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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
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Biographical/Historical Note

In 1853, Ann Pamela Cunningham of South Carolina began working under the name "The Southern Matron" to save the home and grave of George Washington from ruin. John A. Washington, great-nephew of Washington, was without the financial means to restore the estate, and both Congress and the State of Virginia had declined the opportunity to purchase the historic landmark. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union was formed with Cunningham as the organization's first Regent. Margaret Jane Mussey Sweat, a prominent Portland resident, was the Secretary for the Maine chapter. With the help of Vice-Regents and Agents in each state, as well as large contributions from Edward Everett of Massachusetts, \$200,000 had been raised by the end of 1858, enough to purchase the estate. The mission of the association was as follows: "To perpetuate the sacred memory of 'The Father of his Country' and, with loving hands, to guard and protect the hallowed spot where rest his remains. To forever hold, manage and preserve the estate, properties and relics at Mount Vernon, belonging to the Association and, under proper regulation, to open the same to the inspection of all who love the cause of liberty and revere the name of Washington." The Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association continues to maintain the property to this day.

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Collection Scope and Content

This collection contains correspondence relating to fundraising activities, two copies of the Association's newsletter, the Association's constitution and by-laws, and other related material. The bulk of the letters are addressed to Arabella Carter, Agent of the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association for Oxford County, from Abba Isabella Little, Vice Regent of the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association for the state of Maine.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series. Arrangement is chronological by item.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Historic preservation
- Mount Vernon (Va. : Estate)
- Ephemera
- Correspondence
- Newsletters
- Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union
- Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union
- George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens

General

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Constitution by-laws of Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union	Box 1	Folder 01
Promotional sheet	Box 1	Folder 02
Subscription sheet	Box 1	Folder 03
White calling card printed 'Mrs Washington'	Box 1	Folder 04

White calling card printed 'Mrs. Polk of Tennessee'	Box 1	Folder 05
ALS from C. A. Knight to Mr Pidgin. West Peru, 1858 June 13	Box 1	Folder 06
Mount Vernon Record, newsletter. Vol. 1 No. 1, 1858 July	Box 1	Folder 07
Mount Vernon Record, newsletter. Vol. 1 No. 2, 1858 August	Box 1	Folder 08
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1858 August 17	Box 1	Folder 09
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1858 August 20	Box 1	Folder 10
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1858 September 3	Box 1	Folder 11
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1858 September 18	Box 1	Folder 12
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1858 September 30	Box 1	Folder 13
ALS from Eliza A. Dana to Mrs. Carter, 1858 October 18	Box 1	Folder 14
ALS from Mrs. Dana to Mrs Carter, 1858 November 1	Box 1	Folder 15
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter (Arabella - agent for Oxford County), 1858 November 20	Box 1	Folder 16
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter. Dated Thanksgiving Day, 1858	Box 1	Folder 17
ALS from A. I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1858-1859 December 11-February 1	Box 1	Folder 18
ALS from O.G. Anolvz to Mrs. Carter, 1858 December 21	Box 1	Folder 19
ALS from "S.F. Watson, Pub. Mt. V. Re." (Publisher Mt. Vernon Record), 1858 December 22	Box 1	Folder 20
Envelope addressed to Arabella Carter - Paris Maine, 1859 January 10	Box 1	Folder 21
ALS from Eliza Hamlin to Mrs. Carter, 1859 February 8	Box 1	Folder 22
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1859 February 11	Box 1	Folder 23
ALS from Geneva G. Kimball to Mrs. Carter, 1859 February 11	Box 1	Folder 24
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1859 February 15	Box 1	Folder 25
ALS from Eliza Dana to Mrs. Carter, 1859 February 19	Box 1	Folder 26
ALS from C. M. Holland to Mrs. Carter, 1859 February 22	Box 1	Folder 27
ALS from Carter to Mrs. Dana, three additional notes included, 1859 February 26	Box 1	Folder 28
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1859 February 28	Box 1	Folder 29
ALS from Mary J. Hastings to Mrs. Carter, 1859 March 8	Box 1	Folder 30
ALS from L.B. Bridgham to Mrs. Carter, 1859 March 17	Box 1	Folder 31
ALS from Eliza Dana to Mrs. Carter, 1859 March 28	Box 1	Folder 32
ALS from A.I. Little to Mrs. Carter, 1859 June 27	Box 1	Folder 33

Letter to Mrs. Carter - unsigned [from A.I. Little?], 1860 May 14	Box 1	Folder 34
ALS from A. I. Little to Mrs. Carter, undated	Box 1	Folder 35
