

*The Wellesley Courant* Newspaper Collection  
Wellesley Historical Society

**Repository Identifier**

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**Local Identifier**

Not applicable

**Name and Location of Repository**

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**Title**

*The Wellesley Courant* Newspaper Collection

**Date**

1883-1895 (Bulk 1883-1891)

**Extent**

3 boxes, 1 flat file drawer

**Name of Creator**

*The Wellesley Courant*

**Administrative History**

*The Wellesley Courant* was a weekly newspaper published in Wellesley, Massachusetts, from March 1883 until 1895. It is possible that publication continued beyond 1895; however, this is the latest dated issue that the Wellesley Historical Society has. *The Wellesley Courant* was published every Friday from 1883 until October 1885, when it began to be published every Thursday. In July 1885, *The Wellesley Courant* became *The Courant*; no announcement or notice was published to explain the name change. The name was changed back to *The Wellesley Courant* in 1895. The name change could have taken place at any time from 1892-July 1895; however, we cannot be sure as this collection does not contain any issues from this time period. Editors of *The Wellesley Courant* include E.H. Walcott, Frederick A. Whiting and C.C. Henry.

For the first five years, *The Wellesley Courant* devoted an entire page to news items sent by Wellesley College, including notice of events, literary pieces, humor and alumnae notes. In September 1888, the College decided to publish its own paper, named *The Courant College Edition*. This decision was made after seeing how well received its news items had become, and the general response for a more thorough report of the school, “for further reports of its progress in the rapidly increasing enterprise of the College and more definite information concerning the work of her Alumnae...” (*The Courant College Edition* vol. 1, no. 1, page 4). This publication

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featured news of college events, literary pieces, humor, alumnae notes, and news gathered from outside publications. *The Courant College Edition* was only published for a year, and during this time, *The Courant* continued to devote a column for College events; however, by 1890, *The Courant* discontinued this column.

**Scope and Content**

This collection consists of the issues of *The Wellesley Courant*, from July 13, 1883 (Volume 1, number 19) through August 23, 1895 (Volume 9, number 33). Some issues contain more than one copy, while other issues, and sometimes years, are missing. *The Courant College Edition* is not part of this collection. Although they share a similar name, they were published independently.

**System of Arrangement**

The newspapers are arranged chronologically.

**Index Terms**

Researchers searching for related materials about similar topics, or places should search the Library of Congress' catalog using the following headings:

Newspapers—Local editions

Wellesley (Mass.)

Wellesley Hills (Mass.)

Dana Hall School

Wellesley College

**Conditions Governing Access**

The collection is open for research purposes by appointment only. Please contact the Wellesley Historical Society for more information.

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**Physical Access**

Some of the materials are fragile.

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**Languages and Scripts of the Materials**

English

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

None of the issues have accession numbers; however, 1989.5 and W.1 are possible sources.

**Accruals**

The Wellesley Historical Society may add materials to the collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

**Existence and Location of Originals**

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**Related Materials**

The Wellesley Historical Society has the entire run of *The Courant College Edition* in bound form. *The Courant College Edition* can also be accessed online through Wellesley College's digital repository at the following address: <http://repository.wellesley.edu/courant/>.

**Description**

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**Appendix: Box and Folder List**

**Flat File 2/Drawer 2:**

1883  
1884  
1885

**Box 1: July 1885-December 1886**

July 1885  
August 1885  
September 1885  
October 1885  
November 1885  
December 1885  
March 1886  
April 1886  
May 1886  
June 1886  
July 1886  
August 1886  
September 1886  
October 1886  
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December 1886

**Box 2: March 1887-December 1888**

March 1887  
April 1887  
May 1887  
June 1887  
July 1887  
August 1887  
September 1887  
October 1887  
November 1887

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December 1887  
January 1888  
February 1888  
March 1888  
April 1888  
May 1888  
June 1888  
July 1888  
August 1888  
September 1888  
October 1888  
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December 1888

**Box 3: January 1890-August 1895**

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August 1895