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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Sweat, Margaret J. M. (Margaret Jane Mussey), 1823-1908
Title:	Margaret J. M. Sweat papers
ID:	0350
Date [inclusive]:	1835-2005, undated
Date [bulk]:	1855-1908, undated
Physical Description:	3.5 linear feet 51 folders
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

Margaret J. M. Sweat papers, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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Biographical/Historical Note

Margaret Jane Mussey Sweat was born on November 28, 1823 in Portland, Maine, daughter of John Mussey, Esq, a prominent judge and Mehitable Smith Rana. Sweat was one of five children and received her early education in Portland schools and later at the Roxbury, Massachusetts Latin School. She married Lorenzo de Medici Sweat in 1849, a lawyer and Bowdoin College graduate who served in the United States Senate and Maine House of Representatives. They lived in the Sweat Mansion on the corner of Spring and High streets, which later became the Portland Museum of Art. Sweat's husband died on July 28, 1898. Margaret Jane Mussey Sweat was a noted literary critic of the 19th century and friend to Elizabeth Drew Barstow Stoddard. Sweat was one of the social elite of Portland, a world traveler and was fluent in French, German, Italian and Russian. She died January 16, 1908 at the age of eighty-four. She bequeathed the Sweat Mansion and an additional \$100,000 to the Portland Society of Art to construct a building adjacent to her home for a museum. She donated money to many other notable organizations including Bowdoin College from which both her father and husband graduated.

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Collection Scope and Content

This collection contains manuscript material created by the author, including personal and travel diaries from numerous international trips, essays and unpublished writings, prose and verse papers, correspondence, and translations of classical works. There are also personal and themed scrapbooks, commonplace books, a recipe book, a drawing and a watercolor done by the author, photographs and a photographic album of the author and of the author's home. Included in the collection are the Annals of the Cobweb Club and papers contributed to the Chimney Corner Club, two women's organizations to which Mrs. Sweat was deeply connected. Other resources include newspaper clippings, biographical sketches, a thesis on the author, photocopies of resources in other collections, and copies of periodicals which published Margaret Sweat's writings. There are also several books from her library and a catalog of her own books in her hand.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series.

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Access

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Custodial History

Album, diaries, and books were given to the collection by the Portland Society of Art Board of Management in February, 1965. Other materials were purchased in 1963 or 1964.

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Related Materials

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Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union Records, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England Libraries, Portland, Maine

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Controlled Access Headings

- Travel
- Portland (Me.)
- Diaries
- Clippings
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Obituaries
- Manuscripts
- Reproductions
- Ephemera
- Sweat, Margaret J. M. (Margaret Jane Mussey), 1823-1908
- Sweat, Margaret J. M. (Margaret Jane Mussey), 1823-1908

- Cobweb Club (Portland, Me.)
- Portland Museum of Art

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Diary, 1849-1880 <u>Digital Object:</u> Margaret Jane Mussey Sweat Diary, 1849-1880	Box 1	Folder 001
Clippings--obituaries found in 1849-1880 diary, undated	Box 1	Folder 001a
Diary, [some written in French] black cloth, 4.5 x 6.5 inches, 1873	Box 1	Folder 002
Diary, [oval photo of MJMS inside front cover] leather, 3 x 5 inches, 1900	Box 1	Folder 003
Diary, 3.5 x 6 inches, 1901	Box 1	Folder 004
Diary, leather, 3 x 5 inches, 1902	Box 1	Folder 005
Diary, leather, 4 x 6 inches, 1903	Box 1	Folder 006
Hand-book, [travel comments] 5 x 7 inches, undated	Box 1	Folder 007
Personal recipe book, undated	Box 1	Folder 008
Friendship album, 1835-1841	Box 1	Folder 009
"Papers contributed to the Chimney Corner Club; misc. papers in prose and verse" [notebook], 1855-1856	Box 1	Folder 010
Annals of the Cobweb Club--Reference photocopy, 1890	Box 1	Folder 011a
Annals of the Cobweb Club, Washington, 1890 <u>Digital Object:</u> Annals of the Cobweb Club	Box 1	Folder 011b
Inserts from Annals of the Cobweb Club--manuscripts, 1891, undated <u>Digital Object:</u> For The Cobweb Club: Mottoes	Box 1	Folder 011c
Inserts from the Annals of the Cobweb Club--clippings	Box 1	Folder 011d
Travel diary - Reminiscences of Travel, The Midnight Sun, Moscow, The Crimea, undated	Box 1	Folder 012
Travel diary: Journal of a journey to Spain, France, Germany, The Tyrol, Italy, 1887	Box 1	Folder 013
Travel diary: Around the world vol. I (Egypt, India, Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong, Canton), 1892-1893	Box 1	Folder 014a
Travel diary: Around the world vol. II (India, Ceylon, Japan, America), 1892-1893	Box 1	Folder 014b

