no. 2; Strachey, no. 6, 7; Children's scrapbooks, no. 1, 4)
    folder 18  Smith, Logan Pearsall  (see also:  Box 18, folder 16, 22, 22a, 28, 35; Circ. 6, 87; Bound - Smith, no. 17)
    folder 19  Smith, Rachel Pearsall  (see also:  Box 18, folder 22, 28)
        Smith, Robert Pearsall  (see:  Box 18, folder 16, 17, 22, 22a; Circ. 6, 14, 87;
    Bound - Smith, no. 17)
    folders 20-22  Smith family
    folder 22a  Smith family (folio - filed separately)
    folder 23  Stephen, Karin (Costelloe)  (see also:  Box 18, folder 11, 12, 13, 22, 22a, 25, 34; Circ. 87, 102, 125; Bound - Stephen, no. 2, 3; Strachey, no. 5, 6, 7; Children's scrapbooks, no. 1, 4, 5)
    folder 24  Strachey, Christopher  (see also:  Box 18, folder 26)
    folder 25  Strachey, Ray  (see also:  Box 18, folder 11, 12, 13, 16, 22, 22a; Circ. 6, 29, 59, 63, 87, 102, 125, 129; Bound - Stephen, no. 2, 3; Strachey, no. 5, 6, 7; Children's scrapbooks, no. 1, 5)
    folder 26  Strachey family
    folder 27  Whitall family
    folder 28  Family and friends (from disbound scrapbook)
    folders 29-33  Family and friends  A - Z
folder 34  Residences
folder 35  Travel photos (from disbound scrapbook)
folder 36  Copies

BOUND VOLUMES

An account of the illness and death of Elizabeth and Rebecca Reeves, 1832

Berenson, Mary (Smith)
1. Diary, Oct. 16, 1876-May 14, 1877

Russell, Alys Whitall Pearsall (Smith)
1. Address book
2. Diary, Jan. 1, 1877-July 3, 1878
3. Diary, Nov. 5, 1883-Feb. 1894
4. Scrapbook, 1892-1896 (see also: Box 17, folder 9)
5. Scrapbook, 1898-1900 (see also: Box 17, folder 10)

Smith, Hannah (Whitall)
1. Address book
2. Commonplace book, 1879
5. Diary, vol. 4, 1850
6. Diary, vol. 5, Mar. 7-Oct. 26, 1851
7. Diary, vol. 6, Nov. 12, 1851-Jan. 2, 1856
9. Diary, vol. 8, Jan. 2, 1858-Sept. 9, 1867
10. Diary, vol. 9, Dec. 25, 1867-Sept. 25, 1868
13. Letters, Jan. 13-May 19, 1874
17. Letters from England, May 25-June 27, 1875
18. Nelly, 1852-1858

Stephen, Karin (Costelloe)
2. Diary, Aug. 2, 1904-Dec. 13, 1905
3. Diary, July 4, 1906-Aug. 11, 1908
4. Diary, Feb. 5, 1913-Mar. 15, 1915

Strachey, Ray (Costelloe)
1. Address book
2. Aesthetic Criticisms
3. Conversations, 1906-1909
4. Diary, May 9-Aug. 31, 1900
5. Diary, Apr. 1, 1902-Sept. 15, 1903
6. Diary, Oct. 13, 1903-Sept. 12, 1904
7. Diary, Oct. 3, 1904-Sept. 8, 1908
8. Diary, Sept. 24, 1909-Nov. 23, 1914
10. Diary, Mar. 1924-Dec. 8, 1935

**Children's scrapbooks** (Contain letters and drawings by Ray and Karin to Hannah and Mary, letters from Hannah to Mary, and photographs)
2. Mar.-Nov. 1897
3. 1897-1898
4. Apr.-Dec. 1898
5. Dec. 1898-Feb. 1899

**Family scrapbooks** (Contain mostly newspaper clippings)
1. 1870-1899
2. 1880-1902
APPENDIX A
Circular Letters

The circular letters were written by Hannah (Whitall) Smith and sent to family and friends back in the United States after the family's move to England. The letters are numbered and interfiled into Hannah's correspondence chronologically.

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