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Collection Summary

Title: Piccard Family Papers

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Extent: 73,000 items

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Summary: Family members represented include Jean Felix Piccard (1884-1963), his wife, Jeannette Ridlon Piccard (1895-1981), and their son, Don Piccard (1926-). Correspondence, memoranda, diaries, journals, logbooks, drafts of writings and speeches, reports, notes, financial papers, biographical and genealogical material, scrapbooks, blueprints, patent specifications and other papers documenting the careers of Piccard family members in the fields of aeronautics, ballooning, bathyscaphe exploration, chemistry, education, the Episcopal church, and stratospheric exploration.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Carty, Denzil A.--Correspondence.
Corrigan, Daniel, 1897- --Correspondence.
Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955--Correspondence.
Gilruth, Robert R. (Robert Rowe), 1913-2000--Correspondence.
Hiatt, Suzanne R.--Correspondence.
McNairy, Philip F.--Correspondence.
Millikan, Robert Andrews, 1868-1953--Correspondence.
Piccard family.
Piccard, Auguste, 1884-1962--Correspondence.
Piccard, Don, 1926- Don Piccard papers.
Piccard, Jacques--Correspondence.
Piccard, Jean Felix, 1884-1963. Jean Felix Piccard papers.
Piccard, Jeannette, 1895-1981. Jeannette Piccard papers.
Piccard, Kathryn Ann--Correspondence.
Ridlen family.
Ridlon, John, 1852-1936--Correspondence.
Stevens, A. W. (Albert William), 1886-1949--Correspondence.
Swann, W. F. G. (William Francis Gray), 1884-1962--Correspondence.
Zielinski, Francis--Correspondence.

Organizations

Aéro-Club Suisse.
Balloon Federation of America.
Calco Chemical Company.
Don Piccard Balloons.
Episcopal Church.
Hercules Powder Company.
National Research Council (U.S.)
Piccard, Jules, b. 1840--Correspondence.
Pleiades (Aerostat)
United States. Army Air Forces.

United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Subjects

Aeronautics.
Aerospace engineering.
Airships.
Ballooning.
Bathyscaphe.
Chemistry, Organic.
Chemistry.
Cosmic rays.
Education.
Explosives.
Flight.
Legal documents--Switzerland.
Religion.
Stratosphere.
Women in the Episcopal Church.
World War, 1939-1945.

Places

Switzerland--Genealogy.

Acquisition Information

The Piccard Family Papers include material of Jean Felix Piccard, chemist, balloonist, and aeronautical engineer; his wife, Jeannette Ridlon Piccard, balloonist, aerospace consultant, and clergywoman; and their son, Don Piccard, balloonist and entrepreneur. Papers given to the Library of Congress in 1969 by Jeannette Piccard constitute Part I of the collection. Additional material given in 1985 by Don Piccard comprises Part II.

Processing History

The Piccard Family Papers were arranged and described in 1971 by Warren Ohrville and Joseph Sullivan. Additional material received in 1985 was processed as Part II by Michael Spangler with the assistance of Sherralyn McCoy and Susie Moody in 1995.

Additional Guides

A description of Part I of the Piccard Family Papers appears in the Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress, October 1970, p. 349.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Sound recordings and motion picture films, including a film of Jean and Jeannette Piccard's 1934 stratospheric flight, have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. Most photographs, blueprints, and drawings have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Most maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division, and a finding aid is available at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/eadgmd.gm021026>. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Piccard Family Papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of members of the Piccard family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Piccard Family are open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Piccard Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Notes

