

Mary Crocker Boutell Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator -	Boutell, Mary Crocker
Creator -	Crocker, Emory Stewart
Creator -	Crocker, Martin Richard
Title	Mary Crocker Boutell papers
Date [inclusive]	1914-1923
Extent	0.5 Cubic feet , 1 volume
Language	English

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Biographical Note

Mary Crocker Boutell was the daughter of Samuel Crocker, surveyor and civil engineer of Algonac, Michigan. She had two brothers, Martin Richard and Emory Stewart Crocker.

Mary Crocker entered the Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1914. In her senior year, she was elected to membership in the Sphinx and Omicron Nu (Home Economics) societies. She graduated in 1918 with a B.S. in Home Economics. She kept a scrapbook during her college years, a record of student social events and academic achievements.

According to news clippings and a letter meant for her parents, she planned on teaching in Hillsdale following graduation. In the following year, 1919, she was teaching mathematics at East Lansing High School. By 1931, she was residing in Ypsilanti, MI, and had married Nelson Boutell. She had at least one daughter, Mrs. Richard L. Boatwright.

Her brother, Emory Crocker, was a member of Battery A, 119th Field Artillery, and both her brothers fought during World War I. Emory was stationed in Waco, Texas, and in France during the war. Her brother Martin was stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland, and in France during the war, as a member of the Division of Engineers. They both also attended M.A.C. Emory graduated in 1917 with a B.S. in Forestry. Martin was originally a member of the class of 1918, but dropped out to fight in World War I. He re-entered M.A.C. in 1919, and graduated with a B.S. in Engineering with the class of 1920.

Scope and Contents note

Mary Crocker's scrapbook contains numerous mementos from her college days at the Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). The collection spans the years 1914 to 1918, although a few items date from 1923 to 1925. Letters and loose items have been removed from the scrapbook placed into folders.

Her scrapbook contains various artifacts and letters which shed light into the life of a co-ed at Michigan Agricultural College during the early twentieth century. It is a record of social activities, academic achievements, and events significant in the life.

Objects of interest relating to the many social activities attended by Mary Crocker include: party programs and invitations from various college societies, notifications of membership election from the Sphinx and Omicron Nu (Home Economics) societies, a constitution of the Omicron Nu society, class rivalry posters, and class rush pictures, news clippings from the *Detroit News Tribune* regarding football games against the University of Michigan, and letters from several young men requesting the accompaniment of Mary Crocker, the majority penned by R.J. Johnson and George Henshaw. Materials

relating to academics include: class schedules, tuition receipts, reports of standings, commencement programs, and letters from various public schools regarding teaching positions after graduation.

Events of interest in the scrapbook include: pictures and news clippings regarding the 1916 fires of the MAC Engineering Buildings and East Lansing High School, news clippings and pictures of the MAC 1915 Forestry Summer Camp attended by her brother, Emory, and Emory's Honorable Discharge from the National Guard (July 12, 1917).

Letters from her two brothers, Emory and Martin, who fought in World War I, were also saved by Mary. A member of Battery A, 119th Field Artillery, Emory's letters to his sister document camp conditions at his base in Waco, Texas, and of conditions in France, where he was stationed during the war. Note that Emory repeatedly dated his letters "1917," while the postmark indicates the year as being "1918."

Martin's letters document conditions at his base camp at Camp Meade, Maryland, and of the war from his station in France. He was a member of the Division of Engineers.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Michigan Agricultural College. Sphinx. -- Chronological subdivision--1914-1918;
- Michigan Agricultural College.
- Michigan State University. Class of 1918.
- Omicron Nu. Alpha Chapter (Michigan State University). -- Chronological subdivision--1914-1918;

Genre(s)

- Letters (correspondence)
- Photographs
- Programs (Publications)
- Scrapbooks

Personal Name(s)

- Boatwright, Richard L., Mrs.

Subject(s)

- Student activities
- World War, 1914-1918

Papers

Collection Inventory

Papers		
Correspondence		
	Drawer	Folder
Family 1915-1919	F.D.	1
Emory. Waco, Texas 1917-1918	F.D.	2
Emory. Camp Merritt, New Jersey 1918	F.D.	3
Emory. France 1918	F.D.	4
Martin. Camp Meade, Maryland 1917-1918	F.D.	5
Martin. France 1918	F.D.	6
Soldiers 1917-1918	F.D.	7
Teaching Positions 1918-1919	F.D.	8
Social Life. Dates 1915	F.D.	9

Programs

Social Life. Dates 1916	F.D.	10
Social Life. Society Invitations 1916-1918	F.D.	11
Programs		
	Drawer	Folder
Football 1915-1916	F.D.	12
Societies 1916	F.D.	13
Commencement 1916, 1918	F.D.	14
World War I 1917, Undated	F.D.	15
M.A.C. Rifle Team / M.A.C. Directory 1915-1916	F.D.	16
Announcements 1923-1925	F.D.	17
	Drawer	Folder
Academics 1914, 1916 - 1918	F.D.	18
Programs. Social Life. Miscellaneous 1917, Undated	F.D.	19
Scrapbook		
		Volume

Photographs

Scrapbook # 244 1914-1925

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Photographs**Box**

Lumbering. Crews

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Michigan State University. Military Science. 1910-1920

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People. Unidentified.

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Photo 33

Places. Unidentified.

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