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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: The Benton and Brown families were related directly to Sarah Benton Selmes, Isabella Selmes Greenway's grandmother, through her parents, Elijah Benton and Nancy Brown Benton.

Elijah Benton, Sarah's father, appears to have been a member of the Waltham, Vermont School Committee, a state legislator, and a farmer. Sarah had two sisters, Eliza C. Benton and Ellen L. Benton, and two brothers, E. Franklin Benton and Rollin Benton. Eliza was a schoolteacher in Castleton, Vermont. She died in Vergennes, Vermont on October 15, 1923. Ellen was a teacher in Hampton, Virginia and Tuscaloosa, Alabama during and after the Civil War. She died on January 15, 1914. Frank travelled to California and prospected during the gold rush (1849-1850). Later, he lived in Hannibal, Missouri and worked in business with his brother-in-law, Tilden R. Selmes, Sr., ca. 1854. Rollin was a farmer in Vergennes, Vermont.

Sarah Selmes

Sarah was born on December 28, 1823 in Vergennes, Vermont. In 1850, she was a schoolteacher in Hannibal, Missouri, where she met merchant and mayor Tilden Russell Selmes, a native of Sussex, England. They were married on November 8, 1850 in St. Louis, Missouri. They had five children, Mary (1852-1939); Tilden Jr. (1853-1895); Lily (1856-1930); Franklin (ca. 1856-1857); and Spencer (ca. 1862-1865).

When the Civil War broke out, the Selmes took an active stand against secessionist activities in Missouri. They kept medical supplies and housed wounded northern soldiers in defiance of popular southern sympathizers. Sarah Selmes kept a journal of accounts of early Civil War events in 1861. Her husband was a colonel on the staff of General William Tecumseh Sherman on his march through the south (1863). He also served as war correspondent for the New York and London Times and he travelled to English on behalf of the Union.

Following the war, Tilden Selmes built a home in Quincy, Illinois where he died on May 1, 1870 of war injuries. He is buried in Quincy. After his death, Sarah took her two daughters to live and be educated in Germany and English (1872-1873). In 1885, she moved to Concord, Massachusetts with her invalid daughter Mary. They also lived for a time in Boston where they

belonged to several literacy clubs and discussion groups. Sarah died of influenza on January 12, 1918 in Concord, Massachusetts.

Mary Selmes

Mary Selmes was born in 1852 in Hannibal, Missouri. As a young woman, she was engaged to Edward Buckingham, son of a Presbyterian minister from Canton, Ohio. Buckingham was a Yale classmate of Mary's brother, Tilden. In the 1870s she became crippled as the result of a train accident, which left her an invalid. While still engaged to Mary, Buckingham died of pneumonia in 1877.

Mary lived with her mother in Concord, Massachusetts until her mother's death in 1918. In 1922 she moved to Boston; later, she lived in New York City where she received financial support from her niece, Isabella Greenway.

Mary was well-read and kept numerous literary and cultural notebooks. She also wrote essays, manuscripts, playscripts, and poetry. She died in 1939.

Tilden Selmes

Tilden Selmes, Jr. was born on November 10, 1853 in Concord, Massachusetts. He received a law degree from Yale University in 1875. Around 1878, he moved to Mandan, Dakota Territory to ranch and practice law. It was there that he met his ranch neighbor and friend, Theodore Roosevelt.

On June 7, 1883, he married Martha Macomb Flandrau. Their only child, Isabella Dinsmore Selmes, was born on March 22, 1886 in Boone County, Kentucky.

Following several years of harsh winter blizzards in the Dakotas, Selmes gave up ranching. His legal career in Mandan also proved unsuccessful. In April 1887, the family moved to St. Paul, where Selmes was assistant counsel in the legal department of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

In February 1895, Selmes became ill and was hospitalized. He died of stomach cancer on August 1, 1895 at Dinsmore Farm in Kentucky and was buried there.

