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Summary Information

Repository:	Colby College Special Collections
Creator - aut:	Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896 (United States. Author)
Title:	Collection of Harriet Beecher Stowe Materials.
ID:	STOWE.1
Date [inclusive]:	1863-1971.
Physical Description:	0.5 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
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Biographical / Historical

Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896) was an influential author and novelist, born in Litchfield, Connecticut, in a household of ardent theologians and abolitionists which included her parents, Lyman and Roxana Beecher, and many of her thirteen siblings, notably her brother, Henry Ward Beecher. She received an advanced education for a woman of her time at the local seminary for girls run by her sister Catharine. In 1836, she married the abolitionist Calvin Ellis Stowe; the couple supported the Underground Railroad and sheltered fugitive slaves. In 1850, Stowe began writing installments of her best-known work, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which had a profound influence on the abolition debate when it achieved best-seller status upon its release in book form in 1852. Stowe published over 20 books, including novels, travelogues, and collections of letters and shorter works. She died in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1896.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence, manuscripts, and first publications of writer, Harriet Beecher Stowe. The collection consists of letters written by Stowe to various correspondents in 1863. The collection also contains manuscript items of varying length, her autograph, published writings, and a few photographic prints.

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Arrangement

Materials arranged in five series: Correspondence, Manuscripts and First Appearances, Items Related to Harriet Beecher Stowe, Autographs, and Photographs.

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Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Materials to be used on site during regular Special Collections hours or by appointment. Photocopying or scanning may be possible at discretion of staff for nominal fee. Materials may be protected by copyright.

Custodial History

Materials acquired through either gifts or purchase.

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Controlled Access Headings

- American literature -- Women authors -- 19th century -- Correspondence
- Race, Ethnicity, and Gender
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
- Fields, Annie, 1834-1915 (United States. Writer) -- Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series A: Correspondence.

Physical Description: 3.0 folders.

Title/Description	Instances
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Folder A1: To Mrs. Bullard., Undated.

Physical Description: 1 ALS. 1p.

Folder A2: To Mrs. Samuel Cabot., 1863.

Physical Description: 1 ALS. 1p.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Margaret Perry.

Folder A3: To Annie Fields., Undated.

Physical Description: Letter addressed to "Dear Friend"

Physical Description: 1 ALS. 1p.

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Series B: Manuscripts and First Appearances.

Physical Description: 2.0 folders.

Title/Description	Instances
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Folder B1: Unidentified Work., Undated.

Physical Description: Holograph Manuscript.

Physical Description: 1p.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Margaret Perry.

Folder B2: First Appearances in Our Young Folks., 1867.

Physical Description: Pussy Willow Blossoms. (In Our Young Folks. April, 1867. V. 3, No. 4, p. 217-19)

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Series C: Items Related to Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Title/Description	Instances
<p>The first editions of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' a biographical study..., 1971.</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> Inscribed by Author</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 17p.</p>	
<p>Harriet Beecher Stowe: American Pilgrimage (radio broadcast), 1940.</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 13p.</p> <p><u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u></p> <p>Immediate Source of Acquisition</p> <p>Gift of Carleton D. Brown.</p>	

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Series D: Autograph., 1881.

Physical Description: 1.0 folders. 1 item.

Physical Description: On verso: note by Eliza T. Stowe; note by Sarah Orne Jewett.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Edwin W. Gates.

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Series E: Photograph., 1896.

Physical Description: 1.0 folders. 1 item.

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