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Abbie Bartlett Shapleigh correspondence, 1860-1902

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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Shapleigh, Abbie Bartlett
Title:	Abbie Bartlett Shapleigh correspondence
ID:	0316
Date [inclusive]:	1860-1902
Physical Description:	.5 linear foot 18 folders
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical/Historical Note

Abbie Bartlett Shapleigh was born in North New Portland, Maine in 1838, the last of twelve children. Abbie Shapleigh became the companion to Mrs. Joseph Thorpe ("Meme" in the Shapleigh correspondence), helping with the Thorpe children, and after the collapse of her marriage, devoted most of her life to that work. Abbie Shapleigh had two children with Joseph Shapleigh.

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Collection Scope and Content

This collection consists entirely of correspondence as original letters and their typed transcriptions. The more than 200 letters cover the years between 1860 and 1892. Almost all of the letters were written by Abbie Shapleigh and directed to her children, her daughter receiving the large majority of them, her siblings, her husband, and Mrs. Thorpe. Abbie Shapleigh traveled extensively--her letters from the

Poland Spring House in Poland Spring, Maine reference the curative powers of the spring water and the hotel's setting, for example. The letters offer an exceptional opportunity to experience the period through the words and sentiments of a sensitive and worldly woman and devoted mother.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series. Arranged chronologically, by type.

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Controlled Access Headings

- New England -- Social life and customs
- Correspondence
- Maine -- Description and travel
- Maine -- History
- Shapleigh, Abbie Bartlett
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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Bio sheet; itemization of letters	Box 1	Folder 01
Correspondence, 1860-1862	Box 1	Folder 02
Correspondence, 1863-1871	Box 1	Folder 03
Correspondence, 1872-1874	Box 1	Folder 04
Correspondence, 1880-1882	Box 1	Folder 05
Correspondence, 1885-1886	Box 1	Folder 06
Correspondence, 1887 January-November	Box 1	Folder 07
Correspondence, 1887 November-December	Box 1	Folder 08
Correspondence, 1888 January	Box 1	Folder 09
Correspondence, 1888 February-March	Box 1	Folder 10
Correspondence, 1888 April-May	Box 1	Folder 11
Correspondence, 1888 June-December	Box 1	Folder 12
Correspondence, 1888 December	Box 1	Folder 13
Correspondence, 1890 October-1891 May	Box 1	Folder 14
Correspondence, 1891 June-November	Box 1	Folder 15
Correspondence, 1892 February-October	Box 1	Folder 16
Letter transcriptions, 1860-1879	Box 1	Folder 17
Letter transcriptions, 1880-1902	Box 1	Folder 18