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The American College for Girls was an outgrowth of an educational experiment called The Home School founded in 1871 in Istanbul by the Woman's Board of Missions and a group of women educators from Boston. Under the leadership of May Mills Patrick, and with the support of Sarah L. Bowker, Caroline Borden and other Boston women, the school was granted an act of incorporation as an educational institution in 1890 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Home School had been gradually adding post-high school course work over the years and in June 1891 conferred Bachelor of Arts degrees on its first seven graduates. As in the case of Robert College, ACG enrolled the Christian minorities within the Ottoman Empire. The first Turkish women attended surreptitiously, but more openly and in increasing numbers following the Young Turk uprising of 1908.

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The process of recruiting faculty members was a difficult one and some instructors pursued graduate work while they taught. In December 1905 a disastrous fire destroyed Barton Hall, the main instructional building, but fortunately no lives were lost. In the next few years Dr. Patrick increased her efforts to expand the college's facilities and by 1914 property had been purchased at Arnavutköy and four new buildings constructed. A fifth, Bingham Hall, was added in 1924. In the meantime the college had secured a second charter from the Massachusetts legislature in 1908 allowing it to develop independently from the restrictions of the Woman's Board of Missions.

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The dedication of the new campus was followed in the same year by the outbreak of World War I. Remarkably, the college survived the privations of wartime Istanbul and the Turkish government permitted it to function even after the U.S. declared war on Turkey's allies, the

Central Powers. Although some students represented nationalities at war with each other they continued to pursue their education side by side during the four years of the conflict.

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One of Dr. Patrick's strongest convictions was that medical education be available to women. In 1920 a medical department was opened at ACG together with the founding of The American Hospital (subsequently known as the Admiral Bristol Hospital). By 1924, however, the trustees of the college concluded that they could not continue to fund the medical department. Shortly afterward the Turkish government decided to limit such professional training to its own educational institutions.

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In 1924 Dr. Patrick retired and was succeeded by Kathryn Newell Adams, who had headed the English Department since 1920. She served until 1931.

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Historical Note

Prior to the appointment of Paul Monroe in 1932 as the president of both Robert College and the American College for Girls, the two institutions had begun sharing instructors for certain elective classes. The stringencies imposed by the depression led to further consolidation.

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Historical Note

When ill health compelled the retirement of Dr. Monroe in 1935, he was succeeded as head of the two institutions by Dr. Walter Livingston Wright, Jr., an Ottoman scholar whose extensive knowledge of the Near East served the colleges well during an era of profound change in Turkey. President Wright faced the continuous task of maintaining academic standards in the face of financial stringency. The curriculum underwent revision as the college strove to adapt to the needs of a nation undergoing modernization.

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As Europe's crises of the late 1930s brought war in 1939, it became increasingly difficult to attract qualified teachers. Moreover, when the U.S. became involved in 1941, President Wright was called to Washington to serve as an advisor on Near Eastern affairs. Dean Harold L. Scott, who had served Robert College in several capacities since 1911, guided the institutions through most of the war years acting as president. In 1944 Floyd Henson Black was appointed president of the college. His first teaching position had been as a tutor at Robert College in 1911. In 1914 he had returned to the United States and after completing his doctorate at Harvard he returned in 1919 to teach Latin. In 1926 he was appointed president of the American College in Sofia where he served for the next eighteen years. By 1944, however, the war forced the closing of the college in Sofia and Floyd Black returned, this time to a combined Robert College and American College for Girls, to lead it into the postwar years. By the war's end the college was highly respected in Turkey and there was no difficulty attracting students. The problems centered on a shortage of faculty and the college's aging physical facilities. Financial constraints and an overburdened faculty threatened an erosion of academic standards, even while extracurricular activities, drama, and athletics flourished. The college found itself at a crossroads and with the impending retirement of Dr. Black in 1955, the faculty sought to re-evaluate the academic needs of the institution while the trustees undertook to seek new sources of funding.

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In 1955 Dr. Duncan Ballantine, President of Reed College, was appointed by a joint presidential search committee composed of RC and ACG trustees. His mandate was to

revitalize the academic programs at the college. After a year-long study sweeping changes were made. The orta, which trained eleven to fourteen-year-old youngsters, was phased out. The four-year lise was made comparable to the three-year Turkish lise and designated Robert Academy. The collegiate division was granted permission by the Turkish Government to award Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees as well as Masters degrees in both fields. The college program was reorganized into three departments, the Engineering School, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Science and Foreign Languages. All three departments were to be coeducational.

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Timeline:

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1863 - Robert College founded by Hamlin and Robert.

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Historical Note

1871 - American College for Girls (originally known as The Home School) founded in Gedikpaşa.

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Historical Note

1874 - American College for Girls moved to Üsküdar.

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1912 - Engineering school opened at Robert College (with first civil engineering program in Turkey).

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1914 - American College for Girls moved to Arnavutköy campus.

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Historical Note

1932 - Administration of RC and ACG united under leadership of a single president.

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Historical Note

1958 - Three new schools added to the degree-granting Yüksek (Higher Education) Division of Robert College. Boards of Trustees and endowment funds of both Colleges merged under the name of the Trustees of Robert College of Istanbul.

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1971 - Robert College Yüksek transferred to the Turkish Government and now carries on the Robert academic tradition as Boğaziçi University. Robert Academy and ACG combined physically on the Arnavutköy campus as a co- educational six-year preparatory school.

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Summary

The American College for Girls records comprise eight series. In addition, there is a vital documents series, a substantial collection of photographs, and a sizable body of records that include both colleges.

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The collection also contains personal papers of some of the leading figures in the history of each institution, notably Cyrus Hamlin, George Washburn, Christopher Robert, Caleb F. Gates, Mary Mills Patrick and Caroline Borden. Cyrus Hamlin's earliest papers date from the 1830s, while the correspondence of the correspondence Caleb Gates and Mary Patrick extends into their retirement years as they continued to remain in close touch with their colleagues and former students.

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Summary

The earliest records of ACG date from 1890, the year of its founding with a charter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The records are not as complete for the early years as for the later ones. Nevertheless, they document the pioneering role of ACG in opening higher education to women in the Near East and thereby enrich our understanding of the dramatic changes in the changes in the status of women during the twentieth century.

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The collection contains a large proportion of college officials in Istanbul and the Office York. The vital role played by the trustees and material support to both colleges is well documented. Throughout the correspondence that concerns the operations of the colleges there can be found many commentaries on events in Turkey and the outlying regions of the Ottoman Empire. Moreover, the administrators of both institutions reported on their travels in Europe and the Near East. They wrote about Turkey and conditions during the Russo-Turkish conflict and both World Wars. Finally, they followed with great interest the modernization in Turkey and sought to adapt their own institutions to the far-reaching changes in Turkish society. Thus, while these records contain the history of two American colleges, they are also significant sources for the study of modern Turkey. Accordingly, extensive descriptions of each record series are provided.

