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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Worden, Helen, 1896-1984
Title:	Helen Worden Erskine papers
ID:	4078525
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Language of the Material:	English .

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Biographical Note

Helen Worden Erskine Cranmer (1896-1984), was a journalist, advice columnist, biographer, and ghostwriter. She worked as a reporter and columnist for *The World* (later *New York World-Telegram*) from 1926 to 1944, contributed freelance work to magazines from 1944 until 1956, worked as associate editor for *Collier's* from 1952 until 1956, and wrote the Dorothy Dix syndicated advice column from 1959 until 1964. She also published books on New York City and recluses, and served as a ghostwriter for several autobiographies and many biographical and autobiographical magazine articles.

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Biographical / Historical

Helen Worden was born in Denver, Colorado on July 12, 1896. Her father, Charles George Worden (1869-1897), was an attorney and publisher who died the year after Helen's birth. Her mother, Wilbertine Teters Worden (1867-1949), was also a journalist, as was her aunt, Luellen Teters Bussenius. She spent her childhood in Colorado and New York City.

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Biographical / Historical

Worden studied drawing at the University of Colorado from 1915 until 1919 and in Paris, with Andre Lhote (1885-1962), in 1925 and 1926. She often incorporated her own sketches in her columns. She joined the staff of *The World* as a society reporter, and later worked as a crime reporter for the *New York World-Telegram* from 1937 until 1944. (This role supported her subsequent appearance on "The \$64,000 Challenge" television program with crime as her specialty.) In addition to her newspaper work, Worden published several books during the 1930s and early 1940s: *The Real New York* (1932), *Round Manhattan's Rim* (1934), *The Society Circus* (1937), *Here is New York* (1939), and *Discover New York* (1943).

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Biographical / Historical

In 1938, Worden wrote the first of a series of popular articles on the "Mystery Men of Harlem," the wealthy and reclusive brothers Homer and Langley Collyer. New York City's recluses were also the subject of Worden's 1953 book, *Out of This World*. She left the *New York World-Telegram* in 1944 to focus on freelance work. In 1953, during her tenure at *Collier's*, she joined the press pool for United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' tour of the Middle East and Asia; she was the only woman correspondent on the tour.

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Biographical / Historical

The Dorothy Dix advice column Warden wrote from 1959 until 1964 was the first syndicated advice column, originated by the journalist Elizabeth Meriwether Gilmer (1861-1951) in 1895 and distributed by The Bell Syndicate. In some papers it appeared over other signatures: Clara Valli, Muriel Nissen, Kitty Kelly, or Gladys Parker. Joyce Brothers took over the column on Worden's departure in 1964.

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Biographical / Historical

Helen Worden was married to John Erskine, author and professor of English at Columbia University, from 1945 until his death in 1951; and to William Henry Harrison "Harry" Cranmer, a mining engineer, from 1959 until his death in 1967. She died in New York City on July 31, 1984.

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Scope and Content

Correspondence, manuscripts, drafts, notes, documents, drawings, photographs, audio tapes, clippings, and other printed materials covering every aspect of Helen Worden Erskine Cranmer's life and career. There are extensive biographical files on: Jenny S. Bradley, Prince Charles of England, Joseph Dixon, Dwight and Mamie Doud Eisenhower, Rosina Lhévinne, Paul Niehans, the Morgan twins (Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt and Thelma Morgan Converse Furness), Jovanka Tito, Harry and Bess Truman, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor; and large files on crime, recluses, New York City history, and travel. There are extensive drafts and source materials for her unpublished autobiography. There are pencil sketches, pen-and-ink drawings, watercolors, charcoal sketches, photographs, and printed copies by Helen Worden Erskine Cranmer and by others.

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Arrangement

Material is arranged into four series.

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Restrictions on Access

Series I: Catalogued Correspondence, boxes 1-2, is located on-site.