Martha Macomb Flandrau Selmes

Martha Macomb "Patty" Flandrau Selmes was born on August 14, 1861 in Boone County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Judge Charles Eugene Flandrau (1828-1902) and Isabella Ramsay Dinsmore Flandrau (1830-1867). Her mother died when she was six years old, and she and her sister Sally were raised by their maternal aunt, Julia Stockton Dinsmore (1833-1926). Patty attended Miss Nurses' School in Cincinnati, Ohio from 1874-1879, and then went to live with her father in St. Paul. There she met and married Tilden Selmes, Jr., and met her lifelong personal friend, Theodore Roosevelt.

After Tilden's death in August 1895, Patty ran a ham and sausage business in Kentucky in partnership with Sally Wooley. The business ran from 1896 to the early 1900s, when Patty and Isabella went to live in New York City with Patty's sister Sally and her husband Frank Cutcheon in 1901. Isabella married Robert Harry Munro Ferguson in 1905.

From 1905 until her death in 1923, Patty resided at various times with her daughter in New Mexico and Santa Barbara, California, with her aunt Julia Dinsmore in Kentucky, and with her sister in New York City and Locust Valley, Long Island. She travelled several times with friends to Europe (in 1900 and 1903), and was there when World War I broke out in 1914.

Patty was hospitalized with influenza and pleurisy in April 1922, and her condition worsened in July 1922. She died on July 17, 1923 at Isabella's home in Tyrone, New Mexico. She was buried at Dinsmore Farm in Kentucky.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection relates to the Selmes and Benton families and their business, travel, political, and literacy interests from 1816 to 1940. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence between the two families, personal letters to Mary Selmes from friends, and literacy notebooks written by Sarah and Mary Selmes pertaining to their travels and reading interests. The collection is valuable for descriptions of the 1850s California Gold Rush and Civil War-related correspondence and manuscripts. The material is arranged in five series.

Series I: Correspondence, 1816-1940 - is divided into outgoing family correspondence and incoming general correspondence from friends and associates. The outgoing correspondence is arranged alphabetically by writer. The incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically by recipient.

Outgoing correspondence:

Outgoing correspondence contains letters written by Benton, Brown, Cutcheon, Dinsmore, Flandrau, Munro Ferguson, Greenway, and Selmes family members, plus some minor relatives, from 1816 to 1840. Much of the pre-1880 correspondence has also been transcribed.

The Selmes family correspondence comprises the bulk of the outgoing correspondence. It covers three generations and extends from 1820 to 1923. Chief correspondents include Tilden Selmes, Sr. to his family during the Civil War; Sarah Benton Selmes to her family in the mid-1800s and to relatives and friends between 1913 and 1917; and Patty Flandrau Selmes to Sarah and Mary Selmes prior to 1896 and from 1917 to 1923.

Spencer Selmes was the father of Tilden Selmes, Sr. His single letter, addressed to his family, contains an account of his travels in England in 1820.

Tilden Selmes Sr.'s family letters (1850-1866) include discussions of marriage and family life, advice to his children, comments on business and financial conditions during the Civil War era, and description of the south during Union occupation and Reconstruction.

Sarah Benton Selmes' early correspondence (1841-1863) relates to teaching, her marriage, relatives, travels, financial matters, family history, and literature. Her later correspondence (1908-1917) consists primarily of reminiscences and farewell letters to friends and family members.

Mary Selmes' correspondence to her mother and sisters contain descriptions of her travels and of Springfield, Illinois (1866) and Germantown, Pennsylvania (undated), and her trip to Europe (1872-1873).

Tilden Selmes, Jr.'s correspondence to his mother, his aunt, and his uncle extends from 1861 to 1892. His letters concern his legal studies, the country's economic condition in 1876, and his financial investments.

Patty Flandrau Selmes' correspondence with the Selmeses (1883-1923) documents her husband's legal career, their financial situation, his death, and Isabella Selmes' first marriage and family.

The Benton family correspondence covers three generations and extends from 1816 through 1938. Major correspondence include Elijah and Nancy Brown Benton and their children Eliza, Ellen, Franklin, and Rollin. The correspondence of another daughter, Sarah Benton Selmes, is arranged under the Selmes surname. The Benton correspondence concerns the family's farming business, Vermont politics, Franklin's prospecting in California, the daughters' teaching positions in Missouri and Virginia, the Civil War, and family health.

