

Guide to the Margaret Fuller Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 373

CREATOR: Fuller, Margaret, 1872-1954

TITLE: Margaret Fuller Papers

DATES: 1832–1956

BULK DATES: 1872–1954

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 16.51 linear feet (38 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection contains correspondence, writings, photographs, and personal papers documenting the life and work of Connecticut-based author Margaret Witter Fuller (1872-1954).

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the estate of Margaret Fuller, circa 1950s.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Margaret Fuller Papers. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

Preliminary processing was done to the correspondence and writings in the Margaret Fuller papers at an unknown date. During baseline re-processing of the collection in 2010, the alphabetical arrangement of correspondence and writings was preserved in Series I and II respectively, unsorted correspondence and writings were added at the end of the alphabetical sequence in the appropriate series, and separate series were established for Photographs (Series III) and Personal Papers (Series IV).

Formerly classed as Za Fuller and Za F961 +G1.

Associated Materials

Margaret Witter Fuller Papers, Archives & Special Collections, Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, University of Connecticut.

Margaret Fuller (1872-1954)

Margaret Witter Fuller, born 23 January 1872 in Brooklyn, New York, was the daughter of Captain James Ebenezer Fuller and Rebecca Phillis (Hope) Fuller. In 1874, the family moved to Norwich, Connecticut, where Margaret Fuller resided for many years. A prolific writer, she authored poems, plays, and novels. Her published works include *A New England Childhood* (1916), *Alma* (1927), and *The Complete History of the Deluge in Verse and Pictures* (1936). Margaret Fuller died 1 February 1954 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Biographical information taken from Dodd Research Center description.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence, writings, photographs, and personal papers documenting the life and work of Connecticut-based author Margaret Witter Fuller (1872-1954). Correspondence contains letters with family, friends, most notably with poet and critic Edmund Clarence Stedman, and publishers. Writings includes drafts, notes, illustrations, and printed and other materials for novels, plays, poetry, and other writings, some of which appear to be unpublished. There are also photographs of Margaret Fuller, dating from early childhood to 1950, Fuller family, friends, places, and stage productions. The Photographs series features several cased photographs of Fuller's father and paternal grandfather, James Ebenezer Fuller and Ebenezer Fuller respectively. These photographs, which date circa the 1850s-1860s, include examples of early photographic processes, with ambrotypes, tintypes, and daguerrotypes, from New England area studios. Other materials in the collection include diaries, illustrations, notebooks, printed materials (annotated books), and miscellaneous manuscript material.

Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Correspondence, 1846-1956. II. Writings, 1905-1953. III. Photographs, [1850s]-1952. IV. Personal Papers, 1832-1951.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1846-1956

4.8 linear feet (12 boxes)

Series I, Correspondence, contains correspondence with family, friends, and publishers. The two largest groups of correspondents include members of the Fuller family and the poet and critic Edmund Clarence Stedman. Letters from Margaret Fuller, as well as some third-parties, are noted in parentheses in folder headings.

Unsorted correspondence follows the alphabetical run of general correspondence. Additional correspondence can be found with the genealogical information and materials removed from printed items in Series III. Personal Papers.

Arranged alphabetically by last name.

b.1	"A" general	1898-1956, undated
b.1	Bachelor, Christine	1911-1936, undated
b.1	Bachelor, Clementine	undated
b.1	Bachelor, Frances Hope	1882-1950, undated
b.1	Bachelor, J. - Baker, G. B.	1913-1939, undated
b.1	Bard, Albert S.	1912-1956, undated
b.1	Bard, Charles - Bragg, Lillian	1863-1952, undated
b.1	Brainerd, Eveline	1907-1939, undated
b.1	Brainerd, Ira <i>2 Folders</i>	1908-1931
b.2	Branch, Anna H.	1905-1930
b.2	Brandt, Carl	1915-1954, undated
b.2	Briggs, Sallie Lee - Comstock, Daniel	1903-1953
b.2	"C" general	1879-1956
b.2	Cushman, Edwin - Dierkes Press	1901-1952
b.2	Dies, Laura Woodworth	1881-1939
b.2	Dodge - Dromgoole, Will Allen	1905-1953, undated

