

Homans, Susan T., c.1836-1924. Letters, 1913-1914.

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Susan T. (Tyng) Homans (c.1836-1924) was married to Rev. James E. Homans (d.1882), the rector of Christ Church in Manhasset, N.Y. They lived in Manhasset and had three children: James E. "Eddie" Homans, Jr. (1865-1949), editor and author who was best-known for his writings about the early days of the automobile; Rev. Canon Rockland T. (Tyng) Homans (c.1873-1954), rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, N.Y., and later canon of the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, N.Y.; and Susan T. (Tyng) "Sue" Homans (d.1960), who, in late 1913, went to London to study indexing under the tutelage of Mrs. Petherbridge, a well-known librarian. Sue Homans resided in Flushing, N.Y., and never married. For at least some time, mother and daughter lived together in Flushing; both were residing there at the time of their deaths in1924 and 1960, respectively.

The collection, which spans the years 1913-1914, includes seventy-five letters written by Susan T. Homans to her daughter, Sue, who was studying in England. The majority of the letters were written from Eddie Homan's Manhattan residence, where Mrs. Homans was staying for the winter. Other letters were written from Flushing, and Bethlehem, New Hampshire, where Mrs. Homan vacationed with her son, Rev. Rockland T. Homans, and his wife, Adele. Topics discussed in the letters included Eddie's constant depression, Sue's unhappiness, the house in Flushing, Rockland's poor health, the weather, suffragists, the war in Europe (WWI), and news about friends and relatives.

The collection also includes a small number of postcards and letters to Sue from friends and family.

SUBJECTS

Names: Homans, James E. (James Edward), d.1882. Homans, James E. (James Edward), Jr., 1865-1949. Homans, Rockland T. (Rockland Tyng), c.1873-d.1954. Homans, Susan T. (Susan Tyng), c.1836-1924. Homans, Susan T. (Susan Tyng), d.1960.

Places: London, England. Flushing (N.Y.).

Form and Genre Terms: Letters.

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Box and Folder Listing

All letters were addressed to Miss Susan T. Homans, 20 Cartwright Gardens, Tavistock Square, London, England.

<u>Box /</u> Folder	Title	Dates
1-1	Letters	Dec. 1913
1-2	Letters	Jan. 1914
1-3	Letters	Feb. 1914 (with enclosures)
1-4	Letters	March 1914 (with enclosures)
1-5	Letters	April 1914 (with enclosure)
1-6	Letters	May 1914
1-7	Letters	June 1914 (with enclosures)
1-8	Letters	July 1914
1-9	Letters	Aug. 1914