Jean Felix Piccard

Date	Event
1884, Jan. 28	Born, Basel, Switzerland
1907	Technical chemist degree, chemical engineering, Swiss Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland
1909	D.Sc., organic chemistry, Swiss Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland
1910-1914	Private assistant to Adolf von Baeyer and <i>Privatdocent</i> , University of Munich, Munich, Germany
1914-1916	<i>Privatdocent</i> , University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland.
1915	Served in Swiss Army lighter-than-air service
1916-1919	Associate professor, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
1919	Married Jeannette Ridlon
1919-1926	Professor of chemistry, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland
1924-1926	Consulting chemist, Calco Chemical Co., Bound Brook, N.J.
1926-1929	Research instructor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1929-1932	Head, Organic Research Department, Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Del.
1931	Naturalized United States citizen
1933-1936	Research associate, Bartol Research Foundation, Swarthmore, Pa.
1933	Codesigner with his brother Auguste Piccard, stratospheric gondola <i>Century of Progress</i> , constructed by the Dow Chemical Corp. for the Chicago World's Fair
1934	Ascended into stratosphere in aerostat piloted by Jeannette Piccard to study cosmic rays, Ford Airport, Dearborn, Mich.
1934	Developed and patented a plaster cast penetrable by X-rays
1936-1952	Professor of aeronautical engineering, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
1936-1937	Developed and launched unmanned, taped plastic-film balloons Piloted <i>Pleiades</i> , an aerostat held aloft by a cluster of ninety-eight sounding balloons
1941-1945	Taught United States Navy officers in aeronautical program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
1945	Served three months at the German Air Documents Research Center, London, England
1946	Participated in development of the United States Navy's <i>Helios</i> project, a multiple balloon aerostat for stratospheric exploration
1952	Professor emeritus, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
1963, Jan. 28	Died, Minneapolis, Minn.

Jeannette Ridlon Piccard

Date	Event
1895, Jan. 5	Born, Chicago, Illinois
1918	A.B., Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
1919	M.A., organic chemistry, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
1919	Married Jean Felix Piccard
1934	Licensed spherical balloon pilot, National Aeronautic Association Piloted aerostat into stratosphere with Jean Piccard to study cosmic rays, Ford Airport, Dearborn, Mich.
1942	Ph.D., education, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
1943	Executive secretary, housing section, Minnesota Office of Civil Defense
1947	Aeronautical consultant, General Mills, Inc.
1961-1965	President, board of directors, St. Paul's Episcopal Day School, St. Paul, Minn.
1964-1970	Consultant to director, Manned Spacecraft Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
1968-1981	Honorary member, board of trustees, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.
1971	Ordained deacon, Episcopal Church Curate, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minn.
1973	Certificate of Study, General Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y.
1974	"Irregular" ordination as priest, Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
1977	Ordination as priest officially recognized by Episcopal Church
1981, May 17	Died, Minneapolis, Minn.

Genealogy Chart, Piccard Family

- Jules Piccard, m. H el ene (Haltenhoff)
 - Auguste, m. Marianne (Denis)
 - Denise
 - Jacques, m. Marie-Claude
 - Marianne
 - H el ene
 - Genevi eve
 - Jean Felix, m. Jeannette (Ridlon)
 - John A., m. Marilyn, m. Mary Ann
 - Paul J., m. Betty
 - Donald L., m. Joan, m. Wilma
 - Marie, m. Paul Rambert
 - Paul, m. Marguerite

Genealogy Chart, Ridlon Family

- John Ridlon, m. Emily (Robinson)
 - Jeannette, m. Jean Felix Piccard
 - John A., m. Marilyn, m. Mary Ann
 - Paul J., m. Betty
 - Donald L., m. Joan, m. Wilma
 - Beatrice (d. 1898)
 - Noel
 - Margaret, m. Dirk Van Ingen
 - Hester, m. J. L. Hempstead
 - Hugh O. T., m. Alice (?)
 - John Robert, m. Edith