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Collection Inventory

Series I: Records of the Trustees

Subseries I.1: Woman's Board of Missions

Scope and Contents

The bulk of the ACG records are those of the trustees. These include the work of their most important committees. The early records beginning in 1890 reflect the sponsorship of the college by the Woman's Board of Missions. Mary Mills Patrick, president, Florence Fensham, dean, and others provide accounts to the board of the work of the college. In the main, these reflect the day-to-day decisions necessary to develop a fledgling institution under less than ideal conditions. Important subjects covered in the early years are Patrick's efforts to secure property rights for a permanent campus, and an imperial Irade to formalize approval of the college by the Sultan. Issuance was announced in April 1895.

Scope and Contents

As early as 1893, ACG's advisory board raised the issue of separating the college from the Woman's Board of Missions so that it would stand on its own. Those who favored this believed that the college would then have broader appeal when it asked for contributions from denominations other than the Congregationalist-sponsored Woman's Board of Missions.

Scope and Contents

In addition to the ever-present matters of finances and supplies, a recurrent subject is the recruitment of faculty. Given the distance and slow means of communication between the United States and Turkey, there was necessarily much discussion of the qualifications of prospective teachers and the terms of their contracts.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bound Volume: General correspondence to President Mary Mills Patrick and Dean Florence Fensham from secretaries E. Harriet Stanwood and Abbie Child,, 1900-1905	box 1	
Bound Volume: General correspondence written by Sarah L. Day, treasurer, and Stanwood, secretary., 1905-1908	box 1	
Correspondence Fensham/Child, 1890	box 2	folder 1
General correspondence to Child, Ellen Carruth, and J. Augusta Smith (Mrs. Judson), 1890-1892	box 2	folder 2
Resignation of Caroline Borden as Secretary of the Corporation,, 1893	box 2	folder 3
General correspondence to Child, 1894-1895	box 2	folder 4-5
Correspondence to Child and Smith from Patrick and others, 1893;1895	box 2	folder 6
Reports to Child and Stanwood from Patrick, 1896	box 2	folder 7
General correspondence to Stanwood, 1896	box 2	folder 8

Correspondence to Child, Smith from Patrick and others, 1897	box 2	folder 9
Reports to Child from Patrick, 1898-1900	box 2	folder 10-11
General correspondence to Child, Stanwood and Smith, 1899-1900	box 2	folder 12
General correspondence to trustees (most relates to separation of ACG from the Board of Missions and establishment of a medical department),, 1901	box 2	folder 13
General correspondence to Child and Stanwood from Patrick and others,, 1902	box 2	folder 14
Reports to Stanwood and Smith from Patrick and Fensham, 1903	box 2	folder 15
General correspondence to trustees re Fensham's resignation, 1904	box 2	folder 16
Reports to Stanwood from Patrick (also includes letter from Robert Thomson to Stanwood re religious status of ACG),, 1904	box 2	folder 17
General correspondence to Stanwood (includes resignation 1905 from Day), 1905	box 2	folder 18
Reports to Stanwood from Patrick, 1905	box 2	folder 19
General correspondence, Woman's Board of Missions, 1906	box 2	folder 19a
Reports to Stanwood from Patrick, 1906	box 2	folder 20
General correspondence to Stanwood, 1906	box 2	folder 21
Reports to Stanwood from Patrick (much of the correspondence relates to possible purchase of the Arnavutköy property. Also see land series.),, 1906	box 2	folder 22
Correspondence to Stanwood from Roxana Vivian, acting president,, 1907	box 2	folder 23

Subseries I.2: Report and Minutes

Scope and Contents

Minutes and reports of ACG's Board of Trustees* and its various committees, such as Finance, Nominations, Instruction, and Buildings and Grounds. There are in addition president's and treasurer's reports.

Title/Description	Instances	
Miscellaneous organizational notes re trustees and faculty, 1900s	box 3	folder 1
Minutes of the first meeting of the Advisory Committee in New York,, 1904-1906	box 3	folder 2

List of original trustees, 1907	box 3	folder 3
Secretary's report on the organization of trustees, 1908	box 3	folder 4
First Annual Report of the secretary of the trustees, 1909	box 3	folder 5
Tribute to the memory of Professor Borden P. Bowne, president of the board,, 1910	box 3	folder 6
Acknowledgement of John D. Rockefeller's gift, 1912	box 3	folder 7
Minutes of trustees' meetings [A complete set of trustees minutes is in the Vital Documents Series],, 1912	box 3	folder 8
Minutes of trustees' meetings, 1915-1920	box 3	folder 9-12
Reports and minutes of trustees' meetings kept by Walter B. Walker (bound volume),, 1910-1922	box 3	folder 13
Minutes of Committee Meetings, Special Meetings and Trustee Meetings,, 1910-1929	box 3	folder 13A
"Information in Regard to ACG...Including Trustees, 1916-. Property, Attendance, Curriculum, Faculty and its Training, the Financing of the College, and Future Plans",, 1916-1917	box 3	folder 14
Correspondence, reports, minutes, 1910-1919	box 3	folder 15-16
Scope and Contents		
Folder 16 has correspondence from 1919 and 1924		
Committee meetings, minutes, miscellaneous, 1919	box 3	folder 17
Miscellaneous (includes unidentified letters) 1915, 1919, 1915, 1919	box 3	folder 18

Subseries I.3: General Correspondence

Scope and Contents

The general correspondence files contain many letters from Mary Mills Patrick that are richly detailed, not only for their description of college activities, but also for the information they convey about Istanbul in the early 20th century.

Title/Description	Instances	
Reports to Samuel Darling from Patrick, 1908-1909	box 4	folder 1
Reports to Darling from Vivian, 1908-1909	box 4	folder 2
Reports to Darling from Patrick and general correspondence, 1910	box 4	folder 3
Reports to Darling from Patrick and Eleanor Burns, 1911	box 4	folder 4
Reports to Darling from Patrick, 1912-1914	box 4	folder 5-7
General correspondence to Darling, 1915	box 4	folder 8

Correspondence to Charles Crane from Patrick, 1915	box 4	folder 9
Correspondence to Darling from Patrick, 1920	box 4	folder 10
General correspondence to Darling, 1920	box 4	folder 11
Correspondence to Crane from Patrick, 1921-1924	box 4	folder 12
Correspondence to Crane from Kathryn Adams, 1923-1925	box 4	folder 13
Correspondence to Grace Dodge from Patrick; includes 1912-1913 letters re medical department and increasing tuition, 1912-1913, 1912-1913, 1912-1913	box 4	folder 14
Correspondence to Dodge from Patrick, 1914	box 4	folder 15
Grace Dodge; obituary and correspondence re memorial service, 1915	box 4	folder 16
General correspondence to Dodge, 1914-1915	box 4	folder 17
Correspondence to William Adams Brown, chairman of Search 1915 Committee. Contains description of Adams's qualifications to succeed Patrick, 1915, 1915, 1915	box 4	folder 18
Clippings on Bowne, 1906	box 4	folder 19
Copy of Henry Morgenthau's letter to Olivia Slocum Sage (Mrs. Russell), 1914	box 4	folder 20
General correspondence to trustees, 1915-1923	box 4	folder 21
Report to trustees on trip to Turkey and visit to ACG by Albert B. Hart, [undated]	box 4	folder 22
Report by Hart on visit to ACG [made between 1900 and 1914], [undated], 1900	box 4	folder 23
Reports on visits to various colleges in the Near East [Staub?],, 1920s	box 4	folder 24
Report on visit to Turkey by Philip Brown titled, "American Educational Institutions in Turkey",, 1933	box 4	folder 25
"Laws for Private Schools," document issued by the Turkish Government,, 1922	box 4	folder 26

