

Guide to the Stone Family Correspondence, 1909-1960

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Stone Family Correspondence, 1909-1960

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Stone family

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The materials in this collection are in English.

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2 boxes ; 0.63 linear feet

Abstract:

The Stone Family Correspondence consists of approximately 184 letters, with all but a few from Alice Stone to her husband Robert Bowditch Stone. The remainder of the letters are from Robert to Alice while he was in army training camp in Plattsburgh, NY, in 1916 and from Robert's children, Ellen and Richard, to their father in 1921, 1932, and 1940.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Stone Family Correspondence was a gift of the estate of Ellen Eppelsheimer in 2003.

Processing Information:

The collection was processed initially by an unknown person at an unknown date and the processing was finalized by Jason Lewis in January 2020 and July 2021. The finding aid was written by an unknown person at an unknown date and updated by Jason Lewis in July 2021. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Alice Balch Stone was born on July 12, 1876 at Swampscott, MA, to Francis and Ellen Maria (Noyes) Balch. She married Robert Bowditch Stone (1877-1945) on October 30, 1909 at Boston, MA. The son of Richard and Lucy (Bowditch) Stone, Robert was born at Boston on January 16, 1877. Robert worked as a lawyer in Boston, MA, and lived in Jamaica Plane. They had two children: Richard Noyes born February 7, 1912 at Boston, and Ellen in 1913. Alice Stone died on September 15, 1969 at Boston. Robert died there on March 11, 1945.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Stone Family Correspondence consists of approximately 184 letters dated from 1909 to 1960, with a few letters undated. All the undated letters have been kept with the years in which they were found. The earliest letters were written from the time shortly after Alice Balch made the acquaintance of Robert Bowditch Stone, through to their marriage. The bulk of the letters were written by Alice Balch Stone after her marriage to Robert Bowditch Stone and after they

had their two children, Richard and Ellen. Alice and the children spent the summers in the country while Robert remained in Boston, MA, joining his family on some weekends and on his vacation. Early summer residences were in Maine; beginning in 1922, the summer letters are from Chocorua, NH.

The letters provide some insight into the life and activities of the summer people who vacationed in the mountains of New Hampshire in the first half of the 20th century. Alice writes often about her love for her husband, and about her pride in and worries about her children. She writes about her art and the art done by Ellen. She describes the people and events that fill her summer life. There are vivid descriptions of New Hampshire lakes, mountains (especially Mt. Chocorua), the Notches, and the Falls at Swift River.

The letters include a wide span of topics, such as: prohibition, birth control, current authors, the eclipse of 1932, the great flood of 1932, the hurricane of 1938, politicians, the King Edward and Mrs. Simpson scandal, the Lindbergh kidnapping trial, Adolf Hitler, Hermann Göring, and World War II refugee children.

The 13 letters written by Robert Stone from Army camp in Plattsburgh, NY, in 1916 contain details of the daily life of an Army recruit in World War I. An item level list is available in the accession file.

Arrangement:

The Stone Family Correspondence is arranged chronologically.

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Subject Terms

People:

Curley, James Michael, 1874-1958
Davis, Bette, 1908-1989
Eppelsheimer, Ellen (Stone), 1913-2002
Göring, Hermann, 1893-1946
Hitler, Adolf, 1889-1945
Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951
Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945
Stone family
Stone, Alice, 1876-1969
Stone, Richard, 1912-
Stone, Robert Bowditch, 1877-1945
Wharton, Edith, 1862-1937
Windsor, Edward, Duke of, 1894-1972
Windsor, Wallis Warfield, Duchess of, 1896-1986

Subjects:

Art
Birth control
Correspondence
Mountains--New Hampshire
Painting
World War, 1914-1918
World War, 1914-1918--Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945--Refugees

Locations:

Chocorua, NH
East Orange, NJ
Jamaica Plain, Boston, MA
Manchester, MA
Milton, MA
Newcastle, ME
North Edgecomb, ME
Plattsburgh, NY
Tamworth, NH

Occupations:

Artists
Lawyers