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Laura Bragg Papers
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Biography

Laura Bragg was born in Northbridge, Massachusetts, October 9, 1881. She graduated from Simmons College in 1906 with a degree in library science. In 1909, she came to Charleston to work as curator of books and public instruction at the Charleston Museum. Ten years later she became its director, serving from 1920-1931. She was the founder and first librarian of the Charleston Free Library in 1931 and was the director of the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Massachusetts from 1932-1939. She returned to Charleston in 1940 and created a club for the study of art and literature. She died in Charleston May 16, 1978.

Scope and Content Note

The Citadel Archives received the papers of Laura M. Bragg as a gift from her estate in 1978. Papers consist of letters (1926-1948) written to Miss Bragg from Chinese cadets before and after their graduation from the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina. Laura Bragg extended her hospitality and courtesy to the Chinese cadets who attended The Citadel from 1925-1931. Topics of the letters include career plans, The Citadel, political beliefs, Chinese culture, history and military events (1920-1935). Letters from cadets at Virginia Military Institute as well as other Chinese acquaintances are included in the collection.

The collection comprises nine linear feet. The letters are arranged alphabetically by correspondents' name. A photograph album/scrapbook, notes on Chinese art and history and miscellaneous artifacts are also included.

Box 1	An, Li-Sui, 1929 Citadel graduate, letters 1928-1934
Box 2	Fong, Wellington D., 1930 Citadel graduate, letters 1929-1948 Hu, Chia Mei, 1928 Citadel graduate, letters 1926-1934
Box 3	Hu, Tun Yuan, letters 1928-1938 Hu, Tsi Pei, letters 1933-1945 Huang, Kung-Shou, letters 1926-1948 Liang, Shu Chiang, Virginia Military Institute graduate 1929, letters 1926-1932

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- Box 4 Liu, Shun-Chun, 1929 Citadel graduate, letters 1929-1933
Li, Jen-Tao, transferred to Virginia Military Institute, letters 1927-1930
- Box 5 Tu, Wen Jo, Citadel graduate 1929, letters 1926-1947
Tseng, Ching Chi, Citadel graduate 1930, letters 1927-1946
- Box 6 Wong, Fong Lee, Citadel graduate 1930, letters 1929-1948
- Box 7 Miscellaneous letters
 Hu, Hsein Chin
 Hu, Helen
 Hsu, Tseng Ying
 Huang, J.Y.
 Kuei, C.B.
 Lu, Shui-Ko
 Lu, C.K.
 Mei, Y.C.
 Rothman, Anna
 Ta Tung Club
 T'Ang, Lily
 Tang, T.C.
 Wang, Y.C.
 Yap, M.Y.
 Yu, T.P.Letters 1929-1932
- Box 8 Miscellaneous items: Fan with image of Sun-Yat-Sin;
Fabric: muslin used for wrapping a package addressed to Miss Bragg in Jan 1933 from
C.M. Hu, wool with unknown design in poor condition).
- Box 9 Notes and articles on Chinese art & history.
- Box 10 Photo album/scrapbook includes Citadel and Virginia Military Institute
commencement invitations, postcards and photographs of Miss Bragg with
Chinese cadets.