Subseries I.4: Papers of Caroline Borden

Scope and Contents

Caroline Borden was one of the most active of the trustees and her papers fill four boxes documenting her activities on behalf of the college. Her warm friendship with Mary Mills Patrick is reflected in their correspondence, and Patrick writes in considerable detail about life at the college with a sprinkling of comments on the political climate in Istanbul. Many administrative issues are discussed, principally the proposed moving of the campus from Uskudar to Arnavutköy.

Scope and Contents

Borden's own letters demonstrate her active role in the campaign to secure an act of incorporation for ACG from the Massachusetts legislature. In later years she worked to raise funds for the new campus and was supportive of the college in a variety of ways. Caroline Borden was also interested in preserving the history of ACG. Her papers contain notes and chronologies for her manuscript history of the college which is a separately bound volume in the archives.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence to Borden from Patrick, 1890-1906	box 5	folder 1-9
Correspondence to Borden from Patrick and Vivian, 1907-1910	box 5	folder 10
Correspondence to Borden from Patrick, 1908-1910	box 5	folder 11-12
Correspondence to Borden from Patrick, 1911-1912	box 5	folder 13-18
Correspondence to Borden from Patrick, 1913-1920	box 6	folder 19-24
General correspondence to Borden, 1890-1907	box 6	folder 25-31
General correspondence to Borden (includes letters from Vivian),, 1908	box 6	folder 32
General correspondence to Borden, 1909-1921	box 6	folder 33-38
Correspondence to Borden from Susan Olmstead, 1895-1921	box 7	folder 39-43
Correspondence to Borden from Ida Prime, 1902-1921	box 7	folder 44-50
Correspondence to Borden from William Peet, 1898-1920	box 7	folder 51-52
Correspondence to Borden from Morgenthau, 1914-1916	box 7	folder 53
Copies of correspondence; general, 1905-1914	box 7	folder 54-57
Correspondence to Borden from Dodge, 1908-1915	box 7	folder 57a
Copies of correspondence; general, 1915-1921	box 8	folder 58-60
Copies of general correspondence to Patrick (from Peet, Ramsay, Borden and others),, 1908-1921	box 8	folder 61
Copies of general correspondence to George Plimpton (from Borden, Root, Patrick, Wallace and others),, 1908-1921	box 8	folder 62
Copies of Borden's correspondence to Samuel Dutton and Talcott Williams,, 1901-1921	box 8	folder 63
Copies of Borden's correspondence to Walter Walker, 1914-1921	box 8	folder 64
Copies of Borden's correspondence to Edward Haskell, 1920	box 8	folder 65
Borden's summary notes of important events; many notes taken from the record book of Darling, secretary,, 1908-1913	box 8	folder 66

Extracts from letters re buildings on campus, 1908	box 8	folder 67
Borden's notes for history of ACG, 1889-1920	box 8	folder 68
Borden's notes; chronological history, 1907-1917	box 8	folder 69
Background information; origin and sketch of ACG prepared by Borden,, 1875-1908	box 8	folder 70
Paper by Borden on negotiations for Arnavutköy property. Also, copy of letter from Sir Edwin Pears to U.S. Minister Oscar Straus,, 1908	box 8	folder 71
Copies of letters re acquisition of Arnavutköy property, 1908-1910	box 8	folder 72
Scrapbook containing clippings, invitations, letters (Appears to belong to Caroline Borden), 1880s-ca.1907 Fragile (Just one item in this box), 1880s-ca.1907	box 8a	

Subseries I.5: Records Relating to Land Acquisition

Scope and Contents

The acquisition of property for a foreign school was an intricate and difficult process under the Ottoman Empire. In December 1905 a fire completely destroyed Barton Hall. The disaster set in motion an effort to establish a new and larger campus. The process involved attempts to enlist the aid of the U.S. Government, which included a meeting between President Theodore Roosevelt and an American delegation from ACG. Ultimately the Arnavutköy property was purchased and later the Deli Bedros property. The central figure in these efforts was William W. Peet, a trustee of ACG (Boxes 9-10).

Title/Description	Instances	
Notes and outline of events on property acquisition, "Constantinople Controversy",, 1907-1908	box 9	folder 1
Peet's correspondence re land acquisition, 1907-1908	box 9	folder 2-5
Peet's statements (in the form of a detailed account) of the purchase of Arnavutköy property,, 1907-1908	box 9	folder 6-7
Peet's correspondence, 1912	box 9	folder 8
"American College for Girls at Constantinople The Story of the Purchase of the Property at Arnautkeuy for the College Site," by Peet (bound ms.),, 1912	box 9	folder 9
Correspondence between trustees and Mrs. Alexandrian re purchase of her property,, 1902-1903	box 9	folder 10
American College Land Fund in account with Peet, 1904-1910	box 9	folder 11
Correspondence and memos pertaining to acquisition of land at Arnavutköy,, 1905-1906	box 9	folder 12-13
Correspondence to Borden and trustees from Patrick re acquisition of land at Arnavutköy,, 1907	box 10	folder 14

Materials pertaining to acquisition of Arnavutköy property (includes chronology prepared by Borden),, 1907	box 10	folder 15
Action of Executive Committee on transfer of Uskudar property. Correspondence to Woman's Mission Board,, 1908-1909	box 10	folder 16
Copies of correspondence pertaining to acquisition of Arnavutköy property (includes Patrick's memorial sent to Roosevelt prior to conference),, 1908	box 10	folder 17
General correspondence pertaining to land acquisition (includes an account of meeting between Roosevelt and American delegation),, 1908	box 10	folder 18
Correspondence re negotiations between U.S. and Turkey for purchase of Arnavutköyproperty,, 1908-1912	box 10	folder 19-20
Correspondence to Patrick and Dutton from Peet re Greek claim to Arnavutköy property,, 1912-1914	box 10	folder 21
Alexandrian file: correspondence re claim on college property,, 1922-1925	box 10	folder 22
Correspondence re Musurus Property, Arnavutkoy, 1917-1946	box 10	folder 23-24
Correspondence re property tax and war damage claims, 1913-1938	box 10	folder 25
Correspondence and memos re "Tract A" property, Arnavutkoy, 1922-1933	box 10	folder 26
Correspondence re property (Arnavutkoy) connected with college,, 1920-1930	box 10	folder 27

Subseries I.6: The Committee on Instruction, 1905-1924

Scope and Contents

In the absence of extensive faculty records, the trustees' Committee on Instruction has useful material including various proposals to expand the curriculum by adding an education department, a medical department, and an agricultural program. There is considerable correspondence concerning the hiring of teachers, courses offered, and the scholarly propensities of the faculty.