b. 2	Dubois, Egbert	1868-1915
b. 2	DuChaillu, P. B. - Dyer, Frank L.	1884-1952
b. 3	Eastman, Charlotte Fuller (sister)	1902-1938, undated
b. 3	Eastman, Col. Frank	1898-1908
b. 3	Eastman, Mrs. Frank	1901, undated
b. 3	Eaton, Mary - Ellis, Carlyle	1905-1917
b. 3	Ellsworth, William W. <i>2 Folders</i>	1905-1935, undated
b. 3	Elton, Ben - Franzen	1898-1943, undated
b. 3	French friends	1914-1939
b. 4	Fuller family	1858-1885, undated
b. 4	Fuller, Alvan	1902-1947
b. 4	Fuller, Amalia	1906 May 10
b. 4	Fuller, Ebenezer (grandfather) <i>2 Folders</i>	1863-1874, undated
b. 4	Fuller, Edward (brother)	1923-1954
b. 4	Fuller, Flora Tufts	1924-1928, undated
b. 4	Fuller, Frank	1932 August 3
b. 4	Fuller, Harriet Louisa (grandmother)	1862 July 26
b. 4	Fuller, Homer	1953 January 16
b. 4	Fuller, Hope Louise (sister)	1906-1929, undated
b. 4	Fuller, Hubert B.	1951 July 27
b. 4	Fuller, J. F. C.	undated
b. 4	Fuller, James Ebenezer (father)	1859-1911
b. 4	Fuller, James E.	1912-1913
b. 4	Fuller, Luther	1908-1927
b. 5	Fuller, Lydia	1944 September 27
b. 5	Fuller, Margaret (Letters to A - H)	1899-1956

b. 5	Fuller, Margaret (Letters to I - L)	1905-1955
b. 5	Fuller, Margaret (Letters to Charlotte Fuller Eastman)	1901-1939, undated
b. 5	Fuller, Margaret (Letters to her sister H. Louise Fuller)	1892-1925, undated
b. 5	Fuller, Margaret (Letters to her mother Rebecca Fuller)	1896-1908, undated
b. 6	Fuller, Margaret (Letters to E. C. Stedman) <i>6 Folders</i>	1898-1907, undated
b. 7	Fuller, Martha	1922, 1927
b. 7	Fuller, Mary	1966 May 11
b. 7	Fuller, Peter	1949 March 16
b. 7	Fuller, Rebecca Phillis Hope (mother)	1901-1916, undated
b. 7	Fuller, Viola	1944-1950, undated
b. 7	Fuller, Walter	1928, 1939
b. 7	Gale, Zona - Gilman, William C.	1904-1935, undated
b. 7	Glasgow, Arthur Graham - Gould, George	1902-1953, undated
b. 7	Grahame, Elspeth - Henderson	1898-1954, undated
b. 7	Hidd. - Keeper	1903-1953, undated
b. 7	Kent, Harry Watson	1902-1946
b. 8	Kingfisher, E. E. - Marshall, Edith	1861-1952, undated
b. 8	Marsland, Alice H.	1906-1924, undated
b. 8	Martens, Johannes - Morley, Christopher	1903-1951, undated
b. 8	Morrow, Honore Willsie	1914-1928
b. 8	Morrow, William	1927-1931
b. 8	Mut. - Paterson, Isabel	1905-1953
b. 8	Music Publishers	1942-1953

b. 9	Penniman, James Hosmer	1926-1931
b. 9	Penniman, Josiah - Robinson, T.	1902-1955
b. 9	Robinson, W. George	1846-1946
b. 9	Sammons- <i>Springfield Republican</i>	1903-1953
b. 9	Stedman, Arthur	1899-1908
b. 9	Stedman, Edmund Clarence <i>2 Folders</i>	1891-1903
b. 10	Stedman, Edmund Clarence <i>3 Folders</i>	1904-1908
b. 10	Stedman, Edmund Clarence (Letters to Jonathan Trumbull)	1898-1907
b. 10	Stedman, Edmund Clarence (Undated letters, fragments, notes)	1889-1902, undated
b. 10	Stedman, Ellen Douglas	1904-1905
b. 10	Stedman, Fred	1902 November 6
b. 10	Stedman, Laura H.	1899-1902
b. 10	Stedman, Dr. Thomas L. - Taylor, Marie	1901-1955
b. 11	Teall, Edward N.	1918-1945
b. 11	Tew. - Torrence, Ridgely	1902-1946
b. 11	Trask - Westa	1894-1956
b. 11	Westminster Press	1946-1951
b. 11	Wheelock, John Hall - Unidentified	1910-1953, undated
b. 11	Yantic Fire Engine Company	1947
b. 11	Fragments in unknown hands	1904, undated
b. 11	Miscellaneous	1863
b. 12	Unsorted correspondence <i>2 Folders</i>	undated

