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## Blanche Willis Howard collection, 1847-1906

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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>	Howard, Blanche Willis, 1847-1898
<b>Title:</b>	Blanche Willis Howard collection
<b>ID:</b>	0161
<b>ID [aspace_uri]:</b>	/repositories/3/resources/621
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1847-1906
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 linear foot 80 folders
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Blanche Willis Howard collection, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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Blanche Willis Howard was born in Bangor, Maine, in 1847, and by most accounts died in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1898 (although it is also written that she died in Munich.) A well-known novelist in both the United States and abroad, Howard lived in various locations in Germany from 1875 until her death and was one of the few writers of her time to publish her work in the United States from outside the country. Having moved to Germany to study and act as correspondent for the *Boston Evening Transcript*, she settled in Stuttgart where she taught, wrote novels, plays and poetry, edited a magazine in English and chaperoned American girls studying art and music in a type of finishing school she created. (Howard herself was an accomplished musician and acquaintance of Wagner and Lizst.) She enjoyed the outdoors and was a cyclist, swimmer and excellent horsewoman.

In 1890 she married Baron Julius von Teuffel, court physician to the King of Wurttemberg, who encouraged her in her writing. Widowed in 1896, she remained in Germany and continued her literary work. Howard authored or co-authored a total of sixteen volumes,

at least two of those published posthumously. She wrote under her maiden name and her work was translated into a number of European languages. Her first novel, *One Summer*, was published in 1875 while she still lived in Maine and was set in Wiscasset. The remainder of her work, for the most part, was set in Europe, and *The Open Door* (1889) and *Dionysis: The Weaver's Heart's Dearest* (1899) were her most critically acclaimed. Howard's body of work includes: *One Summer* (1875); *A full report on the exercises at the centennial celebration of the declaration of independence by American citizens in Stuttgart, Germany* (with John Greenleaf Whittier and Anna Hubbard Mercur; 1876); *One Year Abroad* (1877); *Robin Hood's Miracle and Other Stories* (with Hezekiah Butterworth; 1878); *Aunt Serena* (1881); *Guen: A Wave on the Breton Coast* (1883); *Aulnay Tower* (1885); *Tony, The Maid, a Novelette* (1887); *The Open Door* (1889); *The Humming Top, or, Debit and Credit in the Next World* (1890); *A Fellowe and His Wife* (with William Sharp; 1892); *A Battle and a Boy* (1892); *No Heroes* (1893); *Seven on the Highway* (1897); *Dionysis: The Weaver's Heart's Dearest* (posthumously, 1899); *The Garden of Eden* (posthumously, 1900). She was distantly related to General Oliver Otis Howard of Leeds, Maine.

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## Collection Scope and Content

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This collection contains samples of Howard's literary work in manuscript form, biographical information, correspondence, business papers with her publishers, and estate documents. Some items are in German.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is organized as a single series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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## **Related Materials**

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Blanche Willis Howard Papers, George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives, Bowdoin College Library, Brunswick, Maine

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Bangor (Me.)
- Germany
- Photographs
- Obituaries
- Visiting cards
- Facsimiles
- Clippings
- Diaries
- Maps
- Correspondence
- Manuscripts

- Wills
- Domestic fiction
- Prentiss, Marion Louise Howard, 1849-1910
- Howard, Blanche Willis, 1847-1898

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical, bibliographical information, 1847-1898 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 001
Calling cards, Blanche von Teuffel	Box 1	Folder 002
Photographs (4)	Box 1	Folder 003
Obituaries, originals and photocopies, 1898 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 004
Obituary from the Illustrated London News, 1898 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 005
Obituary for Dr. Julius Von Teuffel (in German), 1893 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 006
Cremation certificate for BWH, 1898 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 007
Will of BWH; copies in her hand in English and German; power of attorney letter, 1898 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 008
Estate Administrative Papers, 1899 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 009
Estate Insurance letters, correspondence, 1899 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 010
Receipts--Stuttgart, 1896 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 011
Travel expenses, 1897 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 012
German Tour Schedule, 1897 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 013
Invoices, bills, 1897-1898	Box 1	Folder 014

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<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Munich hotel bills, 1898	Box 1	Folder 015
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Travel diary--no year, undated	Box 1	Folder 016
Map--unidentified location, undated	Box 1	Folder 017
News clippings (one in German language), undated	Box 1	Folder 018
Correspondence from Houghton, Osgood Co., 1878	Box 1	Folder 019
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence to BWH, 1881	Box 1	Folder 020
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence to BWH and MHS from various writers, 1887-1899	Box 1	Folder 021
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence to from Jessica Milsom Stevens to Mr. H. providing reference for BWH, 1889	Box 1	Folder 022
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence to niece Marion Stuart "Dear Child", 1889-1892	Box 1	Folder 023
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence to BWH, 1893-1898	Box 1	Folder 024
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence BWH to Marion Howard Fuller Smith, 1894-1898	Box 1	Folder 025
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence from Charles Russell, 1894-1895	Box 1	Folder 026
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence from Frederick H. Stokes Company, 1895	Box 1	Folder 027
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence to Marion Stuart Smith, niece, 1895-1897	Box 1	Folder 028
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence to Moorfield Storey, Storey Thorndike, 1896-1897	Box 1	Folder 029
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Correspondence to BWH, undated, undated	Box 1	Folder 030
Correspondence to BWH from Theodore Stanton, Paris, undated	Box 1	Folder 031