Scope and Contents

Samuel Train Dutton of Columbia University served as chairman from 1903-1919. After his death, his successor was Talcott Williams, also of Columbia. Both men carried on an extensive correspondence with Mary Patrick and each played a significant role in the other activities of the Board of Trustees.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence Patrick/Dutton, 1903-1919	box 11	folder 1-16
Correspondence to Dutton from Borden and Hart Borden, 1910-1912	box 11	folder 17-18

General correspondence to Dutton from Borden, 1914-1917	box 12	folder 19-22
General correspondence to Dutton, 1911-1919	box 12	folder 23-24
General correspondence to Williams, 1917-1922	box 12	folder 25-27
Correspondence to Williams from Patrick, 1912-1924	box 12	folder 28-30
Correspondence to Williams from Olmstead, 1919-1924	box 12	folder 31-34
Reports prepared by Williams, 1917-1923	box 12	folder 35
Report to Williams (includes alumnae list), 1922	box 12	folder 36

Subseries I.7: The Committee on Finance, 1907-1933

Scope and Contents

The Committee on Finance was under the direction of George Plimpton from 1907-1932. In addition to the usual financial records there is correspondence that details the difficulties involved in keeping the college open during World War I. Patrick pays tribute to the efforts of U.S. Ambassador Henry Morgenthau in helping the College cope with wartime pressures. Also included here is Patrick's postwar article entitled "Fourteen reasons for an American Mandatory over Turkey."

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence to George Plimpton, chairman of the Committee on Finance from Patrick,, 1907-1912	box 13	folder 1
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence to Patrick and Borden, 1909-1912	box 13	folder 2
Correspondence to Plimpton from Patrick, 1913	box 13	folder 3-7
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence to Patrick, 1914-1919	box 13	folder 8
Correspondence to Plimpton from Patrick, 1920	box 13	folder 9
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence to Patrick, 1920	box 13	folder 10
Correspondence to Plimpton from Patrick, 1921-1922	box 13	folder 11-12
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Correspondence to Plimpton from Patrick, 1923	box 13	folder 14
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence to Patrick, 1923	box 13	folder 15
Correspondence to Plimpton from Patrick, 192-1933	box 13	folder 16-17
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General correspondence to Plimpton, 1905-1914	box 13	folder 19-22
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General correspondence to Plimpton, 1915	box 14	folder 25
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence, 1915		

	box 14	folder 26
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1916	box 14	folder 27
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence, 1916	box 14	folder 28
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1917-1919	box 14	folder 29-33
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence, 1919	box 14	folder 34
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1920	box 14	folder 35
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence, 1920	box 14	folder 36
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1921	box 14	folder 37
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence, 1921	box 14	folder 38
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1922	box 14	folder 39
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1923	box 14	folder 40
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence, 1923-1924	box 14	folder 41
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1924-1925	box 14	folder 42
Correspondence Plimpton/Adams, 1924-1930	box 14	folder 43
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1927	box 14	folder 44
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1930	box 14	folder 45
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence, 1930	box 14	folder 46
General correspondence to Plimpton, 1932	box 14	folder 47
Copies of Plimpton's correspondence, 1932	box 14	folder 48
Correspondence Plimpton/Staub, 1932	box 14	folder 49

Subseries I.8: The Building Committee, 1908-1921

Scope and Contents

Designs and layouts for buildings at the Arnavutköy campus can be found in these records. The chairmen of this committee, Albert Wiley and later Walter B. Walker, each made occasional visits to Istanbul allowing them to view the results of their committee's labors. There is an address by Walker at the dedication of Gould Hall.

Title/Description	Instances	
Summary Report, "Action of the Trustees in the Matter of Layout and Buildings", 1908-1910	box 15	folder 1
Correspondence to Charles Rutan from Patrick, 1908-1909	box 15	folder 2
General correspondence to Albert Wiley, chairman, Building Committee,, 1911-1914	box 15	folder 3-4
General correspondence Walker, 1914-1920	box 15	folder 5-15
General correspondence Walker, 1920-1921	box 16	folder 16-20

Correspondence to Walker re Otis Elevator, 1921	box 16	folder 20a
Address by Walker "On the Occasion of the Dedication of the Administration Building" (Gould Hall), [no date]	box 16	folder 21
Miscellaneous correspondence re Building Committee, 1909-1912	box 16	folder 22
Building Committee Record Book (Bound volume with minutes and reports),, 1914-1921	box 16	folder 23
Reports and minutes of Building Committee's meetings (bound volume),, 1910-1913	box 16a	folder 24
Building Committee reports, 1913-1916	box 16a	folder 25
Building Committee; miscellaneous correspondence (includes estimates of building costs),, 1910-1914	box 16a	folder 26

Subseries I.9: The Committee on Medical Education

Scope and Contents

The attempt to establish a medical school forms a particularly interesting chapter in the pioneering efforts of ACG. The suffering produced by World War I highlighted the need for modern medical facilities and under Mary Patrick's leadership, funds were raised to build and equip a medical school for women in 1923. But the cost of operating the facility combined with the new government regulations reserving professional education to Turkish institutions compelled the closing of the medical school in 1924. The records of the Committee on Medical Education reflect the dream and the initial implementation of that vision. The chairman of the committee was Edward Haskell who served from 1919-1924.

Title/Description	Instances	
Committee on Medical Education; minutes of Medical Committee, 1818-1922	box 16a	folder 27
Estimated budget, Bingham Medical Building, 1922-1923	box 16a	folder 28
Miscellaneous correspondence re expenses, 1922-1923	box 16a	folder 29-30
Reports issued by the Medical Committee, 1919-1924	box 16a	folder 31
Report of the Medical Department for the second semester, 19231-1924	box 16a	folder 32
Medical Department; general, includes student transcripts, 1920-1923	box 16a	folder 33
Committee on Medical Education; includes publications re American Hospital,, 1920	box 16a	folder 34
Committee on Medical Education; includes correspondence re the American Hospital, reports of the American School for Nurses, and summary data for in-patient and out-patient departments,, 1920-1922	box 16a	folder 35-37
Correspondence Haskell/Olmstead, 1919-1922	box 17	folder 38-42
Correspondence Haskell/Olmstead, 1923-1924	box 17	folder 43-46