Series II: Writings, 1905-1953*5 linear feet (12 boxes)*

Series II, Writings, contains drafts, notes, illustrations, and printed and other materials for novels, plays, poetry, and other writings. There are drafts for published novels, such as *The Golden Roof* and *One World At a Time*, as well as apparently unpublished works, such as *The North Parish*. Unsorted writings follow the alphabetical list of titles.

Arranged alphabetically by title or supplied heading.

b. 13	<i>Alma</i> 6 Folders	1922-1949, undated
b. 14	<i>Alma</i>	undated
b. 14	"Child It Is All So Simple"	1945
b. 14	"The Christmas Year"	undated
b. 14	<i>The Complete History of the Deluge in Verse and Pictures</i> 3 Folders	1936, undated
b. 15	<i>The Complete History of the Deluge in Verse and Pictures</i>	1936, undated
b. 15	"Connecticut's Mgt. Fuller" 3 Folders	undated
b. 16	"Connecticut's Mgt. Fuller" 3 Folders	undated
b. 16	"The Deaf Mute"	undated
b. 16	"The Dream"	undated
b. 16	"Dumas Entertains"	1941
b. 16	"The Fishing Season"	1941
b. 16	"Go It Little Towhead"	1941 November 6
b. 16	<i>The Golden Roof</i>	undated
b. 17	"His Little Britisher" 2 Folders	1934, undated
b. 17	"In the City of Hell"	undated
b. 17	"Jerusalem"	undated
b. 17	"Jimmie"	undated
b. 17	"The Little Thrush"	undated
b. 17	"The Mask" 4 Folders	1915-1936, undated
b. 17	"The Mockingbird"	undated

b. 18	<i>A New England Childhood</i> 2 Folders	1910-1912, undated
b. 18	"The North Parish"	1905
b. 19	"The North Parish" 2 Folders	1905, undated
b. 19	"One More Fling"	undated
b. 19	<i>One World at a Time</i>	undated
b. 20	"The Out-Along Road"	undated
b. 20	"Overnight"	1937 November
b. 21	[Poems] 5 Folders	undated
b. 21	"Posing in Paris"	1940
b. 21	"The Recent Mrs. Gilbert"	1951 October
b. 21	"Roadway - Yantic, Connecticut"	1934 December 7
b. 22	"Robert Le Beau"	1934
b. 22	"The Season of Youth"	1923
b. 22	"The Things of the Morrow"	undated
b. 22	<i>This Awakening</i> 2 Folders	undated
b. 22	"Towhead"	1928
b. 23	"Two of a Cast" 2 Folders	undated
b. 23	"Two Proselytes in Two Minutes"	undated
b. 23	"Water Babies"	1910
b. 23	"When It's Christmas Time"	1952-1953
b. 23	"The Witch Finders" 5 Folders	1931-1940
b. 23	"Worthies of New England" 2 Folders	undated
b. 24	"Yantic Fire Engine Company"	1947
b. 24	Unsorted writings 12 Folders	undated

Series III: Photographs, [1850s]-1952*1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)*

Series III, Photographs, contains photographs of Margaret Fuller, family, friends, places, and stage productions. There are photographs of Margaret Fuller from early childhood, circa 1870s, to 1950. The series features several cased photographs of Fuller's father and paternal grandfather, James Ebenezer Fuller and Ebenezer Fuller respectively. These photographs, which date circa the 1850s-1860s, include examples of early photographic processes, with ambrotypes, daguerrotypes, and tintypes, from New England area photographers.

