

CROSSLAND, SARA F., 1891-1977.

Sara F. Crossland letters, 1918-1919

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Crossland, Sara F., 1891-1977.
Title: Sara F. Crossland letters, 1918-1919
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1520
Extent: .25 linear feet (1 box)
Abstract: Letters from Sara F. Crossland to her husband James S. Crossland, Jr.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Appraisal Note

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Processing

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Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Sara F. Lotta Crossland was born in Massachusetts in 1891. She later moved to New York City, where she worked at the Bankers Trust Company. In 1919 she married James S. Crossland, Jr. (b. 1892), an architect who was born in Pennsylvania. They had one daughter, Jane (b. 1922). Sara F. Crossland died in 1977.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of letters from Sara F. "Sallie" Lotta Crossland to James S. "Jim" Crossland, Jr., her boyfriend, who became her fiancé and later husband, from 1918-1919. The letters document the couple's courtship and engagement, including frank discussions of sexual intimacy. The letters also document Sara Crossland's social milieu in New York City, women's employment, and how the broader context of World War I impacted the couple's lives, including a bomb scare when a German employee attempted to detonate a bomb in the bank building where Sara Crossland worked. The collection also includes a letter from 1919 from James's sister-in-law, May Crossland, congratulating the couple on their marriage.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1918, Envelopes, empty
1	2	1918 January-February, Letters
1	3	1918 March-June, Letters
1	4	1918 July-August, Letters
1	5	1919 July, Letters
