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Guide to the

**Louisa May Alcott collection of papers**

1865-1884

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## Summary

**Creator:** Alcott, Louisa May, 1832-1888

**Title:** Louisa May Alcott collection of papers

**Date:** 1865-1884

**Size:** 27 linear feet (items)

**Source:** This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

**Abstract:** This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence by the author, and legal documents.

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## Creator History

Louisa May Alcott was an American novelist, short-story writer, and poet.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include Edward S. Adams, Lydia Stowe Adams, Sophia Ford, W. T. H. Howe, G. J. Whittlesbury, and the American Play Company.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence by the author, and legal documents. The manuscripts include essays, stories, and poems in holograph, as well as a manuscript copied in Anna Alcott Pratt's hand. The correspondence, dating from 1865 to 1884, includes letters from the author to Edward Henry and Bertie Barton, Moncure Daniel Conway, Dean Grey, Mary Elizabeth Channing Higginson, and others.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

### **Names**

Alcott, Louisa May, 1832-1888

Adams, Edward S.

Adams, Lydia Stowe

Barton, Bertie

Barton, Edward Henry

Conway, Moncure Daniel, 1832-1907

Ford, Sophia, 1802-1885

Grey, Dean

Higginson, Mary Elizabeth Channing

Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)

Pratt, Anna Bronson Alcott, 1831-1893

Whittlesbury, G. J.

Whittlesbury, G. J.

American Play Company

## Container List

### Manuscripts

- |  |  |
|--|--|
|  | Banner of Beaumanoir. Holograph n.d (45 p) (45 p)<br>H.  |
| Manuscript box   | Blind lark. Holograph. Original ms. title: "The prisoner," struck-out n.d. (47 p)<br>(47 p)<br>H.  |
|  | Early poems. Holograph n.d (15 p) (15 p)<br>Presentation letter to Sophia Ford on p. 1 Sophia Ford; Lydia Stowe Adams; Edward S. Adams;<br>Howe  |
|  | Hawthorne. A poem. Holograph n.d (1 item) (1 item)<br>Signed "With thanks from neighbor Lu" H.   |
|  | [Jack and Jill] Chapter X. The dramatic club. Holograph n.d (17 p) (17 p)<br>H.  |
|  | [Jack and Jill] Chapter X. Holograph n.d (1 p) (1 p)<br>On page 59 of 1st edition H.   |
| Manuscript box   | Lafayette Sherald; or, Voices from the deep [published aboard the Lafayette,<br>April 1870]. Copy in Anna Alcott Pratt's hand of a humorous paper probably<br>sent her by Louisa May Alcott n.d. (1 item) (1 item)<br>H. |
| Manuscript box   | "Most women do whatever they can." Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>With accompanying envelope postmarked Boston, March 18, 1884 Sent to G. J. Whittlesbury;<br>H.   |
|  | Pickpick. No. 12, Nov. 30. Holograph [Authenticity of hand has been<br>questioned] n.d (1 item) (1 item)<br>H.   |
|  | Trudel's siege. Holograph n.d (53 p) (53 p)<br>Inserted: 2 ALS to Miss Churchill, Dec. 27 [n.y.] 2 l.; Xmas day [n.y.] 2 l. H.   |
| <b>Correspondence</b>                                      |  |
| <b>Outgoing</b>  |  |
|  | Anthony, Miss. ALS Mar. 21 (3 p) (3 p)<br>H.   |
| Manuscript box   | Barton, Edward Henry and Bertie. ALS 1870 Mar. 31 (1 p) (1 p)<br>H.  |
| Manuscript box   | Barton, Mrs. [Edward Henry]. ALS [1871] Jan. 9 (1 item) (1 item)<br>H.   |
| Manuscript box   | Barton, Mrs. [Edward Henry]. ALS 1873? Apr. 22 (3 p) (3 p)<br>H.   |
| Manuscript box   | Barton family, ALS [1870] June 17 (1 item) (1 item)<br>H.  |
| Inserted in: Alcott,<br>L. M. Trudel's<br>siege. Holograph | Churchill, Miss. 2 ALS [n.y.] Dec. 27; [n.y Dec. 25 (2 items) (2 items)  |
|  | Conway, [Moncure Daniel]. ALS 1865 Feb. 18 (1 item) (1 item)<br>H.   |
| Manuscript box   | [Edie], [Mary E.]. ALS in the third person Jan. 11 (3 p) (3 p)<br>H.   |

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing (cont.)

- Grey, Dean. ALS 1883 Feb. 7 (1 item) (1 item)  
H.
- Higginson, Mary Elizabeth Channing. ALS Oct. 18 (1 item) (1 item)  
H.
- Manuscript box Lewis, Mr. ALS Jan. 13 (2 p) (2 p)  
B.
- Munroe, Mr. ALS [1880] Oct. 7 (1 item) (1 item)  
H.
- Manuscript box [Pratt], Nannie [Annie B.]. Copy in an unknown hand of portion of a letter  
1870 (1 p) (1 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Whitaker, Mrs. ALS 1884 Oct. 10 (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Whitney, Miss. AN. On correspondence card n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
Signed with initials B.
- Legal Documents**
- Manuscript box (Alcott) Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical  
agencies concerning Louisa May Alcott n.d. (1 folder) (1 folder)  
From the files of the American Play Co.