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## Charlotte Perkins Gilman collection, 1880-2001

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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>	Gilman, Charlotte Perkins, 1860-1935
<b>Title:</b>	Charlotte Perkins Gilman collection
<b>ID:</b>	0147
<b>ID [aspace_uri]:</b>	/repositories/3/resources/595
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1880-2001
<b>Physical Description:</b>	.25 linear feet 30 folders
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Charlotte Perkins Gilman collection, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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Charlotte Perkins Gilman was born in 1860 in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1884 she married Charles Arthur Stetson and less than a year later gave birth to their only daughter. They separated in 1888, due to her depression. Gilman moved with her daughter to California where she became active in social reform and began writing and lecturing. Her most famous piece is *The Yellow Wallpaper*, written in 1890 and published in 1892. She published her first volume of poetry, *In This Our World*, in 1893. She wrote short stories, poetry, drama and novels as well as non-fiction. In 1894, Gilman and Stetson officially divorced and she sent her daughter to live with Stetson and his new wife, a close friend of Gilman's, Grace Ellery Channing. Gilman eventually moved back east and married a cousin, Houghton Gilman, in 1900. They lived in New York City until 1922, at which point the couple moved back to Houghton's Connecticut homestead. Following his sudden death in 1934, Gilman moved back to California, where her daughter still resided. In 1932, Gilman was diagnosed with incurable breast cancer. An advocate of euthanasia for the terminally ill, she took her own life in 1935 by overdosing on chloroform.

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## Collection Scope and Content

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Includes correspondence, trade cards designed by Gilman and articles.

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## Arrangement

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

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## Administrative Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Charlotte Perkins Gilman papers, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Soap
- Correspondence
- Trade cards
- Promotional materials
- Gilman, Charlotte Perkins, 1860-1935

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence between Gilman and unknown NY writer, 1914 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 001
Women and Social Service	Box 1	Folder 002
Women and Social Service	Box 1	Folder 003
Advertising Trade Quarterly [Summer 2001], 2001 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 004
Advertising Trade Quarterly [Fall 2001], 2001 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 005
Current History, Vol.27, No.1, 1927 October	Box 1	Folder 006

Language of the Material: English.

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Current History, "Woman's Achievements Since the Franchise", 1927

Box 1

Folder 007

Language of the Material: English.

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Description "Three Ages of Woman"

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Three Ages of Woman

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Folder 012

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Folder 013

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Soap Trade Cards

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