General correspondence to Haskell, 1919-1922	box 17	folder 47-50
Correspondence between Olmstead and Lester Briggie, assistant treasurer,, 1923-1924	box 18	folder 51-54
Correspondence to Haskell from Alden R. Hoover, 1919-1923	box 18	folder 55
General correspondence to Haskell, 1922-1923	box 18	folder 56-59
American Red Cross; copies of Livingston Ferrand's correspondence; chairman, Central Committee,, 1920	box 18	folder 60
Correspondence to Haskell from Harold Keyes, secretary, Committee on Medical Education,, 1919-1923	box 18	folder 61
General correspondence to Keyes, 1920-1923	box 18	folder 62
Copies of Haskell's correspondence to Hoover, 1920-1921	box 18	folder 63
Copies of Hoover's correspondence, 1920-1921	box 18	folder 64
Correspondence to Haskell from William Bingham, 1920-1923	box 18	folder 65
Copies of Haskell's correspondence to Bingham, 1919-1923	box 18	folder 66
General correspondence to Bingham, 1920-1923	box 18	folder 67
Copies of Haskell's general correspondence, 1919-1923	box 18	folder 68
Copies of Haskell's correspondence to Patrick, 1919-1923	box 18	folder 69-70

Subseries I.10: General

Scope and Contents

Jane Page: correspondence regarding the merger proposal of ACG and RC

Title/Description	Instances	
Jane Page: correspondence re merger proposal of ACG and RC Boards of Trustees and endowment funds,, 1956-1958	box 18	folder 71

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Series II: Records of the President

Subseries II.1: Annual Reports

Scope and Contents

The Annual Reports provide a valuable summary of the growth and evolution of ACG. After 1889-90 they generally appear in printed form. The format varies but many contain such information as a list of faculty, a summary of the academic year, reports from the departments, names and residences of the students, and a list of gifts to the college including names of donors.

Scope and Contents

For some years there is a separate printed "calendar" or catalog which includes admissions requirements, course listings, and information about the career and location of graduates.

Scope and Contents

The quality and breadth of the reports improve with the years; the later ones contain fuller information as well as appended lists and addenda. Some make mention of local or national affairs. The reports of 1894-95 and 1896-97 provide information about political unrest; the report of 1910-11 stresses the threat of a cholera epidemic. During the years of the Balkan Wars (1912-14) and World War I, President Patrick discusses the mood and conditions in Istanbul as well as the difficulties faced by the college. During the 1920s, the reports chronicle a period of growth for the college.

Scope and Contents

From 1932 on, there was one president for both Robert College and ACG and thus one report was prepared covering both institutions. Generally, each includes a dean's report that speaks more specifically about ACG's faculty and curriculum. There is also information about the activities of the students. In the absence of extensive faculty records, appended committee and departmental reports are particularly useful.

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Report of the President, 1889-1812	box 19	folder 1-12
Annual Reports of the President, 1912-1921 (refer to 1918-1919 Annual Report for events from 1917), 1912-1921, 1918-1919	box 20	folder 13-18
Annual Report of the President, 1921-1934	box 21	folder 18-27a
Report of the Dean, 1927-1928	box 21	folder 23
Annual Reports of the President, 1935-1947	box 22	folder 28-36
Joint Reports submitted to the Trustees, 1947-1949	box 22	folder 37-37a
Condensed Annual Report, 1949-1950	box 22	folder 38
Annual Report of Dr. Elizabeth B. Stanton, American vice president and dean of the faculty,, 1950-1951	box 22	folder 39
Annual Report of the President, 1951-1955	box 22	folder 40-42
Summary Report for ACG (Duncan Ballantine), 1956	box 22	folder 43
Report, "A Comparison of ACG with American and Turkish Schools," (Ballantine), 1958 (For annual reports from 1959 to 1963 see Robert College Series 3, Box 28), 1958, 1959, 1963	box 22	folder 44

Subseries II.2: Correspondence**Scope and Contents**

Mary Mills Patrick's files contain only a small proportion of her voluminous correspondence. There are only a few copies of her own letters in this series. Fortunately, however, many originals may be found

in the trustees series, and the administrative files of the New York Office. The presidential files consist largely of incoming letters from many colleagues and friends. These concern college affairs primarily, but other events as well. Some were sent to Dr. Patrick on her trips to Europe and the United States, and contain news about Turkey. For example, Roxana Vivian, acting president writes about her visit to parliament during the civil unrest in April 1909 (Box 23, Folder 7). There are letters (frequently copies) from Henry Morgenthau, Oscar S. Straus, Talcott Williams, and Albert Bushnell Hart. There are also a few letters from former students, and a folder of correspondence (copies) with the writers unidentified.

Scope and Contents

Dr. Patrick's concerted efforts to establish a medical school are well documented in these files. Finally, there is an address by Dr. Elsa P. Kimball at the memorial service for Dr. Patrick held in Canterbury, New Hampshire, June 30, 1940.

Scope and Contents

Note: There is an additional box of Mary Patrick's correspondence located at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. Materials deal with the period of World War I.

Title/Description	Instances	
General correspondence to Patrick, 1895, 1898, 1895, 1898	box 23	folder 1
Correspondence Patrick/Robert Thomson re religious status of college (See reports to trustees/Stamwood, Box 1, for additional correspondence on this issue),, 1904	box 23	folder 2
Paper read by Patrick at memorial service for Clara Hamlin Lee,, 1902	box 23	folder 2a
General correspondence to trustees from Patrick, 1903-1924	box 23	folder 3
Correspondence to Patrick from Peet, 1917, 1922, 1917, 1922	box 23	folder 4
Correspondence to Patrick from the field secretary, 1919	box 23	folder 5
Correspondence to Patrick from Borden, 1915	box 23	folder 6
General correspondence to Patrick, 1904-1929	box 23	folder 7-9
Correspondence to Patrick (unidentified), 1905-1923	box 23	folder 10
Patrick address: "The Significance of the Conference of the World's Student Christian Federation",, 1911	box 23	folder 11
Correspondence to Patrick re shipment of possessions at time of her retirement,, 1924	box 23	folder 12
Correspondence Patrick/Staub, 1922-1935	box 23	folder 13-17
Correspondence to the Medical Education Committee from Patrick,, 1919-1924	box 23	folder 18
Address given at Memorial Service for Patrick, 1940	box 23	folder 19
Correspondence to Adams, 1924-1932	box 23	folder 20

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Series III: Records of the Dean

Scope and Contents

There are seven folders of dean's records. Three cover the period of Louise B. Wallace's deanship, mainly the period 1914-1919. Subjects relate primarily to the difficulties involved in bringing over new faculty in the light of wartime conditions.

Scope and Contents

Eleanor Burns became dean in 1924 and in 1932 received the added responsibilities of American vice president when the two colleges were merged. She served until her retirement in 1950. Earlier she held positions as registrar and professor of physics. Much of her correspondence can be found in the records of the New York Office. In the Dean's files there is an account of a memorial assembly held at the college following her death in 1952.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence to Louise B. Wallace, 1914-1919	box 23	folder 21-23
Correspondence to Wright from Burns, 1937, 1943, 1937, 1943	box 23	folder 24
Copies of Burns's general correspondence, 1920-1947	box 23	folder 25
General correspondence to Burns, 1916-1926	box 23	folder 26
Memorial Assembly for Burns, 1952	box 23	folder 27

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Series IV: Records of the Secretary and Bursar

Scope and Contents

These records deal with administrative and financial matters, but many transactions between the college campus and the New York Office were directly affected by policies of the Turkish Government. Finances were complicated by the fact that tuition rates had to be adjusted to fluctuations of the Turkish lira. Faculty salaries were affected by conditions during World War I, particularly when the Turkish Government imposed a personal tax on college personnel in April 1915.

