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## ARCHIVES

Isabel K. Arms  
Papers

2014.65

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### Collection Information

Abstract: The collection consists of photographs of the Bigelow and Arms family as well as correspondences to Isabel Arms from her father Clarence among others, c. 1935.

Finding Aids: Finding Aid in print form available in the Repository. Item level control.

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Access: The Finding Aid is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsb, gmGPC, tgm, etc.)

### Biographical Information

Isabel Kingsley Arms (February 19, 1915 – June 18, 2014) was born in Roebling, NJ to Clarence Stillman Arms (d. 1968) and Isabel Matlack Arms (d. 1917). Her stepmother was Dorothy Bigelow Arms (d. 1978) who was the daughter of George A Bigelow and Dora Tucker Bigelow, woolen mill owner. She attended Bancroft School and Mount Holyoke College. During WWII, she was a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve Supply Corps. She then worked as executive secretary for the Massachusetts League of Women Voters and for several years at Norton Company. She was president of the Worcester Garden Club and vice president of the Worcester County Horticultural Society.

### Scope and Content

The collection consists of photographs of the Bigelow and Arms family as well as correspondences to Isabel Arms from her father Clarence among others, c. 1935. The majority of the letters are to Isabel while she was at Abbott Academy, Mount Holyoke College or in the Navy.

## Series Description

Series 1: Images

Series 2: Correspondences

Series 3: Miscellaneous

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Series 1, Images

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2014.65.1.1-.10	Various images of Isabel K Arms
1	2	2014.65.1.11-.16	Various images of Clarence S. Arms
1	3	2014.65.1.17-.20	Various Images of Dora Tucker Bigelow
1	4	2014.65.1.21- .33	Various Images of Dorothy Bigelow Arms
1	5	2014.65.1.34-.37	Various Images of George A. Bigelow
1	6	2014.65.1.38-.40	Various images of Isabel Matlock Arms
1	7	2014.65.1.41-.42	Various images of Daniel B. Tucker
1	8	2014.65.1.43-.64	Miscellaneous Family Images

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Series 2, Correspondences

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9	2014.65.2.1-.10	Correspondences to Isabel from her father Clarence
1	10	2014.65.2.11-.20	Correspondences to Isabel from her father Clarence
1	11	2014.65.2.21-.30	Correspondences to Isabel from her father Clarence
1	12	2014.65.2.32-.38	Miscellaneous Correspondences

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Series 3, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	13	2014.65.3.1-.16	Miscellaneous newspapers and other material relating to the Bigelow and Arms Families.