Scope and Content Note

Part I

Part I of the papers of the Piccard Family dates from circa 1470 to 1968, with the period of concentration falling between 1926 and 1966. This part of the collection primarily documents the achievements and activities of Jean Felix Piccard (1884-1963) and, to a lesser extent, those of Jeannette Ridlon Piccard (1895-1981), his wife. Trained in Europe as an organic chemist, Jean Piccard gained recognition in the 1930s and 1940s as an aeronautical engineer and an active participant in the exploration of the earth's stratosphere and the study of cosmic rays. Jeannette Piccard, who also studied chemistry, provided valuable assistance to her husband and piloted the balloon for their widely publicized ascent into the stratosphere in 1934. Part I is arranged into the following series: [Diaries and Spiritual Meditations](#), [Family Correspondence](#), [Personal Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), [Financial Papers](#), [Miscellany](#), [Printed Matter](#) and [Oversize](#). Family correspondence comprises almost half of the correspondence, with personal and general correspondence making up the other half. The papers also include notebooks, biographical material, blueprints, patent specifications and descriptions, scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings. Part II of the papers contains a few files of Jean Piccard, but focuses more on Jeannette's later activities as an aerospace consultant and her association with the Episcopal Church.

The [Diaries and Spiritual Meditations](#) series consists chiefly of writings of Jeannette Piccard and exhibits her early and enduring interest in Christianity and the church. The [Family Correspondence](#) includes communications among numerous members of both the Piccard and Ridlon families. Significant among the correspondents is Auguste Piccard, Jean Piccard's twin brother and professor of physics. In the vanguard of stratospheric exploration, Auguste Piccard had made balloon flights into the lower regions of the stratosphere in 1931 and 1932 to study cosmic rays. His correspondence depicts his considerable collaborations with Jean in the design of Jean's balloon gondola and their mutual scientific interests. Another important correspondent is Jacques Piccard, son of Auguste Piccard and acclaimed undersea explorer. Other notable correspondents include Jean Piccard's father, Jules Piccard, professor of chemistry at the University of Basel, and Jeannette Piccard's father, John Ridlon, an eminent orthopedic surgeon. The Family Correspondence also includes letters exchanged with foster children whom the Piccards took into their home. Many of the letters of members of the Piccard family are in French or German.

The [General Correspondence](#) series reflects Jean Piccard's work as a consultant in the natural sciences. Correspondence with the National Research Council in 1918, especially on the subject of trinitrotoluene (TNT), reflects the scientific aspect of the papers. During the period 1910-1913 and in the late 1930s there is additional scientific correspondence which relates to his inventions. All of the correspondence series in Part I includes material relating to the Piccards' stratospheric flight in 1934. [Personal Correspondence](#) includes letters from family friends and also reflects the management of the Piccard household. Both Jean and Jeannette Piccard corresponded in the 1930s with scientists and mathematicians such as Albert Einstein, Robert Andrews Millikan, W. F.G. Swann, and A. W. Stevens.

The [Subject File](#) also includes material relating to the Piccards' stratospheric flight in 1934 as well as a written account with photographs of Jean Piccard's test flight in his experimental aerostat *Pleiades* in 1937 and reports by Piccard for the Hercules Powder Company. Other items in the Subject File consist of material related to college classes taught by Jean Piccard, interview scripts, information regarding an experimental radio station on the campus of the University of Minnesota, records of the Aéro-Club Suisse which Jean Piccard served as treasurer, and a transcript of interrogations he conducted for the United States Army Air Corps in July and August 1945. Jeannette Piccard's papers in the Subject File reflect her role in the Episcopal Church and as an educator.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) file includes a large body of writings by Jean Piccard consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, and printed copies of numerous articles for scientific journals and other publications. Also contained in this file are writings by Jeannette Piccard and other family members.

[Miscellany](#) includes biographical material pertaining to several Piccard family members and a number of genealogical and legal documents concerning the family dating from approximately the 1470s to the late eighteenth century. The [Printed Matter](#) series contains clippings pertaining to the family and numerous miscellaneous pamphlets and ephemeral printed material.

