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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Name	Dr. Helena Miller
Title	Dr. Helena Miller Collection, 1943–1945.
Extent	.5 linear feet. 1 box.
Arrangement	Collection received in loose-leaf binder – each letter in its original envelope, filed first in alphabetical order and then by date. Each envelope was glued (two to a page) to the page. The envelopes and letters were carefully removed from the page, put in acid-free folders and where possible a picture of the author of the letter was included.
Provenance	Dr. Helena Miller (date received is unknown)
Finding Aid	Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic finding aid: http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/
Preferred Citation	[Series, Date, Folder description], Dr. Helena Miller Collection, 1943-1945. University Archives, J. Eugene Smith Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226
Occupation	Dean of Women, Willimantic State Teachers College.
Access points	Educators New England. College administrators. State Normal School (Willimantic, Conn.) Willimantic State Teachers College Student newspapers and publications. World War II.
Restrictions	None.
Document types	Correspondence. Photographs. Publications.

BIOGRAPHY:

N/A

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

During World War II, Dr. Helena Miller, Dean of Women at the Willimantic State Teachers College, sent copies of a school publication entitled *The Dean's Den* to a number of students from the College who were serving their country in the military. Many of the young people responded to Dr. Miller, to express their great appreciation for her efforts to keep them in touch with home as well as to keep her abreast of their wartime experiences. This correspondence covers an approximate 3-year period – 1943 through 1945. While some of these students were graduates of the college, a number of them left prior to graduation with the intent that they would resume their education on their return from the war.

SERIES:

Series I – Correspondence

This series includes the correspondence of students to Dr. Miller while they were serving in World War II. Original V Mail and handwritten notes sent between 1943 and 1945.

Series II – Newsletters

This series includes copies of *From the Dean's Den*, a newsletter created by Dr. Miller, beginning with issue #5 in September of 1943 and continuing through June of 1945. We are assuming that copies of the first four issues were destroyed in August of 1943 when the administration building burned down.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Related information may be found in the archives print collection: catalogs, yearbooks and faculty newsletters and in the archives photograph collection.

The University Archives has a substantial collection of university archives material and also houses the Connecticut Studies Collection. For more detailed information on these collections please speak with a staff member, call 860-465-5563 or visit the Smith Library Archives & Special Collections online at <http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>
Series I - Correspondence		
1	A Miller, Dr. Helena	1943 - 1945
	B Application for Retirement	1945
	1 Backus, Charles W.	12 March 1945
	2 Belanger, G. N.	14 January 1944
	3 Belanger, G. N.	26 January 1944
	4 Bergeron, George	17 August 1943
	5 Bergeron, George	1 October 1943
	6 Castagna, Joseph P.	5 April 1944
	7 Congdon, Richard H.	29 September 1943
	8 Congdon, Richard H.	8 April 1944
	9 DeGange, Joseph	1 September 1943
	9a DeGange, Joseph	1 February 1944
	10 Dickson, Ernest E.	8 November 1943
	11 Dickson, Ernest E.	2 December 1943
	12 Dickson, Ernest E.	12 February 1944
	13 Dickson, Ernest E.	12 February 1945
	14 Fontaine, Arthur R.	16 August 1943
	15 Fontaine, Arthur R.	7 January 1944
	16 Fontaine, Arthur R.	21 January 1944
	17 Fontaine, Arthur R.	8 March 1944
	18 Fontaine, Arthur R.	17 April 1944
	19 Goodrich, Joseph L.	2 November 1943
	20 Goodrich, Joseph L.	7 October 1944
	21 Goodrich, Joseph L.	30 December 1944
	22 Holmes, Russell B.	4 November 1943
	23 Houle, Raymond	22 August 1943
	24 Houle, Raymond	4 September 1943
	25 Houle, Raymond	8 October 1943
	26 Houle, Raymond	30 November 1943
	27 Houle, Raymond	25 March 1944
	28 Houle, Raymond	16 April 1944
	29 Irlandi, James	26 July 1943
	30 Irlandi, James	n.d.
	31 Irlandi, James	23 September 1943
	32 Irlandi, James	7 January 1944
	33 Irlandi, James	20 January 1944
	34 Irlandi, James	7 March 1944
	35 Israel, Jay Burton	6 August 1943
	36 Israel, Jay Burton	25 September 1943
	37 Israel, Jay Burton	12 February 1944
	38 Israel, Jay Burton	26 February 1944
	39 Israel, Jay Burton	7 April 1944

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I	40 Israel, Jay Burton	30 April 1944
	41 Israel, Jay Burton	20 February 1945
	42 Johnson, Kenneth F.	12 October 1943
	43 Jones, Ruth	18 August 1943
	44 Jones, Ruth	17 November 1943
	45 Jones, Ruth	28 March 1844
	46 Leader, Jacob	9 December 1944
	47 Maynard, William	15 November (?)
	47a Maynard, William	29 November 1943
	48 Maynard, William	21 December 1943
	49 Ottenheimer, Dr. Edward J.	25 February 1944
	50 Petrus, John	26 September 1943
	51 Petrus, John	12 March 1945
	52 Ready, John	2 November 1943
	53 Ready, John	7 December 1943
	54 Ready, John	6 January 1944
	55 Ready, John	3 February 1944
	56 Ready, John	21 February 1944
	57 Schepart, Howard	17 August 1943
	58 Schepart, Howard	21 January 1944
	59 Scranton, Robert	9 August 1943
	60 Scranton, Robert	31 January 1944
	61 Selavka, Jack	21 September 1943
	62 Selavka, Jack	30 December 1943
	63 Selavka, Jack	15 January 1944
	64 Selavka, Jack	25 January 1944
	65 Solnick, Martin G.	28 December 1943
	66 Timmins, J. W.	28 October 1943
	67 Timmins, J. W.	7 March 1944
	68 Weeks, Ernest	27 October 1944
	69 Wibberly, Janette	5 April 1945
Series II - Newsletters		
1	70 <i>From the Dean's Den</i>	September 1943
	71 <i>From the Dean's Den</i>	October 1943
	72 <i>From the Dean's Den</i>	November 1943
	73 <i>From the Dean's Den</i>	Dec 1943/Jan 1944
	74 <i>From the Dean's Den</i>	February 1944
	75 <i>From the Dean's Den</i>	March 1944
	76 <i>From the Dean's Den</i>	April/May 1944
	77 <i>From the Dean's Den</i>	June 1944
	78 <i>From the Dean's Den</i>	September 1944

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Series II - Newsletters

1	79	<i>From the Dean's Den</i>	October 1944
	80	<i>From the Dean's Den</i>	Nov/Dec 1944
	81	<i>From the Dean's Den</i>	January 1945
	82	<i>From the Dean's Den</i>	February 14, 1945
	83	<i>From the Dean's Den</i>	March 1945
	84	<i>From the Dean's Den</i>	April 1945
	85	<i>From the Dean's Den</i>	May 1945
	86	<i>From the Dean's Den</i>	June 1945