b. 25	Fuller, Margaret <i>7 Folders</i>	[1870s]-1950, undated
	Fuller, Ebenezer Stored in: Cased photographs, Box 27	
b. 25	Fuller, Edward (brother)	undated
b. 25	Fuller, Hope Louise (sister)	1869-1924, undated
b. 25	Fuller, Hope Louise and Charlotte (sisters)	1903-1948, undated
b. 25	Fuller, James Ebenezer (father) Also stored in: Cased photographs, Box 27	1865, undated
b. 25	Fuller, Rebecca Phillis Hope (mother)	undated
b. 25	Hope, Mary Newson (grandmother)	undated
b. 25	"Relatives" <i>2 Folders</i>	1866-1920, undated
b. 25	"Friends" <i>2 Folders</i>	1892-1914, undated
b. 26	<i>One World at a Time</i>	undated
b. 26	Unidentified stage production	1935, undated
b. 26	Places <i>3 Folders</i>	1900-1952, undated
b. 26	Unsorted photographs <i>3 Folders</i>	1865-1894, undated
	Cased photographs	
b. 27	Fuller, Ebenezer Ambrotype, half-plate, in a leather-bound case, created by Webster & Bro., Louisville, Kentucky	[circa 1858]

Cased photographs (continued)

b. 27

[Fuller, James Ebenezer](#)

[circa 1858-1861]

6 Folders

Includes:

Daguerreotype, sixth-plate, in a leather-bound case

Tintype, sixth-plate, in a leather-bound case

Tintype, sixth-plate, in a thermoplastic case manufactured by The Holmes,
Booth & Haydens Company

Ambrotype, ninth-plate, in a thermoplastic case manufactured by Littlefield,
Parsons, & Co.

Ambrotype, quarter-plate, in a leather-bound case

Ambrotype, ninth-plate, in a half-case, created by Benson C. Hazelton

Series IV: Personal Papers, 1832-1951, undated*2.92 linear feet (7 boxes)*

Series III, Personal Papers, contains artwork and illustrations, some for writings, personal diaries and notebooks, financial records, printed materials, including several annotated books, and miscellaneous manuscript material removed from printed items.

Arranged alphabetically by material type.

b. 28	Artwork and illustrations <i>4 Folders</i> Also stored in: Oversize, Box 35	undated
b. 28	Diaries <i>4 Folders</i>	1832-1909
b. 38	Engraving plate of Edmund Clarence Stedman by Thomas Johnson Gift of Charlotte Fuller Eastman, 1961. Former call number: Za Objects Cabinet 13c.	1894 October
b. 28	Genealogical information	1905-1922, undated
b. 29	Ledgers <i>2 Folders</i>	1944-1954
b. 29	Manuscript record	1934, undated
b. 29	Material removed from printed items <i>16 Folders</i>	undated
b. 29	Miscellaneous material <i>2 Folders</i> Also stored in: Oversize, Box 35	1875-1949, undated
b. 30	Miscellaneous material <i>3 Folders</i>	undated
b. 30	Music compositions & songs <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 30	Notebooks <i>3 Folders</i>	1948-1949, undated
b. 31	Notebooks <i>5 Folders</i>	undated
b. 31	Printed material <i>2 Folders</i>	1893, undated
b. 32	Printed material <i>4 Folders</i>	1903-1929, undated
b. 33	Printed material <i>5 Folders</i>	1886-1951
b. 34	Printed material <i>5 Folders</i>	1860-1948

b. 34	Ribbon	undated
b. 34	Scrapbooks Also stored in: Oversize, Boxes 36-37	1876 March 28
b. 34	Will	1930 January 1

Oversize*2.75 linear feet (3 boxes)*

b. 35	Artwork, illustrations, and miscellaneous material	undated
b. 36	Scrapbook	1936 January
b. 37	Scrapbook	undated

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

American literature -- 20th Century
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives
Women authors, American -- 20th Century --
Archives

Genres / Formats

Ambrotypes (photographs)
Daguerreotypes (photographs)
Photographic prints
Tintypes (prints)

Occupations

Authors

Names

Fuller, Ebenezer
Fuller, James Ebenezer
Fuller, Margaret, 1872-1954
Stedman, Edmund Clarence, 1833-1908