Part II

Part II of the Piccard Family Papers spans the years circa 1850-1983 with the bulk of the material clustered between 1967 and 1983. This part of the collection focuses primarily on the professional activities and accomplishments of Jeannette Piccard after the death of her husband Jean in 1963. Highlights in the papers relate to her role as consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Manned Spacecraft Center in the 1960s and her efforts in the 1970s to become one of the first women officially admitted into the priesthood of the Episcopal Church. Also included are a few files of Jean Piccard and papers of their son Don Piccard (1926-). Part II, organized into the following series: [Family Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), and [Miscellany](#), includes correspondence, diaries, typescripts, autobiographies, memoranda, reports, notes, newspaper clippings, and printed matter.

The [Family Correspondence](#) in Part II supplements Part I and includes significant material relating to Auguste and Jacques Piccard and John Ridlon. Another notable correspondent is Kathryn Ann Piccard, a granddaughter who, sharing Jeannette Piccard's interest in the church, was also ordained an Episcopal priest. The files include correspondence with Jean and Jeannette Piccard's parents, siblings, children and grandchildren, and their relatives in Switzerland.

[General Correspondence](#) also complements Part I and includes communications with professional colleagues and family friends. Earlier material relates to the career of Jean Piccard, while later portions reflect Jeannette Piccard's ambitions in the 1970s regarding the priesthood.

The [Subject File](#) is composed of the professional files of Jean, Jeannette, and Don Piccard. Jeannette Piccard's files comprise the bulk of the material and exhibit her work as an aerospace consultant with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and, more fully, her ordination as a priest. In 1971 she was ordained as deacon, and in 1973 she completed a course of study at General Theological Seminary in New York City. She was "irregularly" ordained as priest in 1974 in Philadelphia, along with ten other women in a ceremony performed without the official sanction of the church. In 1976, the Episcopal Church officially recognized the ordination of women as priests. Key files relate to her ordinations to the diaconate and the priesthood, deacons and deaconesses, and the denomination in general. Material filed under the Episcopal Church pertains to national general conferences and annual meetings of the diocese of Minnesota. Papers relating to Jeannette Piccard's association with other religious organizations are also located throughout the Subject File. Significant correspondents include Denzil A. Carty, Daniel Corrigan, Robert R. Gilruth, Suzanne R. Hiatt, Philip F. McNairy, and Francis Zielinski.

The files of Jean Piccard in the Subject File include those relating to his research on an oxygen converter and his work with Calco Chemical Company and the Hercules Powder Company Experimental Station. The Subject File also contains Don Piccard's editor's file for the newsletter for the Balloon Federation of America and material relating to his sport balloon manufacturing company, Don Piccard Balloons, Inc.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) series augments the file in Part I and comprise material principally by Jeannette Piccard, including essays, sermons, and poetry. Of particular interest is a 1916 college essay entitled "Should Women Be Admitted to the Priesthood of the Anglican Church?" Other writings include those by Jean Piccard and drafts and background material of the memoirs of Jeannette Piccard's father, John Ridlon.

The [Miscellany](#) series includes engagement calendars, membership directories, photographs, and printed matter relating to the Piccard family, stratospheric balloon flights, ballooning, and women and the priesthood.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in two parts composed of fifteen series:

Part I:

- [Diaries and Spiritual Meditations, 1914-1968](#)
- [Family Correspondence, 1875-1967](#)
- [Personal Correspondence, 1888-1968](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1900-1968](#)
- [Subject File, 1916-1968](#)
- [Speeches and Writings, 1879-1965](#)
- [Financial Papers, 1901-1962](#)
- [Miscellany, circa 1470-1968](#)

- Printed Matter, 1893-1969
- Oversize, 1904-1947

Part II:

- Family Correspondence, 1874-1981
- General Correspondence, 1892-1981
- Subject File, 1890-1983
- Speeches and Writings, 1850s-1980
- Miscellany, 1892-1981