Restrictions on Access

Series II, III, and IV are located off-site. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

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Related Materials

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[Wilbertine Teters Worden papers](#): papers of Helen Worden Erskine's mother, the journalist and writer Wilbertine Teters Worden. At the Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University.

Related Materials

[Luellen Teters Bussenius papers](#): papers of Helen Worden Erskine's aunt, also a journalist and editor of *The Delineator*.

Related Materials

[John Erskine papers](#): Papers of Helen Worden Erskine's first husband, Columbia University English professor, writer, and president of the Juilliard School of Music. At the Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University.

Related Materials

[Reminiscences of Helen Worden Erskine : oral history, 1957](#): Transcript of an oral history interview with Joan Pring, in which Worden discusses her early life in Denver, Colorado and New York City; Paris, 1925; the New York World and World-Telegram, 1926-1931; and Professor John Erskine.

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Controlled Access Headings

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- Colorado -- Description and travel
- Frontier and pioneer life -- Colorado
- Ghostwriters
- Advice columnists
- Biographers
- New York (N.Y.) -- Description and travel
- Diaries
- typescripts
- Short stories
- Articles
- Advice columns
- Drafts (documents)
- Memorandums
- Scrapbooks
- Clippings (Information Artifacts)
- Dixon, Joseph, 1799-1869
- Charles, Prince of Wales, 1948-
- Bradley, Jenny S., 1886-1983

- Eisenhower, Dwight D (Dwight David), 1890-1969
- Lhevinne, Rosina, 1880-1976
- Niehans, Paul, 1882-1971
- Vanderbilt, Gloria Morgan, 1904-1965
- Erskine, John, 1879-1951
- Barton, Bruce, 1886-1967
- Bolton, Guy, 1884-1979
- Hurst, Fannie, 1889-1968
- Graham, Stephen, 1884-1975
- Hurston, Zora Neale
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- World

Other Finding Aids

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Bolton, Guy	box 1
Bryher, Winifred	box 1
Caldwell, Erskine	box 1
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Damrosch, Walter Johannes	box 1
Davidson, Jo	box 1

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Fadiman, Clifton	box 2
Farley, James Aloysius	box 2
Fish, Stuyvesant	box 2
Frederica, Queen Consort of King Paul of the Hellenes	box 2
Frohman, Daniel	box 2
Gish, Lillian	box 2
Gogarty, Oliver Joseph St John	box 2
Goldberg, Rube	box 2
Graham, Stephen	box 2
Hansen, Harry	box 2
Harris, Jed	box 2
Hayes, John Russell	box 2
Highet, Gilbert	box 2
Holt, Hamilton Bolton	box 2
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Hurston, Zora Neale	box 2
Huston, John	box 2
Kauffer, Edward McKnight	box 2
Kennerley, Mitchell	box 2
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Lamont, Thomas William	box 2
Lindbergh, Charles August us	box 2
Luce, Clare Boothe	box 2
Marie Pavlovna, Grand Duchess of Russia	box 2
Maxwell, Elsa	box 2
Morris, Lloyd R.	box 2
Moses, Robert	box 2
Reid, Helen Rogers (Mrs. Ogden M.)	box 2
Reid, Whitelaw	box 2

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Rhys, Ernest Percival	box 2
Robinson, Henry Morton	box 2
Schwab, Charles Michael	box 2
Speyer Leonora von Stosch	box 2
Stewart, William Rhineland, Jr.	box 2
Stolberg, Benjamin	box 2
Sullivan, Frank	box 2
Swartwout, Gladys	box 2
Talleyrand-Perigord, Anna Gould de Castellane, Duchesse de	box 2
Tito, Josip Broz and Jovanka Budisavljevic Broz	box 2
Trilling, Lionel	box 2
Troubetzkoy, Amelie Rives Chanler (Princess Pierre)	box 2
Tynan, Kenneth Peacock	box 2
Van de Water, Virginia Belle Terhune	box 2
Van Doren, Irita Bradford	box 2
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Series II: Writings by Helen Worden Erskine

