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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Bancroft, Margaret, 1891-1979
Title:	Margaret Bancroft papers
ID:	4078828
ID:	MS#0066
Date [inclusive]:	1913-1977
Physical Description:	5.5 linear feet 1 manuscript box & 4 record cartons
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Margaret Bancroft papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Margaret Bancroft was born about the year 1891, the daughter of Edward Erastus Bancroft (1858-1950) and his wife Josephine Augusta Given (1857-1924), of Wellesley, Massachusetts. Margaret's father appears to have attended Amherst College and eventually became a physician. Margaret attended the local schools at Wellesley and graduated with an A.B. in 1912 from Wellesley College and then an A.M. in 1913 from Columbia University. Her doctoral dissertation at Columbia was titled "The Popular Assemblies in the Municipalities of Spain and Gaul." In the 1920 Census she is found living at home, in Wellesley, Massachusetts, with her parents and siblings and working as a teacher at Wellesley College, where she worked for four years.

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Biographical / Historical

Her journal of 1913-1914 (in the collection), indicates she had a relationship with a woman by the name of Florence. One of Margaret's correspondents, a woman by the name of Helen Knowlton Goss Thomas, is known to have been a lesbian, and is enumerated in the census records with her female "partner". Among the materials in the collection is Bancroft's personal journal, in which she writes of her relationship with a woman named Florence and writes on several occasions about her turmoil over this relationship.

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Biographical / Historical

In 1959, Columbia made her the first recipient of an award given to a "distinguished retiring General Studies teacher." According to the Spectator, this award was subsequently given in her name. After her retirement in 1960, Margaret kept an informal salon once a month at her Morningside Heights apartment, where students and friends would drop in. Margaret Bancroft died in June 1979 of cancer in New York. She was 87 years old.

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Summary

Box 1 (original acquisition) includes letters, manuscripts, and memorabilia, including four letters from Columbia professors relating to Bancroft's participation in General Studies Day, May 1977. The manuscripts consist of two diaries, one from 1926-1929, which includes her account of a European trip and a second for 1969; a typescript she prepared for the use of her students in General Studies History 5 in 1941, entitled "The Old Stone Age" (357 p.) with several pen-and-ink sketches of early man; and four notebooks on ancient art taken at a course taught by Professor Richard Brilliant in 1974.

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Scope and Contents

Boxes 2-5 (2021 acquisition) consists of over 1,000 letters, primarily to and from Bancroft's brother Richard, as well as ephemera.

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is 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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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Bancroft, Margaret (via Gifts & Exchange). Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1980. Accession number--M80.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of the estate of Margaret Bancroft (via Gifts & Exchange), 1980.

Processing Information

Surveyed Christina Hilton Fenn 03/27/89.

Conditions Governing Access

Boxes 2-5 are unprocessed, but may be made available without further review. kws
2021-10-22

Processing Information

A basic folder list for boxes 2-5 (2021 purchase) was created by the curator. No further arrangement was done.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Controlled Access Headings

- History -- Study and teaching
- Art, Prehistoric

- Women -- Diaries
- Paleolithic period -- Study and teaching
- Europe -- Description and travel
- Drawings (visual works)
- Diaries
- Historians
- Women college teachers
- Brilliant, Richard

Other Finding Aids

Detailed dealer description for boxes 2-5 available in repository.

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Collection Inventory

Box List	
Title/Description	Instances
Diary, 1913-1914	box 1
Scope and Contents	
Includes photocopy of visa application	
Diary, 1926-1929	box 1
Diary, 1969	box 1
Memorabilia	box 1
Correspondence, 1977	box 1
"Old Stone Age", circa 1940s	box 1
Scope and Contents	
Typescript. Marked "For Use of GS History 5 students"	
Notebooks	box 1
Margaret Bancroft to Family	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1920-1929	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1930	box 2

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Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1931 Jan-Mar	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1931 May-Nov	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1932	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1933	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1934	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1935	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1936	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1937	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1938	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1940	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1941	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, 1942-1952	box 2
Margaret Bancroft to Richard Bancroft, Undated	box 2
F.S. Barton ("Aunt Bartie") to Margaret Bancroft, 1931-1948	box 2
Audree and Huguette de Basque (?) to Margaret Bancroft	box 2
Margaret Clapp	box 2
Margaret Heitand to Margaret Bancroft	box 2
Lady Hoskyns to Margaret Bancroft	box 2
H.C. Hughes and Wife to Margaret Bancroft	box 2
W.M. Krogman to Margaret Bancroft	box 2
Francis Phelps Penay to Margaret Bancroft	box 2
Alta Rockefeller Prentice and Family to Margaret Bancroft	box 2
Lillian Proctor to Margaret Bancroft	box 2
Letters of Machteld E. Sano to Margaret Bancroft	box 2
Helen Goss Thomas to Margaret Bancroft, 1951-1958	box 2
Ephemera. Newspaper clippings; Miscellaneous documents and photos	box 2
Ephemera. Cards, telegrams	box 2
Notes	box 3
Ephemera	box 3
Ephemera. Printed material	box 3
Ephemera. Envelopes	box 3
Ephemera. Newspaper clippings.	

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	box 3
Ephemera. Postcards	box 3
Ephemera. Telegrams, cards, Miscellaneous notes	box 3
Ephemera. Mss. Pp	box 3
Ephemera. Papers and documents, Printed and Mss	box 3
Ephemera. Envelopes	box 3
Ephemera. Greeting Cards	box 3
E.E. Bancroft to his daughter Margaret Bancroft	box 3
Mrs. Bancroft to her daughter Margaret Bancroft	box 3
Richard Bancroft to Margaret; Edward Bancroft (father) to Margaret, 1924-1936	box 3
Richard to his sister Margaret	box 3
Incoming Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1916-1929	box 3
Miscellaneous letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1920-1933	box 3
Incoming Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1930-1935	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1934-1939	box 4
Incoming to Margaret, 1936-1939	box 4
Incoming to Margaret Bancroft, 1943, 1949	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1943-1948	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1949	box 4
Incoming Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1950-1953	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1950	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1951	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1952	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1953	box 4
Incoming to Margaret Bancroft, 1954-1956	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1954	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1955	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1956-1957	box 4
Incoming to Margaret Bancroft, 1957-1959	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1958	box 4
Miscellaneous Letters to Margaret Bancroft, 1959	box 4
Incoming to Margaret Bancroft, Undated	box 4

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Undated and incomplete Letters to Margaret Bancroft	box 4
Richard Bancroft to others	box 4
Incoming to Richard Bancroft	box 4
Miscellaneous letters	box 4
To Family, 1913-1925	box 4
To Richard Bancroft, 1926	box 4
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To Richard Bancroft, 1938-1939	box 5
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To Richard Bancroft, 1942-1958	box 5
To Richard Bancroft, undated	box 5

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