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Correspondence from BWH, undated concerning chaperoning and educational opportunities in Germany, undated	Box 1	Folder 032
Correspondence from BWH, 5 handwritten copies to friend Amie, 1898 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 033
Typescript of "The Heath Witch: Gypsies", undated	Box 1	Folder 034
Signed typescript of "The American Alligator", 1892 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 035
MSS title page, original and copy, of "Dionysis The Weaver's Heart's Dearest", undated	Box 1	Folder 036
MSS "Under the Sun" beg. "Crowned heads however erring...", undated	Box 1	Folder 037
MSS "Under the Sun" beg. "A sailor on board...", undated	Box 1	Folder 038
MSS "Under the Sun" -- misc. typed and holograph pages, undated	Box 1	Folder 039
MSS "Under the Sun" beg. "It is not surprising...", undated	Box 1	Folder 040
4.75x7.75in black leather copybook with enclosures, 1894-1896 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 041
MSS unidentified "No Continuing City", undated	Box 1	Folder 042
Extract from the Pall Mall Gazette, undated	Box 1	Folder 043
misc. notes, recipes, lists, place card, correspondence, 1876, undated <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 044
MSS Misc. texts -- drama, poetry, notes, undated	Box 2	Folder 045
MSS Misc. typed pages (10 pages), undated	Box 2	Folder 046
MSS Misc. papers -- German and English, undated	Box 2	Folder 047
MSS pages 197-227, typescript with holograph corrections, undated	Box 2	Folder 048
Sonnet addressed by Frances Ridley Havergal to her friend, Baroness Helga von Cramm, undated	Box 2	Folder 049
Instructions to Translators, undated	Box 2	Folder 050
Copyright Registry--Open Door, 1888 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 051
Royalty Statement, "Aunt Serena", 1889	Box 2	Folder 052



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Royalty Statement, James R. Osgood, "A Fellowe and His Wife", 1892	Box 2	Folder 054
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Language of the Material: English.

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Payment letter from The Independent, 1893	Box 2	Folder 055
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Language of the Material: English.

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Contract and royalty statements, 1889, 1893, 1897	Box 2	Folder 056
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Language of the Material: English.

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Contract for "A Battle and a Boy", 1890	Box 2	Folder 057
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Language of the Material: English.

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Contract for "A Fellowe and His Wife", 1892	Box 2	Folder 058
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Language of the Material: English.

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Contract and letter--"Dionysis The Weaver's Heart's Dearest", Marion H. Smith (Administratrix) and Charles Scribner's Sons, 1899	Box 2	Folder 059
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Language of the Material: English.

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Royalty statements, MHS (administratrix, estate of BWH) and Harper Brothers, 1899	Box 2	Folder 060
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Language of the Material: English.

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Contract, "The Garden of Eden", MHS and Charles Scribner's Sons, 1900	Box 2	Folder 061
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Language of the Material: English.

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Houghton Mifflin royalty statements, 11 sheets, 1890, 1892, 1893	Box 2	Folder 062
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Language of the Material: English.

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Houghton Mifflin royalty statements, 17 sheets, 1894-1897	Box 2	Folder 063
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, "Vroni" clippings	Box 2	Folder 064
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Legal notice re: dissolution of Harper Brothers to BWH estate, 1899	Box 2	Folder 065
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Correspondence from Storey Thorndike and Storey, Thorndike Palmer, 1899	Box 2	Folder 066
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Correspondence from Storey, Thorndike Palmer, 1899	Box 2	Folder 067
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Correspondence from Charles Scribner's Sons to MHS, Administratrix, 1899-1902	Box 2	Folder 068
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Correspondence to MHS, Administratrix, from Harper Brothers, 1899	Box 2	Folder 069
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Correspondence from unidentified reader, 1900	Box 2	Folder 070
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BWH Estate, Correspondence to MSS from Charles Scribner's Sons; Correspondence to MHS from Charles Scribner's Sons, 1899, 1900	Box 2	Folder 071
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Language of the Material: English.

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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Correspondence from Elizabeth Marbury to MHS, 1900	Box 2	Folder 075
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BWH Estate, Correspondence from Charles Scribner's Sons to MHS, 1900	Box 2	Folder 076
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Royalty statement, Harper Brothers, "Tony, The Maid", 1900	Box 2	Folder 077
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Royalty statement, Houghton Mifflin, 1904	Box 2	Folder 078
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BWH Estate, Houghton Mifflin, royalty statements, 1906	Box 2	Folder 079
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Language of the Material: English.

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BWH Estate, Inventory, Storey, Thorndike Palmer to MHS, undated	Box 2	Folder 080
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