Subseries A: Autobiography

Scope and Contents

Manuscripts, drafts, notes, correspondence, and related items for her projected autobiography which included family history, her grandfather (Col. Wilbert Barton Teters) and his Civil War experiences, her childhood in New York City and in Colorado, life with her mother (Wilbertine Teters Worden), her career in journalism, her travels, and her marriages to John Erskine and to William Henry Harrison Cranmer. She published many articles based on her childhood and on her mother's adventures. Guy Bolton's play, *Jenny Kissed Me*, was based on her memoirs of her mother. There are also many genealogical notes on the Teters, Wordens, and other related families.

Title/Description	Instances
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Typescripts	box 15
Typescripts	box 16
Typescripts	box 17
Drafts and Notes	box 18
Drafts and Notes	box 19
Drafts and Notes	box 20
Drafts and Notes	box 21
Notes and Miscellaneous	box 22
Notes and Miscellaneous	box 23
Diaries, 1915-1949	box 24
Diaries, 1950-1956	box 25
Diaries, 1957-1961	box 26
Diaries, 1962-1969	box 27
Diaries, 1970-1976	box 28
Diaries, 1978-1983	box 29

Subseries B: Biography

Scope and Contents

Manuscripts, typescripts, memoranda, notes, correspondence, tape cassettes, transcripts, photographs, clippings, and other related materials for her biographical articles and columns for magazines and newspapers and for her books and planned books.

Title/Description	Instances
Blacks--Liberia, Marian Anderson, and others	box 30
Bradley, Jenny Serruys (Mrs. William A.), 1886-1983	
Scope and Contents	
The unpublished biography, <i>Many Sinners and a Few Saints</i> , of this French literary agent.	
Typescripts and Transcripts of Tapes	box 31
Typescripts and Transcripts of Tapes	box 32
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Scope and Contents	
28 audiocassette tapes	
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Scope and Contents	
A 1955 magazine articles and a projected biographical book.	
Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales	box 36
Scope and Contents	
A 1955 magazine articles and a projected biographical book.	
Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales	box 37
Scope and Contents	
A 1955 magazine articles and a projected biographical book.	
Dehn, Konrad Detlev, Count von, 1688-1753	box 38
Scope and Contents	
The Von Dehn family of California commissioned her in 1958 to write a biography of this Danish and German diplomat. She withdrew from the arrangement in 1961.	
Dehn, Konrad Detlev, Count von, 1688-1753	box 39

Scope and Contents

The Von Dehn family of California commissioned her in 1958 to write a biography of this Danish and German diplomat. She withdrew from the arrangement in 1961.

Dixon, Joseph, 1799-1869

box 40

Scope and Contents

She was commissioned in 1956 by *The Reader's Digest* and in 1958 by the Dixon Crucible Co., of Jersey City, New Jersey, to write a biography of this American inventor. Her article appeared in 1958 but the book was abandoned in 1961 for lack of surviving documentation.

Dixon, Joseph, 1799-1869

box 41

Scope and Contents

She was commissioned in 1956 by *The Reader's Digest* and in 1958 by the Dixon Crucible Co., of Jersey City, New Jersey, to write a biography of this American inventor. Her article appeared in 1958 but the book was abandoned in 1961 for lack of surviving documentation.

Eisenhower, President Dwight D. and Mrs. Mamie Doud

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Erskine, John, 1879-1951

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Scope and Contents

She wrote several articles about her first husband, Professor of English at Columbia University, 1909-1937 and President of the Julliard School of Music, 1928-1937.

Tape Recordings

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French Celebrities

box 45

Scope and Contents

Gen. and Mme Christian Castries, Genevieve de Galard-Terraube, Andre Geraud-Pertinax, Andre Maurois, the Rothschilds, and Misia Sert.