Scope and Contents

Mary Patrick's letters to Susan Olmstead, secretary and bursar, while largely administrative, are sprinkled with comments about life at the college as well as about events in Turkey. Patrick's fundraising trips to the United States also involve correspondence with the New York Office. She continued to be active in raising funds after her retirement in 1924 and thus continued to correspond through 1926. The records contain information on teachers' salaries, currency rates, scholarship awards, and travel arrangements.

Scope and Contents

Kathryn Adams, Patrick's successor, writes about the effect of Ataturk's reforms. For example, the college was asked not to distinguish any longer among the nationalities of the Republic when identifying

students, unless their legal residence was outside Turkey. The Government also required that the teaching of the Greek and Armenian languages be dropped.

Scope and Contents

Adams also kept Olmstead informed as to how new faculty members adjusted to life at ACG, along with writing about the difficulties involved in filling the places of longtime members of the faculty who retired. Olmstead in turn reported to Adams regarding decisions by the trustees and the state of financial support.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence to Olmstead from Patrick, 1912	box 24	folder 1
Correspondence Olmstead/Patrick, 1915-1924	box 24	folder 2-15
Correspondence Olmstead/Patrick, 1925-1926	box 25	folder 16-17
Correspondence Olmstead/Burns, 1916-1930	box 25	folder 18-32
Correspondence Olmstead/Adams, 1924	box 25	folder 33-34
Correspondence Olmstead/Adams, 1926-1927	box 26	folder 35-45
Correspondence Olmstead/Marion Talbot, acting president, 1927-1928	box 26	folder 46-47
Correspondence Olmstead/Adams, 1928-1930	box 26	folder 48-55
Correspondence from Olmstead to Walker re fundraising trip to the United States,, 1913	box 27	folder 56
General correspondence to Olmstead, 1914-1924	box 27	folder 57-60
Olmstead; general, 1925	box 27	folder 61
Correspondence to Olmstead from Briggie, 1922	box 27	folder 62
Copies of Olmstead's correspondence to Williams, chairman, Instruction Committee,, 1919- 1920	box 27	folder 63-64
Correspondence between Olmstead and William S. Murray, 1919-1925	box 27	folder 65-66
Copies of Olmstead's correspondence to Elizabeth Ingersoll, field secretary,, 1919	box 27	folder 67
Correspondence Olmstead/Professor Isabel Dodd, 1919-1926	box 27	folder 68-69
Correspondence Olmstead/Wallace, 1914-1929	box 27	folder 70-78

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Series V: Records of the Office of the Faculty

Scope and Contents

The faculty records are fragmentary. There were meetings of the faculty and committees of the faculty, but apparently very few documents remain. There is a report of a 1909 faculty meeting and a folder

of memos addressed to the "Educational Committee" regarding candidates for faculty appointment (1919-20). In addition, there is a proposal for a Home Economics Department (1920), a faculty handbook (1927) and some correspondence between individual faculty members and the New York Office. Finally, this series contains a mimeographed faculty, staff and community directory, dated 1961-1962.

Title/Description	Instances	
Faculty		
Resolution re Ida W. Prime, 1919	box 28	folder 1
Correspondence re officers of administration and instruction, 1908-1909	box 28	folder 2
Summary report of a faculty committee meeting, 1909	box 28	folder 3
General; faculty applications ⁴	box 28	folder 4
Proposed plan for a Home Economics Department	box 28	folder 5
Pamphlet titled "Information, Regulations and Suggestions for Instructors in the Constantinople Woman's College",, 1927	box 28	folder 6
Correspondence Hall (chemistry teacher)/Olmstead, 1916-1924	box 28	folder 7
Claim of Paul M. Flory in legal suit against the college, 1939	box 28	folder 8
Faculty, staff and community directory, 1961-1962	box 28	folder 9
Records of the Students		
Diary written by Penka Racheva (one of the first Bulgarians to study in the Horne School),, 1882-1883	box 28	folder 10
One-page description of the Student Government Association at ACG,, 1905	box 28	folder 11
Booklet written by students titled "Echoes of the New Ottoman Constitution", [1908]	box 28	folder 12
Booklet titled "History of the Constantinople 1930 College Self-Government" Records of the Alumnae,, 1930	box 28	folder 13
List of graduates with biographies, 1898-1899	box 28	folder 14
List of graduates who taught in mission schools, 1899	box 28	folder 15
List of graduates, [early 1900s]	box 28	folder 16
Alumnae Association report, 1913	box 28	folder 16a
Associate Alumnae minutes, 1911-1916	box 28	folder 17
Constantinople College Association--meeting reports, 1916	box 28	folder 18
Constantinople College Association--notices of meeings, 1915-1917	box 28	folder 19
Material relating to Halide Edib, 1908-1946	box 28	folder 20

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Series VI: Records of the Office of the Trustees, New York

Scope and Contents

The New York Office of the Near East College Association served as the link between the college and its supporters in the United States. For many years, beginning in the 1920s, the office was headed by Albert Staub. These records are comprised of the two major sub-series: one the correspondence with ACG's President, Kathryn Adams, and the other, the correspondence with Dean Eleanor Burns.

Scope and Contents

ACG's inadequate endowment meant that fundraising continued to be a major concern for Adams and this is reflected in the records. The Near East College Association raised money but it was apportioned among several colleges.

Scope and Contents

In 1924, ACG organized a Social Service Center and Adams reports on the significance of its work. The assistance the center provided to village residents was important as outreach for the college as well as providing useful experience for those students interested in social work as a career.

Scope and Contents

In 1928, Adams reported that Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, mother of the famous pilot, had joined the faculty as a visiting Professor of Chemistry, while Alice Morrow, sister of Dwight Morrow, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, agreed to act as hostess for visiting dignitaries. It was hoped and expected that Mrs. Lindbergh would afterward use her influence on behalf of the college. Unfortunately, she was not happy there and Adams later wrote that "a tremendous load has been taken from me," when Mrs. Lindbergh left (January 14, 1929). Miss Morrow, on the other hand, remained and was supportive of the college. Adams's letters are informative. She reports on activities of the alumnae and on the visits of dignitaries to Istanbul.

Scope and Contents

There is a folder of correspondence from Dr. Marion Talbot, who served as acting president of ACG during 1931 and 1932. Her letters discuss the difficulties the college was experiencing, due in part to the impact of the worldwide economic crisis. In addition, there are several folders of correspondence from Dr. Virginia Gildersleeve, dean of Barnard College, who served as a trustee of ACG for many years.

