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## **Fitch family correspondence, 1845-1868, undated**

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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>	Anderson, Frances Amelia Perley, 1831-1870
<b>Creator:</b>	Perley, Mary T.
<b>Creator:</b>	Fitch, Almira
<b>Title:</b>	Fitch family correspondence
<b>ID:</b>	0162
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1845-1868, undated
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 folders
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Fitch family letters, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Luther Fitch (1803-1877) was a resident of Portland, Maine and served as a Judge of Probate. He and his wife Rebecca had seven children: Mary, Caroline, Harriet, Almira, Andrew T., Edward, and Luther. Andrew T. Fitch, a physician, moved to New York in 1853, having failed to obtain a job at Chelsea Hospital (Mass.). Luther Fitch, M.D. (b. 1821) moved to California in 1850 and settled in Foster's Bar, Yuba County where he mined for gold and ran a medical practice. Edward Fitch pursued a real estate and brokerage business in Chicago, in partnership with Frederick Harding. In 1853, he married Helen Adelaide Hovey (b. 1838). Mary Fitch married Henry Perley in 1851, and Perley died in 1860 at the age of 37. They had one child, George Allen Perley, who died in 1858. Mary never remarried and spent most of her time visiting friends and relatives in Maine society, and travelling abroad.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Fitch family letters contain letters from multiple members of the Fitch family. The bulk of the letters are from Frances (Fannie) Anderson to her cousin Mary Perley (nee Fitch); these letters are posted from Paris, Savannah, Georgia, as well as Bridgton, Maine. The second largest collection of letters is from Almira Fitch to her daughter, Caroline. There are also multiple dance hall cards from Portland, Maine dances throughout 1848 signed by Henry Perley.

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## Arrangement

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The collections is arranged as a single series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

For permission to reproduce or publish, please contact the Curator of the Maine Women Writers Collection.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift from Drew Sanborn

## Custodial History

The letters were a gift from Drew Sanborn, who transcribed some of them presumably for an exhibit at the Bridgton Historical Society. He wrote in pencil on some of the letters, dating when he transcribed them, as well as other miscellaneous notes.

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## Related Materials

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Papers of Frances Amelia (Perley) Anderson (1831-1870), Historic New England

Judge Luther Fitch correspondence, 1850-1856 (bulk 1853), The Huntington Library

Fitch family Collection, 1782-1906, Maine Historical Society

Fitch Family Papers, Marion B. Gebbie Archives and Special Collections, Wheaton College

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Correspondence
- Bridgton (Me.)
- Anderson, Frances Amelia Perley, 1831-1870
- Perley, Mary T.
- Perley, Mary T.
- Fitch, Caroline
- Fitch, Almira
- Fitch, Almira
- Perley, Henry Enoch, 1823-1860

## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Letters to Caroline from her sisters, 1845-1851	Box 1	Folder 001
Frances (Fannie) Anderson to cousin Mary T. Perley, 1846-1868	Box 1	Folder 002
Portland Assemblies Union Hall dance cards, 1848	Box 1	Folder 003
Letter from Julia announcing engagement of Fannie Perley to Edward Anderson, and Mary Fitch to Henry Perley, 1849	Box 1	Folder 004
Letter from Julia to Henry Perley, 1849	Box 1	Folder 005
Rebecca Fitch (mother) to Caroline (daughter ), 1851-1865	Box 1	Folder 006
Mary Perley to Caroline (sister), 1859-1865	Box 1	Folder 007
Fitch family tree by Drew Sanborn, undated	Box 1	Folder 008