Hermits and Recluses (mostly in New York City)

Scope and Contents

Newspaper articles for the *New York World-Telegram* and stories for various magazines, later drawn upon for her book, *Out of This World* (New York, G.P. Putnam's Sons, circa 1953), from which

the play, *The Girls in 509* (1959), was adapted by Howard Teichman.

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The Collyer brothers--Correspondence and Poetry of the Collyer Family, 1860-1880	box 47
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Lhevinne, Rosina Bessie, 1879-	box 50
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A projected biography of this pianist and music teacher.	
Marks, Gerald	box 51
Scope and Contents	
She helped this American songwriter with his autobiography.	
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New York Celebrities	box 55
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New York Celebrities--Women	box 57
Niehans, Paul, 1882-1971	
Scope and Contents	
From about 1962 until 1971 she wrote articles about Dr. Niehans' cellular therapy and worked on his biography which failed to find a publisher.	
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Notes, Drafts, and Correspondence	box 64
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Scope and Contents	
Her article on salespeople and correspondence for her projected book, <i>Drummer Boy</i> , a history of the traveling salesman.	
Princess Soraya (former Empress of Iran)	box 69
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Truman, President Harry S. and Mrs. Bess Wallace--Article for <i>Collier's</i> in 1952 and 1955, 1952, 1955	box 73
Vanderbilt, Gloria Morgan (Mrs. Reginald W.); Thelma Morgan Converse Furness (Viscountess Furness) (The Morgan Twins) and Gloria Vanderbilt Cooper	
Scope and Contents	
From 1956 until 1958 she worked on the dual autobiography of the Morgan twins; after a disagreement, the book was completed by another author. These files include early materials on the Gloria Vanderbilt custody trial and Thelma's affair with the Duke of Windsor.	
Drafts and Transcripts	box 74
Drafts and Notes	box 75
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Vanderbilt Family	box 78
Scope and Contents	
Her newspaper and magazine articles and clipping files on Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. Hamilto, McK. Twombly, and other family members.	
Windsor, Duke and Duchess of	box 79

Scope and Contents

Their courtship, the abdication crisis, and their subsequent lives.

Windsor, Duke and Duchess of

box 80

Scope and Contents

Their courtship, the abdication crisis, and their subsequent lives.

Subseries C: Crime

Scope and Contents

Newspaper articles, drafts, planned books, clippings, notes, and correspondence about crime and trials, primarily in New York City, Helen Worden was a crime reporter for the *New York World-Telegram* from 1937 until 1944. Later she appeared on "The \$64,000 Challenge" television program with crime as her specialty.

Title/Description	Instances
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Miscellaneous	box 82
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Subseries D: Fiction

Scope and Contents

Drafts, Proofs, Notes, Correspondence, and Publicity Materials

Title/Description	Instances
Serials for Newspapers and Magazines	box 90
Short Novel: <i>Prelude to Murder</i>	box 91

Scope and Contents

In 1952 she collaborated with Rita Weiman on this unpublished mystery story which is based on the

Parsons' abduction case which she had covered as a crime reporter.

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Short Stories	box 93

Subseries E: Funerals and Memorial Societies

Title/Description	Instances
Articles for <i>The Reader's Digest</i> , 1956-1958.	box 94

Subseries F: Magazines

Scope and Contents

Editorial correspondence about her many magazine articles, along with some drafts, memoranda, contracts, photographs, and printed articles.

Title/Description	Instances
Magazines, A-Z	box 95
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Subseries G: Newspaper Columns and Articles

Title/Description	Instances
"About People" in the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> from October 1948 until August 1949.	
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"The Dorothy Dix Column"	box 100
"The Dorothy Dix Column"	box 101
"The Dorothy Dix Column"	box 102
"The Dorothy Dix Column"	box 103
"The Dorothy Dix Column"	flatbox 537
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	

Scope and Contents

There is correspondence from readers, manuscripts and drafts of her replies, business correspondence and memoranda about the column, her subject files for replies, and promotional materials.

