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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Mitchell, Lucy Sprague, 1878-1967
<b>Title:</b>	Lucy Sprague Mitchell papers
<b>ID:</b>	4079116
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0884
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1878-1967
<b>Physical Description:</b>	34 boxes 33 boxes and one oversized item in a flat box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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

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## Biographical / Historical

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Educator, author. Mitchell was a prominent advocate of experimental education, founder of the Bank Street College of Education, and author of numerous books for children.

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## Summary

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Mitchell's corrected manuscripts and correspondence and notes pertaining to them. Personal correspondence, including some with her husband, Wesley Clair Mitchell, forms only a small part of the collection. Also, notes and letters related to various projects in which she was involved and two boxes of photographs and drawings.

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## Arrangement

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Cataloged and arranged.

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

EAD container listed added to finding aid. CCR. 2020-03-18

### Restrictions on Access

The following boxes are located off-site: Boxes 2-32. 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. Boxes 1, 33, and flat box 336 are located onsite.

### Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Bank Street College of Education. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1970. Accession number--M-70.

## Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 08/--/89.

## Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact [rbml@columbia.edu](mailto:rbml@columbia.edu) for more information.

## Processing Information

Glass negatives removed from box 11 and placed in new box 33. kws 2022-12-13

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## Related Materials

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### Selected Related Material-- at Columbia

[Reminiscences of Lucy Sprague Mitchell : oral history, 1960](#), Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Education -- New York (State) -- New York
- Education -- Experimental methods
- Children's literature

- Photographic prints
- Drawings (visual works)
- Women authors, American
- Educators
- Mitchell, Wesley C (Wesley Clair), 1874-1948
- Bank Street College of Education

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## Collection Inventory

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<b>Papers, 1878-1967</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Catalogued Correspondence & Miscellaneous Personal Letters	box 1	
Letters from L.S. Mitchell to friends	box 1	
Book about Asia Mss, Parts of a diary	box 1	
Our Children and Our Schools--Letters to L.S. Mitchell	box 1	
Ford Foundation correspondence	box 1	
Heath & Company correspondence	box 1	
Correspondence with Paul J. Misner	box 1	
Correspondence with Agnes Snyder	box 1	
Correspondence with Blanche Kent Verbeck	box 1	
Sprague Children's Letters	box 2	folder 1
Childhood--Mother's album	box 2	folder 2
L.S. Mitchell	box 2	folder 3
Diary in Europe	box 2	folder 4
Mitchell children	box 2	folder 5
Correspondence		
To W.C. Mitchell, 1909-1912	box 3	folder 1
From W.C. Mitchell, pre-marriage	box 3	folder 2
Engagement congratulations	box 3	folder 3
Family Letters	box 3	folder 4
Sympathy letters at husband's death	box 3	folder 5
Wesley C. Mitchell	box 4	folder 1
Berkeley	box 4	folder 2

Material about L.S. Mitchell	box 4	folder 3
Personal letters (Bank Street)	box 4	folder 4
Bank Street (West Coast)	box 4	folder 5
Bank Street Trips	box 4	folder 6
Radio Talks	box 4	folder 7
Speeches, Introductions	box 4	folder 8
Book Reviews	box 4	folder 9
"Every Child" (a film)	box 4	folder 10
Correspondence on Works		
Readers--Inter-author	box 5	folder 1
Readers--Miscellaneous	box 5	folder 2
My Country	box 5	folder 3
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Believe & Make Believe	box 5	folder 4
Two Lives	box 5	folder 5
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Unpublished Manuscripts		
Teacher's Education	box 6	
Atlas	box 6	
For Adults	box 6	
Stories for Children	box 6	
Notes on		
Basal readers	box 6	folder 1
Reader IV	box 6	folder 2
Reader V & VI	box 6	folder 3
Vocabularies	box 7	folder 1
Criticisms from Heath, 1945	box 7	folder 2
About Language	box 7	folder 3
Sketches of children	box 7	folder 4
Public School Workshops	box 7	folder 5
Children's Remarks & Stories	box 7	folder 6
Reader technique & editorial policy	box 7	folder 7

Kindergarten diary & children's stories	box 7	folder 8
Notes on Conferences on 9-10 year olds	box 8	folder 1
Baby Institute notes	box 8	folder 2
Pamphlet Reprint Duplicates	box 8	folder 3
Social Studies Curriculum	box 9	folder 1
Children Here & Now--College Pamphlets	box 9	folder 2
Pamphlet Reprints	box 9	folder 3
Miscellaneous pamphlets, magazines, etc.	box 9	folder 4
Photographs	box 10	
Photographs	box 11	
Glass plate negatives	box 33	
Sketchbooks	box 11	
Bookplate sketches	box 11	
Map sketches	box 11	
Printed Materials	box 12	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Includes Bibliography for L.S. Mitchell in Box 12.		
Printed Materials	box 13	
Printed Materials	box 14	
Manuscripts	box 15	
Manuscripts	box 16	
Manuscripts	box 17	
Manuscripts	box 18	
Manuscripts	box 19	
Manuscripts	box 20	
Manuscripts	box 21	
Manuscripts	box 22	
Manuscripts	box 23	
Manuscripts	box 24	
Manuscripts	box 25	
Notes on children and teaching techniques	box 26	
Notes on children and teaching techniques	box 27	



Notes on children and teaching techniques	box 27A	
Letters to LSM after death of WCM <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 28	folder 1
List of persons at WCM Columbia Service	box 28	folder 2
Children stories, 1919-1923	box 28	folder 3
Family Letters--Oxford period, 1931-1932	box 28	folder 4
Correspondence, 1927-1951	box 28	folder 5
LSM Correspondence, 1953	box 28	folder 6
LSM Correspondence, 1957-1960	box 28	folder 7
Bank Street	box 28	folder 8
Poems to WCM	box 28	folder 9
Berkeley-Honorary Degree, 1958	box 28	folder 10
[Robin. Nov. 2, 1948], 1948	box 28	folder 11
Miscellaneous materials, 1958-1962	box 29	folder 1
Photographs	box 29	folder 2
Manuscripts	box 29	folder 3
Manuscripts	box 30	
WCM--early years	box 31	folder 1
Early letters of WCM	box 31	folder 2
WCM letters to LSM--Oxford period, 1914-1919, 1931-1932	box 31	folder 3
WCM to LSM, 1920-1922	box 31	folder 4
Letters to WCM & LSM, 1920s	box 31	folder 5
Letters to LSM & WCM to children, 1931-1932	box 31	folder 6
WCM letters to Beulah Chute	box 31	folder 7
Correspondence with Beulah Chute	box 31	folder 8
Miscellaneous WCM Correspondence	box 31	folder 9
Robert S. Lynd file	box 31	folder 10
Index of diaries (WCM) in California years	box 32	folder 1
Clippings	box 32	folder 2
Miscellaneous WCM & LSM correspondence, 1909-1955	box 32	folder 3
Phonograph: Mitchell, Lucy Spague "This I Believe", 1954		

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