Hays, Elinor Rice.
Papers, 1867-196-.
1 linear ft. (454 items in 2 boxes).

Biography: Author. She was married to Judge Paul R. Hays and died in 1994.

Summary: Copies of correspondence, articles, diaries, memoirs, and other manuscripts by and about the Blackwell family. The most prominent members of the Blackwell family were Elizabeth (1821-1910) and Emily (1826-1910), among the earliest women doctors and founders of the New York Infirmary and College for Women; their brother Henry Browne Blackwell (1825-1909), his wife Lucy Stone (1818-1893), and their daughter Alice Stone Blackwell (1857-1950), known for their leading roles in the abolition, woman suffrage, and prohibition movements; and their sister-in-law Antoinette Louisa (Brown) Blackwell (1825-1921), wife of Samuel Charles Blackwell (1823-1901), the first woman ordained as a minister in the United States and an active speaker on behalf of abolition, women's rights and prohibition. These copies were originally compiled for Alice Stone Blackwell's biography of her mother, Lucy Stone (Lucy Stone, Pioneer of Women's Rights. Boston, Little, Brown & Co. [c1930]). The material was later used by Elinor Rice Hays for her biography of Lucy Stone (Morning Star. New York, Harcourt Brace & World, c1961) and again for her history of the Blackwell family (Those Extraordinary Blackwells. New York, Harcourt Brace & World, 1967). There is also the typescript setting copy of her book on the Blackwell family.

1992 Addition: A small group of her family papers, the Rice family of New York, including correspondence (1912-1930), documents (1864-1924), photographs, and printed materials, (1900-1956).

Organization: Arranged. Box 1: Blackwell family materials; Box 2: Rice family materials.


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68. Women clergy. 69. Women physicians. 70. Women social reformers.

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