

Lulu Bell Clough Haskell Papers, 1904-1955

Collection number [reference code]: TCNJ004

Collection title: Lulu Bell Clough Haskell Papers

Dates: 1904-1955

Name of creator or collector: Lulu Bell Clough Haskell
(name note: also referred to as "Mrs. J. E. Haskell" or Lulu "Belle" in publications; name misspelled "Clough" in 1915 *The Seal* yearbook).

Extent: 2 linear feet (1 half sized document box and 1 oversized box)

Name and location of repository: Archives and Special Collections, R. Barbara Gitenstein Library, The College of New Jersey, PO Box 7718, Ewing, NJ 08628-0718

Abstract: Lulu Bell Clough Haskell was both a New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton graduate, class of 1915, and a long time administrator as the Registrar of the College, retiring in 1954. The majority of her papers pertain to her education, including grade information and certificates and diplomas from primary through graduate school. Also included are items of ephemera and correspondence from her early career and retirement.

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Condition/conservation notes: Some of the large diplomas and certificates were previously rolled and curled. They were flattened under weights in 2024.

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Related collections: Mildred Bard Charlesworth Pepper (TCNJ003) graduated in the same Normal School Class of 1915. The World War II scrapbook in the Alumni Association collection has postcards addressed to Haskell.

Separated material: None

Published descriptions: <https://atom.tcnj.edu/index.php/Lulu-Bell-Clough-Haskell-Papers>

Location of originals: Room 410, Archives and Special Collections, Gitenstein Library, TCNJ

Publication note: None known at this time.

Biographical information/Organizational history:

Lulu Bell Clough was born on July 18, 1895, to Lulu (also spelled Lula) Bell (1872-1959) from Pennsylvania and Ethan Earl Clough (1865-1952) from Maine. Her parents settled in West Trenton or Ewing, New Jersey in the 1890s. For several decades, her father worked in various jobs at the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton (now Trenton Psychiatric Hospital), the state's first hospital of its kind, founded by Dorothea Dix in 1848, in Ewing.

Haskell attended Dorothea Lynde Dix School (previously named Brookville School) where she received certificates for punctual and regular attendance, correct deportment, and diligent attention to study. The school mostly served the children of hospital employees, but it closed in the early 1900s. She then began attending Cadwalader Grammar School in 1908, where she made the honor roll. She went on to Trenton High School and graduated in 1913.

A few months later, she began the Commercial Course of study at the New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton. She was treasurer of the Normal Pedagogical Club and maintained good grades. Her final evaluation recorded in the *Grade Books and Reports, Volume III*, reads:

"Rather immature but bright and original. Can interest a class well. Should develop into a good teacher." Haskell graduated in June 1915.

Her first teaching assignment was at Caldwell High School in Essex County. She was a substitute teacher and clerk, but within a few years, she was back in Trenton working at the Normal School, first as a "Teacher - Clerk" in 1920, then as Assistant Registrar in 1923. She became Registrar in 1924.

She married Josiah "Jay" Eugene Haskell (c. 1879-1961) in July 1923. At the time, he was the general manager of the Hasco Teacher's Agency, but later worked for the De Laval Steam Turbine Company in Trenton. They did not have children. According to census records, her mother lived with her and her new husband until at least 1930, while her father lived elsewhere, eventually returning to Maine.

In the mid 1920s into the 1930s, she attended college and graduate school, starting first at the University of Pennsylvania, then finishing with a Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia University in 1930. She earned her Master's of Education from Temple University in 1939. While at Temple, she received a life membership in the Iota chapter of Phi Delta Gamma, a national honor society for graduate women.

She remained in her position as Registrar at the Normal School as it transitioned into a four-year college, where she was credited in *Time, the Great Teacher: a History of One Hundred Years of the New Jersey State Teachers College at Trenton, 1855-1955*, by Rachel Jarrod. She was cited for her efficient work and ability to "steer the bewildered faculty" during this period, as well as during the school's move from Trenton to Ewing. After over 35 years, she retired from the then Trenton State College in 1956.

During her retirement, she was active with the Trenton Kennel Club. She was one of the founders along with her husband and served as its president. The Haskells raised national award winning West Highland White Terriers.

In a *Trenton Evening Times* article announcing her retirement on June 28, 1956. She stated: "I don't know when I made the decision to 'teach,'" she said, "it seems as if I always knew that education would be my career." She died on January 1, 1970.

Scope and Content notes:

The majority of the materials are related to Haskell's education from primary through graduate school, with additional items from her early career and retirement. The Correspondence Series contains her first teaching recommendation letter in 1915, a teaching appointment notice, and a few personal letters ending in 1954. The Grade Cards and Transcripts Series span her eighth grade year in 1909 through a master's degree program in 1938. The Ephemera Series comprises dinner and event programs she attended in her early career from 1923-1939. The Clippings Series (1937-1955) cover a variety of topics, as well as coverage of the 1955 Trenton State College centennial. The Prints Series includes four etchings or reproductions of St. Petersburg Florida churches inscribed: "for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilhelm" by Will Kay Hagerman (Kent Hagerman). The Certificates and Diplomas Series span from her primary school years in 1904 through 1946. They include, among other items, her Normal School diploma and

bachelor's degree, as well as membership certificates to honorary sororities, Red Cross volunteer service, and her marriage certificate to Josiah Haskell.

