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## Alta Ashley collection, 1969-1995

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Maine Women Writers Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Maine Women Writers Collection
<b>Creator:</b>	Ashley, Alta
<b>Title:</b>	Alta Ashley collection
<b>ID:</b>	0002
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1969-1995
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 folders
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Alta Ashley collection, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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Dr. Alta Ashley was born May 5, 1905 in Boston. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College and received a Ph.D. in 1932 from the University of Cincinnati before getting a medical degree. Dr. Ashley moved to Maine in 1951 to work for the Department of Health and Welfare. She also served as a director of Augusta General Hospital. In 1969 she moved to Monhegan Island, where she had a family practice until her retirement in 1975. She was very active in the community, serving as the island's clerk, tax collector, health officer, medical examiner, school physician and unofficial historian. In the 1970s and 80s, Ashley wrote for three local newspapers and had several articles published in magazines, including Down East. In the 1980s she started Grey Gull Publications and wrote three books about Monhegan Island. She produced a pamphlet about the island for visitors and was active in various theater and art organizations, exhibiting some of her paintings locally. Ashley died December 15, 1991 at the age of 86 in Damariscotta, Maine.

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## Collection Scope and Content

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The collection includes an obituary, articles, photographs, a resume and a copy of a booklet authored by Ashley entitled The Monhegan ice pond. There is also a small amount of material relating to Monhegan Island.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is organized as a single series. Arranged by subject.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Monhegan Island (Me.)
- Obituaries
- Ashley, Alta
- Ashley, Alta

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Obituary, 1991	box 1	folder 001
Articles, 1975-1988	box 1	folder 002
"The Monhegan Ice Pond", undated	box 1	folder 003
Photographs, undated	box 1	folder 004
Resume, undated	box 1	folder 005
Miscellanea re: Monhegan, 1927-1995	box 1	folder 006