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Fairfield, CT 06824

### **Manuscript Finding Aid**

Title: Lumbard, J. Edward and Polly Poindexter. Papers  
Collection #: Ms B108  
Dates: 1926-1967  
Size of Collection: .5 linear ft  
Accession Number: L1999.41  
Donor: Estate of J. Edward Lumbard  
Restrictions: None  
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#### Biographical/ historical note:

Joseph Edward Lumbard was born in New York City in August 1901. He attended Harvard as an undergraduate, then Fordham Law School, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1925. He worked for the Federal and the New York State governments, was in private practice, including principal in the firm Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Lumbard, and his final appointment was Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. His wife, Polly Poindexter Lumbard, designed their home on Hillside Ave. in Fairfield where they lived for over 60 years. She attended Smith College and was known in Fairfield as a horticulturist.

#### Scope and content note:

These papers were found in Judge Lumbard's house while the estate was being settled after his death. They came with a collection of books from the Judge's personal

library. Series A consists of letters, comments and photographs from the ceremony in which the University of Bridgeport awarded Judge Lombard an honorary degree in 1967. Polly's college notes in botany, architecture, and cooking are arranged in Series B. Their daughter, Gail, is represented in Series C by a travel journal she kept in 1951 while driving cross country.

LUMBARD, J. EDWARD AND POLLY POINDEXTER  
Papers, 1926-1967

Box 1

Series A. J. Edward Lumbard Papers, 1967

Folder 1. Photographs, programs, newspaper articles and citation read at  
University of Bridgeport commencement, 1967

Series B. Polly Poindexter Lumbard Papers, 1925-28

Folder 1. Architecture and botany notes, 1926-1928

Folder 2. Botany notes, 1925

Folder 3. Botany notes, n.d.

Folder 4. Cooking notes and recipes, n.d.

Folder 5. Landscape architecture notes, 1927

Series C. Gail Lumbard Papers, 1951

Folder 1. Travel journal, 1951

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Subject headings:

Botany--nomenclature

College students' writings, American--Mass.--Northampton

Judges--New York (State)

Smith College

Travelers' writings, American

University of Bridgeport--Photographs