The Brown family was related to the Bentons by marriage. Their correspondence extends from 1823 to 1866 and is addressed to Elijah and Nancy Brown Benton. Topics include Brown family genealogy, educational and business pursuits, travel, and general family news.

Sally Flandrau Cutcheon and Julia Stockton Dinsmore were distant relatives of Sarah and Mary Selmes through their niece, Isabella Selmes. Their correspondence documents family birth and death dates, illnesses, and education from 1916 through 1926.

Rebecca Blair Flandrau was related to the Selmes family through her stepdaughter, Patty Flandrau Selmes. Her condolence letters and reports on Patty and Isabella Selmes following the death of Tilden Selmes, Jr. in 1895 are in this series.

The Munro Ferguson correspondence contains letters from Isabella Selmes Munro Ferguson and her family from 1897 through 1938. It includes discussions of literature, family deaths, gift exchanges, and Mary Selmes' physical and financial welfare. Isabella's correspondence to her aunt and uncle Cutcheon describes a World War I fundraising event and Women's Land Army activities in New Mexico.

The Greenways claimed kinship with the Selmes through Isabella Selmes' second marriage to John Campbell Greenway. The Greenway correspondence (1924-1940) documents their family life, including the birth of their son in 1924, Isabella's thyroid illness in 1925, and John Selmes Greenway's education and literary interests.

The Ingraham family relationship dates from Nancy Benton's marriage (ca. 1840s) to a Mr. Ingraham. The Ingraham family correspondence contains condolence letters (1895 and 1924), holiday greetings, and news of the family and their travels for the years 1895 and 1910-1924.

Julia Farley Loving ("Mammy") reports in her letters to Sarah Benton Selmes on family conditions during Tilden Selmes' fatal illness in 1895.

Incoming correspondence:

Incoming correspondence consists of business and personal letters addressed to Selmes and Benton family members between 1824 and 1939.

Correspondence to Selmes family members relate primarily to their personal interests. The bulk of the incoming correspondence was written to Mary Selmes between 1873 and 1939 by approximately thirty longtime friends. Chief correspondents include: Elizabeth Taylor (1899-1931); Eva Channing (1903-1930); Sophy Kirk (1890-1937); and Fanny Hale Gardiner Biddulph (1900-1939). Letters include references to friends and family members, books and literature, travels and visits, clubs and lectures, financial contributions, and health-related topics, including the deaths of Tilden Selmes Jr. and Sarah Benton Selmes. Correspondence to Mary Selmes is arranged in chronological order followed by undated letters arranged in alphabetical order by correspondent.

Sarah Benton Selmes' correspondence (1863-1917) concerns her academic coursework, her son Tilden's law practice, social and family news, literature, club activities, and religious discussions. Tilden Selmes, Jr.'s correspondence consists of a dinner invitation, ca. 1883.

Correspondence to Sarah's daughter Lily and to Lily's husband David Claiborne Garrett (1901-1937) relates to health, travel, visitations, gifts, and family news including Sarah Benton Selmes' death.

Correspondence to Benton family members relates generally to their occupational and personal interests. Elijah Benton may have been a member of the Vermont state legislature and the Waltham, Vermont School Committee. His general correspondence, dating from 1824 to

1859, contains acceptance letters from prospective school teachers, letters dealing with state and local political issues, and financial and legal correspondence related to family business matters. Elijah's wife Nancy Brown Benton's correspondence (1832 and undated) includes early reminiscences of Waltham, Vermont and a friend's undated description of European travels. Their daughter Eliza C. Benton's early correspondence (1864-1871) pertains to scholarly letters of recommendation, and her teaching post in Tuscaloosa, Alabama after the Civil War. Her later correspondence (1916-1921) includes reminiscences about Sarah Benton Selmes following her death.

Their son E. Franklin Benton's correspondence (1850-1874) relates to his California gold prospecting and to family business matters.

This series also contains one letter to Julia Stockton Dinsmore which describes Isabella Selmes Greenway's family in Santa Barbara, California and John Campbell Greenway's participation at the 1924 Democratic National Convention in New York City.