Scope and Contents

The correspondence of Burns reflects her responsibilities for recruitment of faculty as well as the procurement and awarding of scholarships. Moreover, she discusses in detail specific problems that arose between the college and the Turkish Minister of Education. Many of her letters refer to attached enclosures such as translations of articles from the Turkish press, but these are not filed with the correspondence and may have been lost.

Scope and Contents

There is an exchange of correspondence between Staub and Mary Patrick covering the years 1922-23, the last of Patrick's years as president. The next correspondence is dated 1933-1935, which includes

the years of Patrick's retirement, but that is hardly an accurate description for she remained active in fundraising and continued a lively interest in the affairs of the college.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence to Staub and Olmstead from Peet, 1926-1942	box 28	folder 1
Correspondence Staub/Laurence Moore/Burns, 1924-1926	box 28	folder 2-4
Correspondence Staub/Burns, 1927-1930	box 29	folder 5-9
Correspondence to Talbot from Staub, 1931	box 29	folder 10
Correspondence Staub/Burns, 1931-1932	box 29	folder 11-17
Correspondence Staub/Burns, 1933-1948.	box 30	folder 18-21
Correspondence Staub/Adams, 1924-1931	box 31	folder 32-46
Correspondence to Staub from Talbot, 1931-1932	box 31	folder 47
Correspondence Staub/Virginia Gildersleeve, 1926-1950	box 31	folder 48-49
Correspondence Hardy/Gildersleeve, 1951-1962	box 32	folder 50-52

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Series VII: Financial Records, 1899-1946

Scope and Contents

While this series essentially covers financial matters, it is in the form of correspondence that includes discussion of the reasons for property acquisition, new buildings, supplies, and other expenditures. It is therefore of interest apart from strictly monetary concerns.

Scope and Contents

There are a number of letters from Mary Mills Patrick and William W. Peet that discuss the 1905 fire at the Uskudar campus as well as the move from Uskudar to Arnavutköy. In one letter, dated July 31, 1911, Peet refers to a major event outside the campus. On the anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Constitution, July 22, two large fires broke out in Istanbul that destroyed no less than 10,000 houses and rendered 50,000-60,000 homeless. The suspicion exists, Peet reports, "that the fires are the work of incendiaries and that it is one form of reactionary protest against the present government." As a precaution, the college hired a night watchman.

Scope and Contents

Mary Patrick reports on developments at the college and also on her fundraising efforts in the United States. After her retirement in 1924, the correspondence in this series tends to deal more exclusively with financial matters. There are some useful summary documents; e.g., the construction costs of each building on the Arnavutkoy campus as of its completion in 1915 (Lucius E. Thayer correspondence to Leolin H. Keeney, June 24, 1932, Box 32, Folder 16).

Scope and Contents

The records of the 1930s and the World War II era document the financial difficulties involved in operating the college during the Great Depression and the wartime years. Shortly after World War II,

there is a report on the college, dated May 10,1947, by President Floyd Black on his return to the campus after a four-month absence in the U.S. (Box 32, Folder 25a).

Scope and Contents

Another document worth noting is in the file of Business Manager A. W. Sellar. It is a six-page "History of the Musurus Palace at Arnavutköy", which was built in the early nineteenth century on the site that later became part of the ACG campus. The document is dated August 7,1929 (Box 32, Folder 25c).

Title/Description	Instances	
General correspondence to Day, treasurer, 1899-1906	box 32	folder 1-5
General correspondence to Rutan, treasurer, 1905-1911	box 32	folder 6
Correspondence to George Adams, treasurer, from Patrick, 1910-1914	box 32	folder 7
General correspondence to Murray, 1914-1919	box 32	folder 8
Notes for informal report made by Haskell, 1922	box 32	folder 9
Correspondence to Olmstead from Bernetta Miller, bursar, 1926-1929	box 32	folder 10
Correspondence to Leolin H. Keeney, treasurer, from Adams, 1926	box 32	folder 11
Correspondence between Keeney and Miller, 1927-1930	box 32	folder 12-15
General correspondence to Keeney, 1932-1939	box 32	folder 16-19
Correspondence to Harlan Conn, bursar, from Staub, 1925	box 32	folder 20
General correspondence to Staub re financial matters, 1927-1939	box 32	folder 21-25
Correspondence to Staub from Burns and Floyd Black, 1940-1946	box 32	folder 25a
Correspondence to Staub from A.W. Sellar, business manager, 1928	box 32	folder 25b
Correspondence to Adams from Sellar, 1929	box 32	folder 25c
General correspondence to Elbert C. Stevens, business manager-grounds and buildings,, 1930-1933	box 32	folder 26
General correspondence re finances American Service Funds, 1934-1935	box 32	folder 27
General correspondence re salaries in depression years at ACG and RC,, 1932-1936	box 32	folder 28
Correspondence to Staub from Herman Kreider, bursar, 1940-1944	box 32	folder 29
Correspondence to Kreider and Francis Potts, bursar, from Staub, 1940-1943	box 32	folder 30

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Series VIII: Publicity, Official Events and Historical, General

Scope and Contents

This series contains some printed materials--pamphlets and newspaper articles pertaining to ACG and major events in the Near East. News clippings date from the early 1900s to the late 1940s and include portrait photographs with brief biographical data on some faculty members (Box 33, Folders 1-2). There are fundraising pamphlets and brochures dating to 1907 and 1909. Materials relating to official events at the college include a richly detailed scrapbook containing Charter Day speeches, extracts from letters, commencement programs, news clippings and memorabilia covering the period from the 1880s to 1907 (Box 34, Folder 1: This material is fragile).

Scope and Contents

There is a 46-page typescript copy of a journal kept by Nettie Dodd from 1866 -1868. Her sister was Isabel Dodd, a longtime faculty member at ACG, her brother, William S. Dodd, was a medical missionary in Turkey.

Scope and Contents

Several articles by Mary Mills Patrick and others focus on the work of the college and the education of women. They span the period from 1908 to 1955.

Scope and Contents

Finally, there are a number of studies of the college including doctoral dissertations, M.A. theses and historical essays on the general subject of education in Turkey. Most are in typescript. A brief account by Dr. Floyd Black, written in 1944, relates his experiences with ACG while teaching at Robert College, and during the first year of his presidency.

