



Inventory of the Rogers Family Collection (Collection #78)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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This collection of Rogers family letters, given by a family descendant, encompasses the dates 1919 – 1946. It is comprised of three groups of letters: Volumes 1 & 2 having letters from Mrs. William A. Rogers (Eleanor Silliman Rogers) to her daughter, Alice Rogers Hillis (the donor's mother) 1919 – 1930, with occasional letters from the donor's father, William A. Rogers; Volume 3 having letters from William A. Rogers to his daughter, Alice Rogers Hillis, 1930 – 1946.

The collection is stored in three half-boxes in thirty folders, and is Acquisition number 1996.21.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Introduction letter from donor, Mrs. Donald L. Rasmussen (nee Elizabeth Hillis) explaining that the donated letters presented an “interesting picture of life in those times and of the personalities of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.” Folder also includes donor's two-page guide to the identification of names encountered in the three volumes of letters.
- Folder 2: Includes donor's title page to Volume 1 and a page of color laser photocopy photographs of Mrs. William A. Rogers (Eleanor Silliman Rogers) in 1916, and a double portrait of Eleanor Silliman Rogers with her daughter Alice Rogers Hillis, 1916. Folder includes letters from January 10, 1919 to June 13, 1919.
- Folder 3: Includes letters June 15, 1919 to October 14, 1919.
- Folder 4: Includes letters October 19, 1919 to March 2, 1920

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- Folder 5: Includes letters March 3, 1920 to February 17, 1921
- Folder 6: Includes letters February 20, 1921 to March 17, 1921
- Folder 7: Includes letters March 18, 1921 to April 16, 1921

Box 2:

- Folder 1: Beginning of Volume 2, including cover page. Letters from May 20, 1921 to December 8, 1926
- Folder 2: Letters, December 9, 1926 to October 25/28, 1928
- Folder 3: Letters, October 28, 1928 to January 29, 1929
- Folder 4: Letters, February 4, 1929 to March 29, 1929
- Folder 5: Letters, April 6, 1929 to June 23, 1929
- Folder 6: Includes original and copied letters, beginning May 14, 1920 and running to July 7, 1920. Last two pages include a page of three color laser photocopied photographs of the Rogers house on Beach Street in lower Kennebunk ("Fairfield") ca. 1930, ca. 1930, 1996. Second page is non-laser photocopy of early 20th century photograph of Rogers home at 309 North Street, Buffalo, New York (demolished 1940s).

Box 3:

- Folder 1: Begins with donor's title page calling the Volume 3 of the donor's gift, "Letters from William A. Rogers to his daughter, Alice Roger Hillis, 1930 – 1946." Second page features color laser photocopy of b & w studio photograph of William A. Rogers, no date but ca. 1915. Letters begin with August 6, 1930 and run through June 8, 1937.
- Folder 2: Original letters from September 29, 1930 to July 23, 1931
- Folder 3: Original letters from August 8, 1931 with donor's contemporary notation "Description of Atwater Kent wedding!!". Runs to July 14, 1933.
- Folder 4: Letters from July 17, 1933 to August 1, 1934
- Folder 5: Letters from August 6, 1934 to March 20, 1946

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