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX I: 1-2	<p><u>Part I: Diaries and Spiritual Meditations, 1914-1968</u></p> <p>Diaries, journals, and volumes of spiritual invocations. Each volume contains a small amount of unbound notations. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX I: 3-24	<p><u>Part I: Family Correspondence, 1875-1967</u></p> <p>Letters received and carbons of letters sent. Arranged according to Piccard family, Ridlon family, and foster children and filed therein by name and familial relationship to Jean and Jeannette and chronologically within these groupings.</p>
BOX I: 25-38	<p><u>Part I: Personal Correspondence, 1888-1968</u></p> <p>Letters received and carbons of letters sent. Arranged chronologically. Christmas cards, other cards with messages, and condolences appear at the end of each section.</p>
BOX I: 39-61	<p><u>Part I: General Correspondence, 1900-1968</u></p> <p>Business letters received and carbons of letters sent. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX I: 62-70	<p><u>Part I: Subject File, 1916-1968</u></p> <p>Memoranda, notes, mimeographed information, reports, photographs, logbooks, tests, test papers, student reports, and press releases. Arranged alphabetically by topic.</p>
BOX I: 71-80	<p><u>Part I: Speeches and Writings, 1879-1965</u></p> <p>Manuscripts, typescripts, and printed copies of speeches and writings. Grouped by author or type of material and arranged alphabetically therein.</p>
BOX I: 81-82	<p><u>Part I: Financial Papers, 1901-1962</u></p> <p>Letters received and sent. Grouped by name or subject and arranged chronologically therein.</p>
BOX I: 83-91	<p><u>Part I: Miscellany, circa 1470-1968</u></p> <p>Biographical material, family papers, genealogical material, blueprints, drawings, notebooks, notes, programs, insurance policies, lists, and calling cards. Grouped by topic or type of material.</p>
BOX I: 92-100	<p><u>Part I: Printed Matter, 1893-1969</u></p> <p>Newspapers clippings, scrapbooks, serials, bulletins, and monographs. Newspaper clippings are grouped by family member. Scrapbooks include newspaper clippings, letters, telegrams, and mementos relating to Jean, Jeannette, and Auguste Piccard.</p>
BOX I: OV 1	<p><u>Part I: Oversize, 1904-1947</u></p> <p>Drawings, blueprints, and scrapbooks, and a photograph. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.</p>

- BOX II: 1-13** **Part II: Family Correspondence, 1874-1981**
Letters received and sent.
Grouped by Piccard family and Ridlon family and arranged therein by name and familial relationship to Jean and Jeannette Piccard. Items are filed chronologically within folders.
- BOX II: 14-27** **Part II: General Correspondence, 1892-1981**
Letters received and sent.
Arranged chronologically.
- BOX II: 28-81** **Part II: Subject File, 1890-1983**
Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, clippings, and printed and near-print matter.
Arranged alphabetically by family member and therein by subject. Items are filed chronologically within folders.
- BOX II: 81-90** **Part II: Speeches and Writings, 1850s-1980**
Diaries, manuscripts, typescripts, printed writings, notebooks, notes, drafts, jottings, and autobiographies.
Arranged alphabetically by family member and therein by type of material. Items are filed chronologically or alphabetically within folders.
- BOX II: 90-103** **Part II: Miscellany, 1892-1981**
Engagement calendars, financial records, membership directories, photographs and postcards, and printed matter.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein by topic.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX I: 1-2	Part I: Diaries and Spiritual Meditations, 1914-1968 Diaries, journals, and volumes of spiritual invocations. Each volume contains a small amount of unbound notations. Arranged chronologically.
BOX I: 1	1914-1949 (8 folders)
BOX I: 2	1950-1968, undated (6 folders)
BOX I: 3-24	Part I: Family Correspondence, 1875-1967 Letters received and carbons of letters sent. Arranged according to Piccard family, Ridlon family, and foster children and filed therein by name and familial relationship to Jean and Jeannette and chronologically within these groupings.
BOX I: 3	Piccard family Jean to Jeannette, 1926-1958, undated (9 folders)
BOX I: 4	Jeannette to Jean, 1920-1958, undated (11 folders)
BOX I: 5	Children and grandchildren John A. (son) and Marilyn and Mary Ann Piccard (daughters-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette, 1933-1964, undated (6 folders)
BOX I: 6	Jean and Jeannette to John A. and Marilyn and Mary Ann Piccard, 1923-1964, undated (5 folders) Paul J. (son) and Betty Piccard (daughter-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette 1933-1949 (3 folders)
BOX I: 7	1950-1967, undated (4 folders) Jean and Jeannette to Paul J. and Betty Piccard 1935-1956 (3 folders)
BOX I: 8	1957-1967, undated (2 folders) Don (son) and Joan Piccard (daughter-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette, 1933-1967, undated (6 folders)
BOX I: 9	Jean and Jeannette to Don and Joan Piccard, 1934-1967, undated (4 folders) Grandchildren to Jean and Jeannette, 1953-1967 (3 folders)