Title/Description	Instances	
Historical/Publicity		
Photo reprints of faculty and campus, 1920s	box 33	folder 1-2
Xerox of a photo collage titled, "Constantinople Woman's College Telescope", 1931	box 33	folder 3
"College Magazine" (one issue), 1913	box 33	folder 3a
Newspaper articles (alphabetical by subject), 1917-1922	box 33	folder 4-5
Newspaper articles (miscellaneous), 1906-1954	box 33	folder 6-10
Fundraising: Reports and Brochures		
Fundraising brochures, 1907-1909	box 33	folder 11
Pamphlets and articles, 1907-1919	box 33	folder 12-13
Brochure titled "Constantinople College", 1917	box 33	folder 14
Brochures, 1914, 1919, 1914, 1919	box 33	folder 15
Pamphlets with descriptions of ACG, 1916-1921		

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	box 33	folder 16
Brochure, "Constantinople Woman's College/Medical Work", [1920s]	box 33	folder 17
Pamphlets published by the Near East College Association, [1930s]	box 33	folder 18
"Ten Year Development Fund," a statement concerning the American College for Girls,, 1958	box 33	folder 19
"The Second Century Development Plan, Progress Report and Future Goals",, 1961	box 33	folder 20
Official College Events		
Commencement address given by James B. Angell, 1898	box 33	folder 21
Commencement descriptions, 1904;1908	box 33	folder 22-23
Document written by Peet for laying of cornerstone ceremony, 1914	box 33	folder 24
Program invitations, 1912-1923	box 33	folder 25-26
25th commencement program, 1915	box 33	folder 27
Program of commencement exercises for preparatory department, 1924	box 33	folder 28
Commencement programs, 1913-1952	box 33	folder 29
Memoirs, Theses, Articles		
ACG Scrapbook; clippings, invitations, letters 1880s-ca.1907	box 34	folder 1
"From Home," xerox of journal written by Nettie Dodd in Turkey,, 1866	box 34	folder 1a
"Constantinople Home," reprint of article by Caroline Borden, 1890	box 34	folder 2
"Women of the Orient," paper prepared by Borden, 1911	box 34	folder 3
"Echoes of the New Ottoman Constitution," booklet written by ACG students,, 1908	box 34	folder 4
"The Emancipation of Mohammeden Women," by Patrick (reprint from <i>The National Geographic Magazine</i>), 1909	box 34	folder 5
"Constantinople College Under the Present War Conditions," by Patrick (reprint from <i>The New York Evening Post</i>), 1915	box 34	folder 5a
"Asia Minor in the Time of the Seven Wise Men," by Patrick (reprint from <i>The National Geographic Magazine</i>), 1920	box 34	folder 6
"An Oasis of Peace," reprint of an article written by Patrick,, 1920s	box 34	folder 7

Articles relating to archaeological findings in Turkey written by Professor A.H. Sayce,, 1910	box 34	folder 8
"American Education for Girls in Turkey," reprint of article by Alice Lawton,, 1912	box 34	folder 9
"Constantinople College, The American College for Girls at Constantinople," by Eveline A. Thomson (reprint of article from the <i>Journal of the Association of College Alumnae</i>), 1916	box 34	folder 10
"Glimpses of Bulgaria during the Present Crisis," article by Mary M. Haskell,, 1918	box 34	folder 11
Address to the Forum," by Dean Louise B. Wallace (reprint from the <i>Mount Holyoke Alumnae Quarterly</i>), 1919	box 34	folder 12
"Constantinople College for Women and Homemaking Education," typescript by Eda Lord Demarest,, 1927	box 34	folder F13
"Constantinople College," typescript, author unknown, 1900s	box 34	folder 14
"College on the Bosphorus," by Virginia Voss reprint from <i>Mademoiselle</i> magazine, 1900s	box 34	folder 14a
"Flap-Jack Alley in Constantinople," typescript by Eda Lord Murphy, [undated]	box 34	folder 15
List of books catalogued at the Anne Taylor Case Library (ACG),, 1920s	box 34	folder 16
Manuscripts/Typescripts		
"The American College for Girls," 21-page typescript of ACG's history written by Floyd Black,, 1950s	box 35	folder 1
"Social Sciences in Turkish Elementary Education," written by Behidje Sadik, class of 1931 (78-page manuscript published by the Trustees), 1931, 1931, 1931	box 35	folder 2
"Development of the American College for Girls at Istanbul in Turkey During Twenty-Five Years of the Turkish Republic," M.A. Thesis by Marjorie Leslie McKillop,, 1948	box 35	folder 3
"Turkey for the Turks," paper written by Grace Kellogg, 1952	box 35	folder 4
10-page outline for a history of ACG by Ruth Bradley, 1968	box 35	folder 5
Unidentified manuscript of RC/ACG history, with appendix of "firsts" (alumni/ae achievements),, 1970s	box 35	folder 6
History of RC/ACG, ms. Fincancl, 1970s	box 35	folder 7
"Mary Mills Patrick and The American College for Girls at Istanbul in Turkey," ms. of published dissertation by Ethel Nichols Thomas,, 1979	box 35	folder 8

Caroline Borden typed manuscript: "The American College for Girls at Constantinople in Turkey. 1871-1921" box 36

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Series IX: Minutes

Title/Description	Instances	
November 1894-December 1904	box 37	volume 1
February 1905-February 1908	box 37	volume 2
April 1908-December 1916	box 37	volume 3
April 1919-December 1920	box 37	volume 4
University Ledger, 1924-1930	box 37	volume 5
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Students, Groups (mostly Pageants)	box 43
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Commencement Photographs (pre 1924 College and Orta, Group and Individual)	box 44
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Minutes, May 1959 – June 1960 (1 reel)	box 56

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Title/Description	Instances
Girls' College-Financial Records	box ADD 1
Bequests/Scholarships/Gifts/Funds	box ADD 1
Estates/Wills	box ADD 1
Deeds/Buildings	box ADD 1
Court Order/Instructions in case of death (misc.)	box ADD 1

Collateral material: interesting PR, etc.	box ADD 1
Hamlin, Cyrus--Letters written by	box ADD 1
Letter written by Christopher Rhineland Robert to Hamlin, New York,, August 10, 1865	box ADD 1
Proposed draft of By-Laws (1899)	box ADD 2
Revised draft of By-Laws (1907)	box ADD 2
By-Laws (1908)	box ADD 2
Charter and By-laws as amended (December 12, 1911)	box ADD 2
Charter and By-laws as amended (April 1915)	box ADD 2
Charter and By-laws as amended (Nov 1930)	box ADD 2
Charter and By-laws as amended (May 1940)	box ADD 2
By-Laws as amended (July 1956)	box ADD 2
Documents: Reorganization of ACG as institution independent from Women's Board,	box ADD 2
1906-1908	box ADD 2
By-laws as amended (Oct 26, 1971)	box ADD 2
By-laws as amended (March 7, 1974)	box ADD 2
By-laws as amended (May 10, 1985)	box ADD 2
The American College for Girls Information Bulletin (1961-1962 1962-1963 1965), 1962-1963	box ADD 2
The American College for Girls at Constantinople President's Report (1891-1903)	box ADD 2
The American College for Girls at Constantinople Report of the President (1904-1913)	box ADD 2
The American College for Girls Calendar (1889-1890 - 1910-1912)	box ADD 2
American College for Girls at Constantinople Calendar (Bulletin) June, 1913 1921-1922), June, 1913	box ADD 2
<i>The Quarterly:</i>	
<i>The Quarterly</i> , November 1933	box ADD 3
<i>The Quarterly</i> , January 1934	box ADD 3
<i>The Quarterly</i> , April 1934	box ADD 3
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