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# Guide to the Jane Addams Collection 1894-1919



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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Identifier** ICU.SPCL.ADDAMSJ

**Title** Addams, Jane. Collection

**Date** 1894-1919

**Size** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**Repository** Special Collections Research Center  
University of Chicago Library  
1100 East 57th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** Jane Addams (September 6, 1860 – May 21, 1935), a preeminent figure in the history of the American Progressive Era, was a prolific advocate of social reform. The collection contains incoming and outgoing correspondence from 1894 to 1919, primarily documenting Addams work at Hull House.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Addams, Jane. Collection. [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### **Biographical Note**

Jane Addams (September 6, 1860 – May 21, 1935) was a prominent activist in the Progressive Era of American History (1890s – 1920s). In her roles as social workers, sociologist, author, and reformer, Jane Addams became a role model for many women across the country. In addition to being the second woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (1931), Addams was a co-founder of the ACLU and of the Hull House, a settlement for social reform in Chicago.

### **Scope Note**

The Jane Addams Collection contains incoming and outgoing correspondence from 1894 to 1919, arranged in chronological order. Among Addams' correspondents are author Harriet Comstock, British social reformer Percy Alden, and Princess Alexander of Teck, later Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone. Also included is a letter from British nurse and journalist Honnor Morten to author Julia Clifford Lathrop in which Morten expresses her eagerness to meet Addams.

The collection was previously part of the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection.

## **Subject Headings**

- Addams, Jane, 1860-1935
- Comstock, Harriet T. (Harriet Theresa), 1860
- Lathrop, Julia Clifford, 1858-1932
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- Social settlements
- Social reformers -- United States
- Social service -- Illinois -- Chicago -- History
- Women social reformers -- United States

## **INVENTORY**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 1**

Correspondence 1894 – 1919

- Letter, Alice M Schoff to Jane Addams, June 25, 1894
- Letter, Percy Alden to Jane Addams, November 1, 1894
- Letter, Fred Haynes to Jane Addams. College Settlement mailing enclosed, January 19, 1895
- Letter, Rev. William Horace Day to Jane Addams, January 19, 1895
- Letter, Samuel Augustus Barnett to Jane Addams, January 11, 1896
- Letter, S. P. Wharton of the College Settlement to Jane Addams. Topics for Practical Subjects list included, February 11, 1896.
- Christmas mailing by the Hoxton Settlement, Christmas, 1898
- Letter, G. C. Frankland to Jane Addams, March 21, 1899
- Letter, Honnor Morten to Julia Lathrop. Morten mentions her “dreams to meet Miss Addams.” March 26, 1899
- Letter, Charles Ball to Jane Addams. Records of Executive Meeting of City Homes Association attached, October 21, 1905
- Letter, Princess Alice of Teck to Jane Addams re: fundraising for Ada Leigh Homes in Paris, October 7, 1911
- Letter, Jane Addams to Harriet Comstock, November 18, 1919