Part I: Family Correspondence, 1875-1967

Container

Contents

	Jean and Jeannette to grandchildren, 1949-1967 (3 folders)
BOX I: 10	Parents Jules and H�el�ene Piccard to Jean and Jeannette 1896-1912 (8 folders)
BOX I: 11	1913-1920 (6 folders)
BOX I: 12	1921-1930, undated (3 folders) Jean and Jeannette to Jules and H�el�ene Piccard, 1911-1929, undated (3 folders)
BOX I: 13	Siblings Auguste (brother) and Marianne Piccard (sister-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette, 1909-1963, undated (4 folders) Jean and Jeannette to Auguste and Marianne Piccard, 1903-1963, undated (5 folders)
BOX I: 14	Marie (sister) and Paul Rambert (brother-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette, 1902-1963, undated (6 folders) Jean and Jeannette to Marie and Paul Rambert, 1918-1963, undated (2 folders)
BOX I: 15	Paul (brother) and Marguerite Piccard (sister-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette, 1903-1963 (2 folders) Jean and Jeannette to Paul and Marguerite Piccard, 1918-1966 Nieces and nephews Jacques (nephew) and Marie-Claude Piccard (niece-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette, 1945-1964 Jean and Jeannette to Jacques and Marie-Claude Piccard, 1945-1966
BOX I: 16	Miscellaneous with Jean and Jeannette, 1916-1966, undated (6 folders)
BOX I: 17	Aunts and uncles with Jean and Jeannette, 1896-1935, undated (2 folders) Other family members with Jean and Jeannette, 1903-1966, undated (3 folders) Miscellaneous, 1875-1945 (2 folders)
BOX I: 18	Ridlon family Parents Emily (mother) to Jean and Jeannette, 1919-1941 (4 folders) John (father) to Jean and Jeannette, 1919-1936 (3 folders)
BOX I: 19	Jean and Jeannette to John and Emily Ridlon, 1920-1940 (3 folders) Siblings

