

C McLorn, Olive Gilbreath, Papers, 1915-1934
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INTRODUCTION

Letters to Olive Gilbreath from William L. Cazalet, a British businessman living in Russia. Primarily love letters but also include impressions of World War I, the Russian Revolution, and British refugees from Russia.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Olive Gilbreath McLorn on 14 May 1975 (Accession No. 1139).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Olive Gilbreath was born in 1883, in La Plata, Missouri. She attended Wellesley in Massachusetts and the University of Michigan, graduating from there with a master's degree in 1908. She had an interest in China and Russia and traveled to those countries regularly. Her articles about her adventures were submitted to *Asia Magazine*, *Harper's Magazine*, and *Yale Review*. In 1934 Olive married Daniel David McLorn. They made their home in China and became prisoners of war when Japan invaded the country in 1943. At the end of the war, in 1945, the couple moved to La Plata. David McLorn died in 1974 and Olive died June 14, 1981.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The letters between Olive Gilbreath McLorn and William L. Cazalet, are arranged in chronological order. Cazalet was British citizen living in Russia and was a director of the firm Muir and Mirrielees, in Moscow. In 1915, he was a widower with two sons fighting in World War I, a daughter at home, and an interest in remarrying. By 1918, his sons were dead, his business and property were appropriated by the Bolsheviks, and he and his daughter had fled Russia for England.

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1-20 March 15, 1915-December 1916. Primarily love letters with secondary emphasis on impressions of World War I. Also includes copies of some letters from Ronald and Clement Cazalet, both sons of William Cazalet who were fighting in World War I.
- f. 21-41 January 1917-January 1934. Primarily love letters with secondary emphasis on impressions of the Russian Revolutions. Also mentions World War I, business matters, and the plight of British refugees of Russia.
- f. 42-45 Envelopes
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