Guide to the Dodsley's Collection,
Yale University, Records

RU 81

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Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 81

**CREATOR:** Dodsley’s Collection (Yale University)

**TITLE:** Dodsley’s Collection, Yale University, records

**DATES:** 1950–1980

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of member lists, correspondence, essays, and papers documenting Dodsley’s Collection at Yale. Among the records is a paper that discusses the derivation of the club’s name.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:
- **b.** box
- **f.** folder

Administrative Information

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**
Gift, 1999.

**Conditions Governing Access**
The materials are open for research.

**Preferred Citation**
Dodsley’s Collection, Yale University, Records (RU 81). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.
Biographical / Historical
The Dodsley’s Collection was founded by Wilmarth S. Lewis and Herman W. Liebert in 1950. It served as a
dining club for scholars from Yale to recite and discuss 18th century works. It met once a year until 1980.

Scope and Contents
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Collection at Yale. Among the records is a paper that discusses the derivation of the club’s name.

General note
Forms part of Yale Record Group 40 (YRG 40), Records of Yale clubs, societies, and organizations.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged by type of material.
## Collection Contents

**Accession 2000-A-019. Dodsley's Collection records**

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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
College students -- Societies, etc.
Literature -- Societies, etc.

Corporate Bodies
Dodsley’s Collection (Yale University)
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