Organization and system of arrangement:

The collection is organized into 6 series: Correspondence, Grade Cards and Transcripts, Ephemera, Clippings, Prints, and Certificates and Diplomas. Within each series, the materials are arranged chronologically.

Subject headings [access points]:

- Personal Names
 - Haskell, Lulu Clough, 1895-1970
- Corporate Names
 - New Jersey State Normal School (Trenton, N.J.)
- Genres
 - Business correspondence
 - Certificates
 - Diplomas
 - Ephemera
 - Personal correspondence
 - Programs (Publications)
 - Report cards
- Locations/places:
 - Ewing (N.J.)
 - Trenton (N.J.)
- Other Subjects
 - Academic achievement
 - College administrators
 - College students
 - Students
 - Teachers colleges

Container Lists:

Container note: Box 2 of this collection also contains an oversized folder from the Mildred Bard Charlesworth Pepper collection TCNJ003.

Series 1 - Correspondence

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| Box 1 | Folder 1 | Recommendation letters for teaching jobs | 1915 |
| Box 1 | Folder 2 | Teaching appointment notice for New Jersey State Normal School | 1928 |
| Box 1 | Folder 3 | Letter from Lowell Johnson complimenting Haskell on "Listener Speaks Program" | 1937 |
| Box 1 | Folder 4 | Letter from Magdalena Houlroyd, and clipping and photograph about retirement | 1954 |

Series 2 - Grade Cards and Transcripts

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| Box 1 | Folder 5 | Report Card for 8th grade, Cadwalader School | 1909 |
| Box 1 | Folder 6 | General Course list for New Jersey State Normal School | 1913 |
| Box 1 | Folder 7 | University of Pennsylvania, School of Education, grade cards and transcript | 1926-1929 |
| Box 1 | Folder 8 | Columbia University Teachers College grade card and transcript | 1929-1930 |
| Box 1 | Folder 9 | Rutgers University transcripts for "Humanizing Education" and "Philosophy of Education" courses | 1931-1932 |
| Box 1 | Folder 10 | Temple University transcripts for Masters in Education program | 1936-1938 |

Series 3 - Ephemera

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| Box 1 | Folder 11 | Program for banquet in honor of Sarah A. Dynes | 1923 |
| Box 1 | Folder 12 | Two programs for dinner in honor of Don Carroll Bliss, inscribed "Mrs. Haskell" and "Mr. Haskell" | 1930 |
| Box 1 | Folder 13 | Temple University Teachers College banquet program, Baccalaureate service program, and songs | 1939 |

Series 4 - Clippings

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| Box 1 | Folder 14 | Clippings and issue of <i>Trenton Sunday Times Advertiser</i> on TSC Centennial | c.1937-1955 |
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Series 5 - Prints

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| Box 1 | Folder 15 | Prints, including etchings and art reproductions | no date |
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Series 6 - Certificates and Diplomas (oversized)

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| Box 2 | Folder 1 | Certificates of Merit from Dorothea L. Dix Primary School to Lulu Clough | 1904 |
| Box 2 | Folder 2 | Honorary Certificate of Promotion from Dorothea L. Dix Primary School | 1904 |
| Box 2 | Folder 3 | Certificate of Merit from Dorothea Lynde Dix Grammar School 1905, Certificate of Merit from Dorothea L. Dix Grammar School 1908, and Certificate of Merit from Cadwalader Grammar School 1909 | 1905-1909 |
| Box 2 | Folder 4a | Honorary Certificate of Promotion from Cadwalader School | 1909 |
| Box 2 | Folder 4b | Diploma from Cadwalader Grammar School | 1909 |
| Box 2 | Folder 5 | Diploma from Trenton High School | 1913 |
| Box 2 | Folder 6 | Permanent Normal School Certificate | 1915 |

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| Box 2 | Folder 7 | Diploma from New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton | 1915 |
| Box 2 | Folder 8 | Marriage certificate of Lulu Bell Clough and Josiah Eugene Haskell, both of Trenton, July 26, 1923, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania | 1923 |
| Box 2 | Folder 9 | Diploma for Bachelor of Science, Columbia University | 1930 |
| Box 2 | Folder 10 | Delta Rho Alpha, State Teachers College, Trenton, membership certificate | c. 1940 |
| Box 2 | Folder 11 | Phi Delta Gamma, Iota Chapter, membership certificate | 1944 |
| Box 2 | Folder 12 | American Red Cross certificates, WWII | 1942-1946 |