Travel diary: Mexico [contains MJMS photographs] brown leather, 1892	Box 1	Folder 015
Travel diary: India, Japan, 1893	Box 1	Folder 016
Essays--Greece: Xantippe--The Greek House Mother, undated	Box 1	Folder 017
Essays--Greece: Growth of Progress in Greek Art; Mountains of Greece; Homer's Hymn to Apollo; Hesiod, undated	Box 1	Folder 018
French history translation [Revue des Deux Mondes article], 1890	Box 1	Folder 019
Miscellaneous [essays], undated	Box 1	Folder 020
A Fortnight in Saint Petersburg, 1897	Box 2	Folder 021
Transcription of Rubayat of Omar Khayyam, 1876	Box 2	Folder 022
A Summer in Europe Vol. I. [Highways of Travel], 1855	Box 2	Folder 023
A Summer in Europe Vol. II, 1855	Box 2	Folder 024
Drift-Weed Vol. I [commonplace book], 1856	Box 2	Folder 025
Drift-Weed Vol. II [commonplace book], undated	Box 2	Folder 026
Odds and Ends [scrapbook of MJMS articles, letters to the editor], circa 1870s	Box 2	Folder 027
Book notices, 1867-1871	Box 2	Folder 028
Book notices--Highways of Travel; or, a Summer in Europe, 1860	Box 2	Folder 028a
Sketches of Travel [Scrapbook of travel articles], 1862-1878	Box 2	Folder 029
Bound magazine articles, 1902-1906	Box 2	Folder 030
George Sand clippings and notes by MJMS, circa 1870s	Box 2	Folder 031
Correspondence--"Tom Slave" to MJMS, undated	Box 2	Folder 032
MJMS portrait [Lamson, Portland 4.5 x 6], circa 1880	Box 2	Folder 033
Photograph of The Elms, home of John Mussey [8 x 9.5 mounted on board], undated	Box 2	Folder 034
Photograph of hallway and staircase, Sweat mansion [6.5 x 9], undated	Box 2	Folder 035
Copy/display photographs of MJMS, 1880, circa 1900	Box 2	Folder 036
"The Elms: I remember - I remember, the house where I was born" [photograph/sketch], 1850	Box 2	Folder 037
Mount Washington from the Glen House [sketch signed MJMS], undated	Box 2	Folder 038
Watercolor of waterside cottage with female figure near door [signed MJMS], undated	Box 2	Folder 039
Photograph album: Sweat Mansion interiors and photos of MJMS, 1870-1890s	Box 3 (OVS)	Folder 040

Digital Object: [Margaret Jane Mussey Sweat Photograph Album](#)

Catalogue of Books [handwritten notebook], undated	Box 2	Folder 041
Correspondence--copies of letters located at the Portland Museum of Art, 1904-[1906?]	Box 2	Folder 042
Ethel's Love Life - reference photocopy with reviews, 1859	Box 2	Folder 043
Obituary and article on will, 1908	Box 2	Folder 044
Biographical sketches of MJMS, 1961, 2000, undated	Box 2	Folder 045
Biographical articles, 1964-1975	Box 2	Folder 046
photocopy of correspondence from Ada I. Menken to Hattie Tyng [using text from Ethel's Love Life], 1861	Box 2	Folder 047
Photocopies of Mount Vernon Ladies Association scrapbook, 1896	Box 2	Folder 048
CDs of images, 2003, 2005	Box 2	Folder 049
Clipping-- "Address by Col. Sweat To His Troops", undated	Box 2	Folder 050
"Private Sphere/Public Sphere: Rethinking Paradigms of Victorian Womanhood through the Life and Writings of Margaret Jane Mussey Sweat, 1823-1908" thesis by Connie Burns, 1993	Box 2	Folder 051