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Guide to the

**Edith Wharton letters**

1917-1937

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## Summary

**Creator:** Wharton, Edith, 1862-1937

**Title:** Edith Wharton letters

**Date:** 1917-1937

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Donated by Mrs. Lewis Cass Ledyard, 1952, and Susan D. Bliss, 1955

**Abstract:** Edith Wharton (1862-1937) was an American author and designer. The collection of Edith Wharton letters consists of eight letters written by her to Mrs. Lewis Cass (Isabel Morris) Ledyard, 1917, 1932-1937, and one letter to Mrs. (George T.) Bliss, 1917. There is also one letter to Ledyard written by Wharton's friend and executor, Elisina Tyler (Mrs. Royall Tyler), recounting the final illness and death of Edith Wharton, 1937. All are written on Wharton's stationery from her residences in France. Wharton's letters to Bliss and Ledyard thank them for donations supporting relief work for war refugees and tuberculosis patients. Enclosed in Wharton's letters to Ledyard are two photographic postcards showing her garden at Sainte-Claire le Chateau in Hyères, and two photographs of a religious procession at Pavillon Colombe in St. Brice-sous-Le Forêt. All have Wharton's identifications on verso. The collection also contains a loose autograph signature and reference materials.

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## Key Terms

### Occupations

Authors

Philanthropists

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographic postcards

Photographs

**Subjects**

Tuberculosis -- Hospitals -- France

Women authors, American -- 20th century -- Correspondence

World War, 1914-1918 -- Civilian relief -- France

**Names**

Bliss, Jeannette Dwight

Ledyard, Isabel Morris, 1862-1955

Tyler, Elisina

Wharton, Edith, 1862-1937 -- Correspondence

Wharton, Edith, 1862-1937 -- Homes and haunts