Part I: Family Correspondence, 1875-1967

Container

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	Hester "Nan" Hemstead (sister) to Jean and Jeannette, 1919-1964 (2 folders)
	Jean and Jeannette to Hester Hempstead, 1933-1965 (2 folders)
BOX I: 20	Hugh O. T. Ridlon (brother) to Jean and Jeannette, 1929-1966, undated (2 folders)
	Jean and Jeannette to Hugh O. T. Ridlon, 1931-1966
	Noel Ridlon (brother) to Jean and Jeannette, 1920-1949, undated (2 folders)
	Jean and Jeannette to Noel Ridlon, 1927-1949
	John Robert "Bob" Ridlon (brother) to Jean and Jeannette, 1936-1945
	Jean and Jeannette to John Robert Ridlon, 1927-1946
BOX I: 21	Margaret "Peggy" (sister) and Dirk Van Ingen (brother-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette 1920-1950 (6 folders)
BOX I: 22	1951-1964, undated (6 folders)
	Jean and Jeannette to Margaret and Dirk Van Ingen 1929-1944 (2 folders)
BOX I: 23	1945-1964, undated (4 folders)
	Niece, Ann Jensvold, with Jean and Jeannette, 1939-1964, undated (5 folders)
	Other family members with Jean and Jeannette, 1926-1966 (3 folders)
	Miscellaneous, 1908, 1922-1959
BOX I: 24	Foster children
	Livingston, Bette
	To Jean and Jeannette, 1950-1964, undated (2 folders)
	From Jean and Jeannette, 1950-1963
	Miscellaneous correspondence re foster children, 1946-1958
	Newell, James
	To Jean and Jeannette, 1949-1958, undated
	From Jean and Jeannette, 1949-1962, undated
	Rogneby, Ralph, to Jean and Jeannette, 1946-1952
BOX I: 25-38	Part I: Personal Correspondence, 1888-1968 Letters received and carbons of letters sent. Arranged chronologically. Christmas cards, other cards with messages, and condolences appear at the end of each section.
BOX I: 25	Letters received 1888-1912 (8 folders)
BOX I: 26	1913-1926 (12 folders)

Part I: Personal Correspondence, 1888-1968

Container	Contents
BOX I: 27	1927-1934 (9 folders)
BOX I: 28	1935-1938 (6 folders)
BOX I: 29	1939-1948 (8 folders)
BOX I: 30	1949-1956 (7 folders)
BOX I: 31	1957-1959 (6 folders)
BOX I: 32	1960-1962 (6 folders)
BOX I: 33	1963-1968, undated (6 folders)
BOX I: 34	Expressions of sympathy on death of Jean Piccard, 1963 (5 folders)
BOX I: 35	Christmas cards and other cards with messages (3 folders)
BOX I: 36	Letters sent 1905-1940 (10 folders)
BOX I: 37	1941-1956 (10 folders)
BOX I: 38	1957-1968, undated, with fragments and 1962 Christmas greetings (9 folders)
BOX I: 39-61	Part I: General Correspondence, 1900-1968 Business letters received and carbons of letters sent. Arranged chronologically.
BOX I: 39	Letters received 1900-1922 (8 folders)
BOX I: 40	1923-1929 (9 folders)
BOX I: 41	1930-1933 (8 folders)
BOX I: 42	1934 (8 folders)
BOX I: 43	1935 (5 folders)
BOX I: 44	1936-1937 (7 folders)
BOX I: 45	1938-1941 (6 folders)
BOX I: 46	1942-1946 (6 folders)

Part I: General Correspondence, 1900-1968

Container	Contents
BOX I: 47	1947-1950 (6 folders)
BOX I: 48	1951-1954 (8 folders)
BOX I: 49	1955-1957 (7 folders)
BOX I: 50	1958-1960 (7 folders)
BOX I: 51	1961-1968, undated (9 folders)
BOX I: 52	Letters sent 1901-1929 (11 folders)
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BOX I: 56	1940-1945 (6 folders)
BOX I: 57	1946-1950 (7 folders)
BOX I: 58	1951-1955 (7 folders)
BOX I: 59	1956-1958 (7 folders)
BOX I: 60	1959-1961 (7 folders)
BOX I: 61	1962-1968, undated (8 folders)
BOX I: 62-70	Part I: Subject File, 1916-1968 Memoranda, notes, mimeographed information, reports, photographs, logbooks, tests, test papers, student reports, and press releases. Arranged alphabetically by topic.
BOX I: 62	Aéro-Club Suisse <i>See Container I: 70, Swiss Aero Club</i> Aviation radio operation, 1934 Ballooning 1933 flight 1934 flight (3 folders) 1937 flight, <i>Pleiades</i> (2 folders) 1947 flight (1 folder)
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Part I: Subject File, 1916-1968

Container

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