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Victoria Sackville-West

Colby College Special Collections

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Colby College Special Collections
<b>Source - dnr:</b>	Martin, Grace Mountcastle, 1892-1968 (American. Educator)
<b>Creator - crp:</b>	Sackville-West, V. (Victoria), 1892-1962 (English. Author.)
<b>Title:</b>	Collection of Victoria Sackville-West Materials.
<b>ID:</b>	SACKVILLE-WEST.1
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1947 - 1961.
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.5 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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<b>Abstract:</b>	The collection contains personal correspondence from V. Sackville-West to Grace Mountcastle Martin between 1947-1961.

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## Biographical Note

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V. [Victoria or "Vita"] Sackville-West, English poet, novelist, socialite and suffragette, was born in 1892 at her family's estate at Knole in Kent. Privately educated, she began writing poetry at age 11, and had produced 8 novels and 5 plays by the time of her marriage to Harold Nicholson in 1913. Sackville-West eventually published nearly 50 volumes of poetry, fiction, biography, history and horticulture. She was awarded the Hawthorne Prize in 1927 for her poem, "The Land." Sackville-West was noted among her peers for her active, bohemian lifestyle and her numerous affairs with other women, particularly the author Virginia Woolf, but despite this latter relationship she was never directly involved with the Bloomsbury group of artists and writers. She and her husband settled at Sissinghurst Castle in Kent, where she became a recognized authority on gardening and country life. She died in 1962.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection contains 27 letters and 4 greeting cards of personal correspondence written between 1947-1961, from V. Sackville-West at her home at Sissinghurst Castle in Kent, U.K., to Grace Mountcastle Martin in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Many of the letters convey the author's thanks for shipments of sugar and soap during times of rationing in the U.K.

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## Arrangement

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Materials arranged in one series: Correspondence.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Conditions Governing Use

Materials to be used on site during regular Special Collections hours or by appointment. Photocopying or scanning may be possible at discretion of staff for nominal fee. Materials may be protected by copyright.

### Custodial History

Gift of Grace Mountcastle Martin.

## Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Jam
- Letters
- Sissinghurst Castle (England)
- Martin, Grace Mountcastle, 1892-1968 (American. Educator)
- Masfield, John, 1878-1967 (English poet)
- Martin, Grace Mountcastle, 1892-1968 (American. Educator)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series A: Correspondence., 1947 - 1961.

Physical Description: 3 folders.

Physical Location: Folders A1 - A3 located in SACK.1 Box 1.

Title/Description	Instances
Folder A1: to Grace Mountcastle Martin., 1947 - 1961 and undated. <u>Physical Description</u> : 10 ALS, 16 TLS, 2 ACS, 25 env.	
Folder A2: to Grace Mountcastle Martin., 1952 - 1954 - 1956. <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 ALS, 2 ACS, 2 env., 1 clipping	
Folder A3: to John Masfield., February 21, 1949. <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 ALS.	

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