

Autograph Collection of Eleanor and May Martin, circa 1871-1929, undated

Administration Information

Creator

Martin, Eleanor, 1865-1947; Martin, May, 1867-1963

Call Number

RBR Mss. M378 1871

Extent

1 manuscript box (.4 linear feet)

Repository

Rare Book Room, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library

Abstract

Contains letters addressed to Eleanor Martin and autograph books and loose autograph cards belonging to May Martin.

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Acquisition

No information is available.

Biographical Note

Eleanor and May Martin were the daughters of Frank and Mary (Tweedy) Martin of Buffalo, N.Y. Mr. Martin was a businessman and the son of Henry Martin (1802-1897), a former railroad executive and the first president of the Manufacturers and Traders Bank of Buffalo (1856-1885). Eleanor worked in some capacity for the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, later Albright Art Gallery, and May was a sewing teacher and later, sewing supervisor for the Buffalo Public Schools Department of Public Instruction. The sisters lived together for many years in Buffalo, eventually moving to La Jolla, CA before their deaths. Both are buried in the family plot in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo.

Scope and Content

This collection contains 3 leather-bound autograph books, two of which are clearly the property of May Martin, and 25 letters and note cards addressed primarily to Eleanor Martin as an employee of the Albright Art Gallery. U.S. presidents, statesmen, authors, musicians and artists are present. Numerous names are illegible or cannot be deciphered. It is presumed that May Martin built the collection and received the added letters by numerous artists from her sister. A box for silk hose held the loose letters as well as several article clippings about some of the signees.

Container List - Books

Arrangement: Books, then letters; chronological.

1. Book, approx.. 4½ x 7 inches, with “Autographs” and “May Martin” in gilt on the cover. The majority of these autographs or brief notes are written on separate card stock and pasted in. When dates are present, they are most often from the early 1880’s, and there are two examples of the envelope being included. Many are inscriptions. Autographs include: Mark Twain, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Rutherford B. Hayes, Horace Greeley, Charles Reade, Franz Rummel, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, George W. Morgan, John Greenleaf Whittier, Franz von Suppé, Dudley Buck, Marcella Lembrick, Matthew Arnold, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, Giuseppe Del Puente, Sofia Scalchi, Annie Louise Cary, Julia Ward Howe, Phillips Brooks, William Dean Howells, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Henry Ward Beecher, Abraham Archibald Anderson (letter and envelope), Franz Abt, Yvonne de Tréville (advertisement card), Anna Katharine Green (brief note and envelope), Charles Dudley Warner, Geneviève Ward, Zelda Seguin Wallace, Emma Abbott, Kate Field, William Castle, Maggie Mitchell, Carl Zerrahn, Helena Modjeska, Edwin Adams, Jules Jordan, Madeline Schiller, Eugenie Pappenheim, and Peter Van Veen (illustration).
2. Book, approx.. 5 x 8 inches, with “Autographs” in gilt on cover. Similar to above, cards and envelopes are pasted in. Autographs include: James A. Garfield, Grover Cleveland, Chester A. Arthur, Gustave Eiffel, William Cullen Bryant, Wendell Phillips, Francis Marion Crawford, George Washington Cable, Reginald Cleveland Coxe, Frances Hodgson Burnett, Ellen Terry, John Lubbock, David Bispham (brief letter), Hermann Winkelmann, Ciro Pinsuti (note), Adelaide Ristori Del Grillo, Charles W. Eliot, William Tecumseh Sherman, Winfield Scott Hancock, Oscar Wilde, Brigham Young, Thomas Moran (brief letter), Vincent D’Indy, Charles Cary Coleman (letter), Walter Shirlaw, Amélie Troubetzkoy and Pierre Troubetzkoy (letters from each).

3. Book, approx.. 4½ x 6 inches, with “Autographs” in gilt on the damaged cover. Few entries, most are written in the book. Autographs include: Percy Mackaye, Mary Helen Carlisle, Lyman Abbott, Lindsay Morris Sterling, Elliott Daingerfield, Carl Johan Nordell (with calling card), Antonio Barone, Carlton Theodore Chapman, Charles Caryl Coleman, James Earl Fraser, Emily Beatrice Longman, Isidore Konti, Boris Anisfeld, Cardinal Mercier, Alfred Noyes, Joseph Pennell, Edward Atkinson Hornel, Robert Fulton Logan, Nicholas Roerich, Daniel Chester French, Albert Spalding, John Young Hunter and Herbert Adams.

