

Locust Grove Archives

Finding Aid

Series J: **Young Family Collection**
Subseries: **Alice Young Eaton**

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Volume: 1.5 cubic feet in 3 boxes

Acquisition: Bequest of Annette Innis Young.

Access: Monday thru Friday, by appointment with the Curator.

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Biographical Sketch

Alice Young Eaton was born in 1840 in Brooklyn, NY, the second child of Henry Young and Anne Mason Young, and the half-sister of William Young. Henry Young was prominent New York City businessman and investor. Alice married Daniel Cady Eaton (1837 – 1912) on December 17, 1861. From 1861 to 1863 Eaton served in the New York militia, retiring with the rank of colonel. Eaton practiced law in New York until 1866. From 1867 to 1870 he studied the history of art, first at the University of Berlin, and then in Paris. He was appointed Professor of History and Criticism of Art at Yale University in 1869, a position he held until he resigned in 1876. Eaton returned to Yale in 1902 and was made professor emeritus in 1909. He was the author of three books: *Handbook of Greek and Roman Sculpture* (1884), *Handbook of Modern French Painting* (1909), and *Handbook of Modern French Sculpture* (published posthumously in 1913). He died in New Haven May 11, 1912.

After Professor Eaton's death in 1912, Mrs. Eaton's grand-nephew, Innis Young, shared her house in New Haven until her death in 1920.

Collection Descriptions

Series 1:

Correspondence (1848-1922)

1 Box

Since Alice Young Eaton resided in New Haven, Connecticut for most of her life, the bulk of her correspondence was not included in the Locust Grove Archives. The small number of letters which span the years from 1848 to 1922, have been placed in one folder. The correspondence is from her parents, Henry L. Young and Anne Mason Young and friends of Alice Young Eaton. There are folders containing undated material and empty envelopes. There is also a folder containing letters addressed to Professor Eaton.

Series 2:

Personal Papers

2 Boxes

Alice Young Eaton's Personal Papers collection like her correspondence is sparse. It consists of 2 boxes containing the wills of Professor Eaton and Mrs. Eaton along with some real estate information. The second box contains some of Mrs. Eaton's diaries and notebooks.

Box and Folder Lists

Box 1

Series 1: Correspondence 1827-1874; Undated; Empty Envelopes

- *Correspondence to Alice Young Eaton-1848-1922
- *Correspondence to Alice Young Eaton-Undated
- *Correspondence to D. Cady Eaton-1921
- *Correspondence to Alice Young Eaton-Empty Envelopes

Box 2

Series 2: Personal Papers "C-W"

- *Compositions
- *Papers of Alice Mason Young
- *Probate Papers of D. Cady Eaton
- *Real Estate
- *Receipts
- *Will of Alice Young Eaton
- *Will of D. Cady Eaton

Box 3

Series 2: Personal Papers Diaries and Notebooks

- *Diaries
- *Notebooks
- *Notebook
- *Notebooks and Wallet