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Thomas family letters, 1868-1889

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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Thomas family
Title:	Thomas family letters
ID:	0371
Date [inclusive]:	1868-1889
Physical Description:	.5 linear foot
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

Thomas Family Letters, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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Biographical/Historical Note

Henry Goddard Thomas was born in Maine. He graduated from Amherst College in 1858 and entered the Civil War as a private, rising through the ranks to reach brigadier general by war's end. He was involved with the recruitment and organization of Negro troops in the Union army. Thomas retired in 1891 and died in 1897.

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Collection Scope and Content

This collection consists of a collection of over 200 letters sent to U.S. Army pay master Major Henry Goddard Thomas by his mother Elizabeth Goddard Thomas, sister Eliza, wife Nell, daughters Mary (Molly) and Louise, and son Harry. The collection also has one letter from father William Widgery

Thomas. Notes, believed to be made by Henry, on the top of the letters indicate who sent them, the date received and the fort at which he was stationed.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Related Materials

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Henry Goddard Thomas Letters and Memoirs, 1868-1889, Ms1991-073, Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, Virginia. [https://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaxtf/view?docId=vt/viblbv00005.xml;query=;](https://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaxtf/view?docId=vt/viblbv00005.xml;query=)

Henry Goddard Thomas correspondence, 1867-1932, Coll. 1872, Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Portland (Me.)
- Correspondence
- Thomas family
- Thomas, Henry Goddard, 1837-1897
- Thomas, Nell
- Thomas, Elizabeth Goddard
- Thomas family

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Eliza - 3 letters, 1868, 1873	Box 1	Folder 01
Harry - 3 letters, 1879, 1882-83	Box 1	Folder 02
Louise - 3 letters, 1879, 1880	Box 1	Folder 03
Mary (Molly) - 23 letters, 1872, 1875-77, 1879	Box 1	Folder 04
Mary (Molly) - 19 letters, 1880, 1883-84	Box 1	Folder 05
Nell - 19 letters, 1869	Box 1	Folder 06
Nell - 33 letters, 1868	Box 1	Folder 07
Nell - 3 letters, 1869	Box 1	Folder 08
Nell - 11 letters, 1872		

	Box 1	Folder 09
Nell - 2 letters, 1873	Box 1	Folder 10
Nell - 15 letters, 1875	Box 1	Folder 11
Elizabeth - 13 letters, 1869	Box 1	Folder 12
Elizabeth - 10 letters, 1870	Box 1	Folder 13
Elizabeth - 15 letters, 1872	Box 1	Folder 14
Elizabeth - 16 letters, 1879	Box 1	Folder 15
Elizabeth - 12 letters, 1879	Box 1	Folder 16
Elizabeth - 15 letters, 1880-1882	Box 1	Folder 17
William Widgery Thomas (father), 1872 June 27	Box 1	Folder 18
Nell - 2 undated fragments, undated	Box 1	Folder 19
Nell - 3 letters, 1869	Box 1	Folder 20
Nell - 6 letters, 1873	Box 1	Folder 21
Nell - 9 letters, 1879	Box 1	Folder 22
Nell - 18 letters, 1880	Box 1	Folder 23
Nell - 4 letters, 1882	Box 1	Folder 24
Nell - 5 letters, 1889	Box 1	Folder 25
Copy of War Department letter to W. Thomas, Esq., 1889 February 11	Box 1	Folder 26