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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Rusk, Ralph L (Ralph Leslie), 1888-
Title:	Ralph L. Rusk papers
ID:	4079286
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Date [inclusive]:	1913-1956
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Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

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

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Biographical / Historical

Professor of English, Columbia University, 1925-1954, and Ralph Waldo Emerson specialist. Rusk taught English at the University of the Philippines, 1912-1914. Columbia University A.M., 1912; Ph.D., 1925.

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Summary

Correspondence, manuscripts, notes, course related materials, photographs, photostats, and printed materials of Rusk. Included are two small files of correspondence, approximately 100 items, relating to Rusk's editing of THE LETTERS OF RALPH WALDO EMERSON (1939) and

to his study of occasional poetry in Colonial America for the Colonial Project in American Literature. The manuscripts include several miscellaneous items by Rusk, and five Columbia University masters essays submitted to him in connection with the Colonial American poetry study. Also, 12,000 note cards relating to this study as well as 150 photostatic copies of books of Colonial American poetry. For the Emerson edition there are 14,000 note cards on Emerson's life and letters. There are also 1,000 note cards for Rusk's edition of THE LETTERS OF EMMA LAZARUS (1939). The Columbia course related materials consist of notes, syllabi, reading lists, bibliographies, examination questions, lists of students and a few letters from them for Rusk's American literature course, 1931-1951. The printed materials are mainly reprints of articles on R.W. Emerson, inscribed to Rusk and containing annotations by him. In addition there are 23 photographs taken by Rusk in 1913, of a Passion Play which was performed in the Philippines.

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Arrangement

Listed and arranged.

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Publication Statement

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Revision Description

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Rusk, R. L. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1956. Accession number--M-56.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 09/--/89.

Processing Information

Katia Shraga, May 2019: as migration issue for top containers is concerned, renamed boxes of Series III, IV and V as "Card File Box" + number; renamed Box 5 under Series VI: Photostat as "Tube Box 5".

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

- American poetry -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- American literature -- Study and teaching
- Scholarly publishing
- English language -- Study and teaching
- Theater -- Philippines
- Philippines -- Pictorial works
- Photographic prints
- College teachers
- Editors
- Emerson, Ralph Waldo, 1803-1882
- Columbia University -- Faculty
- Columbia University -- Students
- University of the Philippines -- Faculty

Publications About Described Materials

Emerson, Ralph Waldo. The Letters of Ralph Waldo Emerson, edited by Ralph L. Rusk. New York : Columbia University Press, 1939. [6 v.].

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Publications About Described Materials

Lazarus, Emma. Letters to Emma Lazarus in the Columbia University Library, edited by Ralph L. Rusk. New York : Columbia University Press, 1939.

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Correspondence; Photos; Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence & notes on colonial American poetry	box 1

Correspondence on Ralph W. Emerson Letters project	box 1
Photographs	box 1
Manuscripts: Columbia masters essays on colonial poetry	box 1
Manuscripts by R. L. Rusk	box 2:
Columbia Course Related Materials	box 3
Reprints Inscribed to Rusk	box 3

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Series II: Photostats of Books of Colonial American Poetry

Title/Description	Instances
A-B (alphabetically by author)	box 4
C-F	box 5
G-Mather(1)	box 6
Mather (2)-Q	box 7
R-S	box 8
T-Z	box 9
Printed Materials: Books on R. W. Emerson & colonial American poetry	box 10

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Series III: Card File Boxes of Notes: Colonial American Poetry

Title/Description	Instances
Bibliography, A-Z	box Card File Box 1
Bibliography, 1725-1799	box Card File Box 2
New York Public Library	box Card File Box 3
Photostat Records	box Card File Box 4
Sermons, A-S	box Card File Box 5
Sermons, R-Z	box Card File Box 6
Newspapers/Magazines: General Notes	

	box Card File Box 7
Newspapers, Conn.-Mass.	box Card File Box 8
Newspapers, Mass.-New Hamp.	box Card File Box 9
Newspapers, New York-Penna.	box Card File Box 10
Newspapers, Rhode Island.-South Carolina	box Card File Box 11
Newspapers, Mass., Conn., Virginia, South Carolina	box Card File Box 12
Magazines	box Card File Box 12

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Series IV: Card File Boxes of Notes: Ralph Waldo Emerson

Title/Description	Instances
Notes on Letters, 1813-1831	box Card File Box 13
Notes on Letters, 1832-1840	box Card File Box 14
Notes on Letters, 1841-1843	box Card File Box 15
Notes on Letters, 1844-1849	box Card File Box 16
Notes on Letters, 1850-1856	box Card File Box 17
Notes on Letters, 1857-1863	box Card File Box 18
Notes on Letters, 1864-1868	box Card File Box 19
Notes on Letters, 1869-1881	box Card File Box 20
Old Letter Calendar (Selected cards, 1812-1857)	box Card File Box 21
Letters Printed; Misc. Notes	box Card File Box 22
Life of R. W. Emerson	

box Card
File Box 23

Secondary Alphabetical File, A-Z

box Card
File Box 24

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Series V: Card File Boxes of Notes: Emma Lazarus

Title/Description	Instances
Emma Lazarus Notes	box Card File Box 25

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Series VI: Photostat

Title/Description	Instances
Good News from New England	tubebox Tube Box 5

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