Biographical / Historical

This advice column was distributed by The Bell Syndicate from 1959 until 1964. In some papers it appeared over other signatures: Clara Valli; Muriel Nissen; Kitty Kelly; and Gladys Parker. She was succeeded by Joyce Brothers.

<i>The New York World-Telegram</i> --Clippings of her columns and articles	box 103a
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"That's Life" box 104

Scope and Contents

This column of commentary was distributed by the Hall Syndicate in 1955 and 1956. Correspondence, manuscripts, drafts, memoranda, contracts, and related materials.

"That's Life"	box 105
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Scope and Contents

This column of commentary was distributed by the Hall Syndicate in 1955 and 1956. Correspondence, manuscripts, drafts, memoranda, contracts, and related materials.

Miscellaneous columns: "About Society"; "The Art World"; "Belle Brummell"; "Heart Line"/"Heart Beat"--U.S.A."; "In New York"; "Of Men and Women"; "Reporter's Notebook"; and other unidentified columns and related materials	box 106
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Subseries H: Travel

Scope and Contents

Articles, book manuscripts, drafts, correspondence, journals, memoranda, photographs, printed and other related materials about her travels.

Title/Description	Instances
Colorado and the Surrounding Area	
Scope and Contents	
Articles about her childhood family, travels, and history of the Colorado area and its people.	
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Counties and Towns	box 109
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Miscellaneous	box 111
Miscellaneous	box 112
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Scope and Contents	
She wrote several guidebooks to New York City and many series of newspaper articles on New York City history.	
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From 1951 to 1956 she wrote many articles about the Middle East and in 1953 she covered the Middle Eastern tour of John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State.	
Saudi Arabia and the Middle East	box 122
Scope and Contents	
From 1951 to 1956 she wrote many articles about the Middle East and in 1953 she covered the Middle Eastern tour of John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State.	
Saudi Arabia and the Middle East	box 123
Scope and Contents	
From 1951 to 1956 she wrote many articles about the Middle East and in 1953 she covered the Middle Eastern tour of John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State.	
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United States	box 125

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Subseries I: Writings as a Subject

Scope and Contents

Notes, articles, correspondence and clippings on fiction, composition, vocabulary, correspondence-courses, criticism, playwriting, suggested topics, and scrapbook pages.

Title/Description	Instances
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Writings as a Subject	box 127

Subseries J: Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances
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Subseries K: Scrapbooks

Scope and Contents

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Miscellaneous--Passports, Documents, Lists, Awards, Ideas, Horoscopes, Publicity, Financial, Real Estate	box 145
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Subject Files	box 147
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Series III: Artwork

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Artwork, 1867, 1916-circa 1950s, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders Scope and Contents By Helen Worden and others. Also includes one folder of prints and maps.	box 155 folder 4-8
Artwork, circa 1920s-1940s	box 156 folder 1
George Frese comic, circa 1940s Scope and Contents Original artwork	box 156 folder 2
Drawing of Helen Worden, age 6, 1902	box 156 folder 3
Portrait of Helen Worden, 1942 <u>Physical Description</u> : Broken into two pieces; handle carefully.	box 156 folder 4
Artwork <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 portfolio	mapcase 14- H-3

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Tintype of Helen Worden with Patrick Henry (a dog), 1903 <u>Physical Description</u> : Rounded, three-dimensional object; probably intended to be framed.	box 151	folder 3
Colorado, 1916-1924, 1945-1977 Scope and Contents Denver, Boulder, and excursions into the mountains	box 151	folder 4
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<i>Discover New York</i> promotion, 1943	box 151	folder 10
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John Foster Dulles tour of the Middle East and Asia, 1953	box 151	folder 12
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John Erskine, Harry Cranmer, and families, circa 1890s, 1940s-1970s	box 152	folder 1
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Animals, 1903-1983 Scope and Contents Helen Worden and friends with animals, mostly cats and dogs.	box 152	folder 3
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Phyllis Chorman and Walter Comb family, circa 1920s-1955	box 152	folder 8

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