Loose Letters / Autograph Cards

- 4.1 Grover Cleveland to James G. Forsyth, July 6, 1888. Executive Mansion, Washington, with envelope.
- 4.2 William Kemmler, Auburn N. Y. April 26 1890. Calling card.
- 4.3 Alfred Stieglitz to Miss Martin, December 9, 1910. Photo-Secession, New York City, with envelope. Typed signed letter.
- 4.4 Frances Cleveland to Mrs. Rogers, July 26, 1912. Intermont Tamworth, N.H., with envelope.
- 4.5 Anthony D? to Miss Martin, November 18? 1912. Hope Club, Providence.
- 4.6 Mary Helen Carlisle to Miss Martin, June 18, 1914. 2 leaves, 5 pages, 80 West 40th St., N.Y., with envelope.
- 4.7 Marion Boyd Allen to Miss Martin, June 10, 1915. 561 Boylston St., Boston, with envelope.
- 4.8 [Illegible], Christmas, New Year greeting to Miss Martin. December 24, 1915. New York, N.Y., with envelope.
- 4.9 Isidore Konti to Eleanor Martin, October 2, 1916. Yonkers, N.Y., with envelope.
- 4.10 Enid Yandell to Miss Martin, August 26, 1918. The Branstock, Edgartown, Massachusetts, with envelope.
- 4.11 Walter Gay [American Relief Clearing House] to the Misses E. and A. [sic] Martin, March 16, 1916. Paris, with stamp and card pinned to typed letter. Request for aid to France.
- 4.12 Edward McCartan to Miss Martin, December 20, 1919. 157 East 35th Street, New York City, with envelope.
- 4.13 Adolph Alexander Weinman to Cornelia [Bentley Sage, director of the Albright Art Gallery], May 14, 1919. 441 West 21st Street, New York City.

- 4.14 Hayley Lever to the Charcoal Club, Peabody Institute, Baltimore, December 1921.
- 4.15 Adelaide Chase to Miss Martin, January 11, 1923. 8 Marlborough Street, Boston, Mass., with envelope.
- 4.16 [Illegible] to Miss Martin, Carnegie Hall, January 26, 1923.
- 4.17 Irving Wiles to Miss Martin, August 24, 1927. Peconic, Long Island New York, with envelope.
- 4.18 Louise Allen Hobbs to Miss Martin, August 31, 1926. White Cap, East Gloucester, Massachusetts, with envelope and 4-page booklet, Sculptures by Louise Allen.
- 4.19 Alexis Jean Fournier to Elinor [sic] Martin, March 2, 1929. The Studio, 142 E. Elder Street, South Bend, Indiana, with envelope.
- 4.20 Alice Meynell to Miss Martin, August 22, ? Beaulieu, New Forest [Hampshire, England], with envelope.
- 4.21 Miscellaneous letters [3]: to Mr. Rogers from [Illegible], The Arundel Kennebunkport, Maine, July 28, 1930?; to [Illegible] from [Illegible], The Chelsea, 222 W. 23rd St. N.Y., March 31, '93; and to [Illegible] from Cavendish Arthur?, Innis Rath, Lisnaskea [Ireland], n.d.
- 4.22 Address cards [2]: Twenty-Five Hodge Avenue [Martin address] signed by Habidi? Edile? Oct. 26, 1926 Niagara Falls; 80 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo to "My dear Dorothy," signed "Your loving neighbors, The Northrups" [William P. Northrup, VP J. N. Matthews Co.], May 31st, 1923.
- 4.23 Letter, typed, from James F. Foster to the Carnegie Book Shop in New York City, August 9, 1949. Foster, of Buffalo, is offering autograph books and letters and asks the Carnegie to make an offer for the entire collection, etc. Lists some famous persons included, including some that appear to be part of this collection. Also, six pages of "Memorandum from – James F. Foster" with lists of persons and their occupations, etc.

Box

5. Ladies Leather Shades II Silk Hose Box – Contains several clippings on Lyman Abbott, Cardinal Mercier, and Joseph Pennell.

Search Terms

Authors

600 Allen, Marion Boyd, 1862-1941
600 Anderson, Abraham Archibald, 1847-1940
600 Carlisle, Mary Helen, 1869-1925
600 Chase, Adelaide Cole, 1868-1944
600 Cleveland, Frances, 1864-1947
600 Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908
600 Coleman, Charles Caryl, 1840-1928
600 Fournier, Alexis Jean, 1865-1948
600 Green, Anna Katharine, 1846-1935
600 Hobbs, Louise Allen, 1875-1953
600 Lever, Richard Hayley, 1875-1958
600 McCartan, Edward, 1879-1947
600 Meynell, Alice, 1847-1922
600 Konti, Isidore, 1862-1938
600 Stieglitz, Alfred, 1864-1946
600 Troubetzkoy, Amélie Rives, 1863-1945
600 Troubetzkoy, Pierre, 1864-1936
600 Weinman, Adolph Alexander, 1870-1952
600 Wiles, Irving Ramsey, 1861-1948
600 Yandell, Enid, 1869-1934

Subject terms

650 Autographs.
650 Personal correspondence.

Genre terms

655 Autographs (Signatures)
655 Letters (Correspondence)