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Louise Lamprey collection, 1934-1935

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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Title:	Louise Lamprey collection
ID:	0175
Date [inclusive]:	1934-1935, undated
Physical Description:	.25 linear feet
Physical Description:	3 folders
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

Louise Lamprey collection, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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Biographical / Historical

Lunette Emeline Lamprey (penname Louise Lamprey) was born in 1869 in Alexandria, New Hampshire. Her father was a minister. She graduated in 1891 from Mount Holyoke College as a member of its first graduating class. Lamprey went on to become one of the first woman editors of a Washington D.C. newspaper, *The Capitol*. She also lectured at a series of New England summer camps, including Laughing Loon Camp in East Waterboro, Maine and Limmerick Campfire Girls. These experiences led Lamprey towards writing children's books, specifically historical fiction, including *In the Days of the Guild*, *Masters of the Guild*, *The Treasure Valley* and *The Tomahawk Trail*. Lamprey also wrote about architecture, including her book, *All the Ways of Building* (1933). Although she traveled extensively, she spent the majority of her life in Limmerick, Maine as a local celebrity, the alliterative "Louise Lamprey of Limmerick". She died in 1951. When once asked about her writing and characters, Lamprey said, "People walk into my stories and sometime prove to be better than those I had planned. In a way...my books write themselves. When I sit down at my typewriter, I never know what is to come. Endings sometimes astonish me. Nor do I believe that authors who put their acquaintances into novels are as successful, as a rule, as those who make their characters up."

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Collection Scope and Content

The collection consists of biographical newspaper articles, and a typescript of four stories by Ms. Lamprey.

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Arrangement

The collection is one series of three folders.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
The Tomahawk Trail (book announcement), 1934	Box 1	Folder 001
Lewiston Journal article, 1935	Box 1	Folder 002
Typescript of four Lamprey stories submitted to William Morrow, undated	Box 1	Folder 003