

**Papers of Hannah Dunlop (Andrews) Colt,
1909-c. 1992, bulk 1917-1919**

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Biographical Sketch—Hannah Dunlop (Andrews) Colt

1883	Born, Oak Park, Illinois, October 27
1904	Graduated from Smith College
1906	Married Barrett Andrews, June 16
1906	Moved to Bronxville. Lived at 54 Park, c. 1906-c. 1926; 15 Northern, 1926-1941; 2 Midland Gardens, c. 1943-1945; and 20 Oriel, 1946-1974.
1915	Graduated, Columbia University, M.A. in economics
1917-1918	Served with the Smith College Relief Unit; served as director, January 1918-January 1919
1921	Divorced Barrett Andrews, February 22
1922	Married William Leonard Colt, July 27
1927-1936	Member of the Bronxville School Board
1942-1948	Chairperson, Westchester County American Red Cross War Fund
1944-c. 1946	Trustee, Sarah Lawrence College
c. 1963	Active in the Westchester County Human Rights Commission
1974	Died, c. October 6

Collection Description

Correspondence, primarily, and reports, college records, notes, indentures, and printed material relating primarily to Hannah Dunlop (Andrews) Colt's activities as a member of the Smith College Relief Unit, 1917-1919, and to her life and residences in Bronxville.

The collection is in two series. The Smith College Relief Unit File includes, most importantly, letters and reports by Hannah Dunlop Andrews relating to the work of the

relief unit; two articles from April and July, 1918, about the relief unit which compile letters and reports by relief unit members; and a long pamphlet published in 1968. Andrews' letters give an account of her experiences in the war zone of France that is often wonderfully detailed and evocative of the particular violence of World War I. Her letters also depict a small community of Bronxville residents brought together by experiences of war and concern for friends and loved ones engaged with war. Andrews' correspondence include Helen R. Thayer, the chairman of the Smith College Relief Unit Committee; Margaret Chambers Halsey and her parents Frank Ross Chambers and Kate Chambers; her brother, John Dunlop, and her mother-in-law, "Mother Andrews"; and a donor to the relief unit, a Mrs. Rouer (spelling uncertain).

The Subject File includes a series of letters written by Captain/Major Charles W. Halsey to his wife Margaret Chambers Halsey, recounting his wartime experiences as a member of the quartermaster corps, American Expeditionary Force, 1917-1918; and a collection of research materials about Hannah Dunlop (Andrews) Colt created by former Bronxville village historian Eloise L. Morgan in about 1992.

Both series include documents copies from Ms. Morgan from the Smith College Archives, and the Subject File also includes documents copied from the records of Sarah Lawrence College.

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- Letters from Hannah Dunlop Andrews
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- Hannah Dunlop Andrews—Reports on the Work of the Smith College Relief Unit, to William H. Jackson, April-July 1918 (Smith College Archives)
- Hannah Dunlop Andrews—Report of the Work of the Smith College Relief Unit for August 1918
- Letters from Hannah Dunlop Andrews to Helen R. Thayer (Chairman, Smith College Relief Unit Committee), January-June 1918 (Smith College Archives)
- Letters from Hannah Dunlop Andrews to Jessie, 1917-1918 (Smith College Archives)
- Postcards from Hannah Dunlop Andrews to Margaret Chambers Halsey, December 1917 to November 1918
- Letters from Hannah Dunlop Andrews to Several Correspondents, April-October 1918, March 1919, and undated.
- Letters from Emilie and Yvonne Bourgarde to Hannah Dunlop Andrews, 1918
- Letter (typed copy) of letter from Dorothy Young to Helen R. Thayer, August 23, 1918.
- Letter from Gertrude Orr, August 31, 1918, Probably to Hannah Dunlop Andrews
- Letter to Kate Chambers, from a French person, July 2, [1918]
- Address Read by a French Child during a Smith College Relief Unit Distribution, not dated
- Smith College Relief Unit—Correspondence, an Article, 1918, 1963 (Smith College Archives)
- Articles—“The Smith College Relief Unit: the S. C. R. U. Still Propelling Forward,” April 1918; and “The Smith College Relief Unit,” July 1918; Both Reprinted from *The Smith Alumnae Quarterly*, April 1918
- Program, Dedication of Smith College Relief Unit Memorial, October 18, 1924
- *An Irrepressible Crew: The Smith College Relief Unit*, by Louise Elliott Dalby, 1968
- Clippings about World War I, 1918, 1928-1934
- Finding Aid for Records in the Smith College Archives relating to the Smith College Relief Unit

Subject File, 1909-c.1992

- Records from Smith College relating to Hannah Dunlop (Andrews) Colt, 1914-1991 (Smith College Archives)

- Records from Sarah Lawrence College relating to Hannah Dunlop Colt, 1937-1946
- Indentures Recording the Transfer of Properties in Bronxville in Which Hannah Dunlop (Andrews) Colt Had an Interest, 1909, 1913, 1915, 1928, 1936
- Eloise Morgan Notes about Hannah Dunlop (Andrews) Colt, c. 1992
- Letter from Margaret Chambers Halsey to William L. Colt (?), April 2, 1925
- Typed copies of letters and extracts from letters from Captain/Major Charles W. Halsey and others to Margaret Chambers Halsey, October 1917 to December 1918.
- Clippings about Hannah Dunlop (Andrews) Colt, 1918-1974
- Bio and Miscellaneous