The remaining materials consist primarily of personal letters received by unidentified Benton and Selmes family members. These include unsigned letters and letters fragments, blank postcards, printed greeting cards, and personal correspondence addressed to non-family members.

Series II: Literary and Cultural Notebooks, ca. 1870s-ca. 1930s - contains holograph notebooks kept by Mary and Sarah Benton Selmes of books and magazines they read, club discussions, travels, and miscellaneous notes. Most of the notebooks are arranged in topical categories which fall into broad headings of club affiliations, general books and magazines, and subjects related to biography, culture, literature, mysticism, philosophy, and religion. The notebooks within each of these broad categories are grouped by related topics. These notes and notebooks were kept by the Selmeses for their personal reading interests and their club affiliations.

Series III: Books and Manuscripts, ca. 1860-1930s - consists primarily of Mary Selmes' literary essays and translations, playscripts, poetry, literary and travel journals, and booklets written or received by Mary Selmes. This series also contains Ellen Benton's school and literary manuscripts, from 1881 and undated; Mary Selmes' genealogy of the Benton family, ca. 1930s; a draft copy of Mary's will, ca. 1930s; Sarah Benton Selmes' Civil War journal, diary, and books from 1861-1918; and Tilden Selmes, Sr.'s speeches and manuscripts from 1852-1866, including his 1852 memorial address on Henry Clay and his journal of General Tecumseh Sherman's 1863 march through Georgia and Louisiana.

Series IV: Photographs, to 1930s - consists of family portraits and photograph albums, portraits of Mary Selmes' friends, unidentified personal portraits, and picture of family homes and unidentified landscapes. The series is arranged alphabetically by family name or subjects portrayed. The bulk of the family photographs depict the Munro Ferguson family. The series also includes photographs of the Selmes children, ca. 1860s-1870s; Isabella Selmes, ca. 1895; the (Munro) Ferguson children, ca. 1914; and a porcelain portrait of Mary Selmes, ca. 1872. Some of the photographs of unidentified people may refer to Benton, Brown, and Selmes family members.

Series V: Keepsakes - contains Selmes family mementos, including personal items kept by Mary and Sarah, such as calling cards, a memorial card of Ellen Benton, and a clipping of Ethel Barrymore.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
		Series I: Correspondence - Outgoing correspondence	1816-1940
1	1	Benton, Catherine to Nancy Brown Benton	1816-1823
	2	Benton, Elijah to E. Franklin Brown	1844-1851
	3	Benton, Elijah to Nancy Brown Benton	1839-1840
	4	Benton, Elijah to Nancy Brown Benton	1858-1859
	5	Benton, Elijah to Rollin B. Benton	1837-1839
	6	Benton, Elijah to William Brown	1840
	7	Benton, Elijah to Sarah Benton Selmes	1840
	8	Benton, Eliza C. to Elijah Benton	1858
	9	Benton, Eliza C. to E. Franklin Benton	1854-1858 & undated
	10	Benton, Eliza C. to Mary Selmes and Lily Selmes Garrett	1918
	11	Benton, Eliza C. to Tilden R. Selmes, Sr.	1863
	12	Benton, Ellen L. to Mr./Mrs. Elijah Benton	1863-1870
	13	Benton, Ellen L. to Eliza C. Benton	1861-1868
	14	Benton, Ellen L. to E. Franklin Benton	1853-1859 & undated
	15	Benton, Ellen L. to Sarah Benton Selmes	1866 & undated
	16	Benton, Ellen L. to Waltham (VT.) ladies	1863
	17	Benton, E. Franklin to Elijah Benton	1844-1851
	18	Benton, E. Franklin to Eliza C. Benton	1862-1863
	19	Benton, E. Franklin to Ellen L. Benton	1852
	20	Benton, E. Franklin to Nancy Brown Benton	1849
	21	Benton, E. Franklin to Rollin B. Benton	1851
	22	Benton, E. Franklin to Sarah Benton Selmes	1852
	23	Benton, James to unnamed cousin (fragment)	undated
	24	Benton, Jane to unidentified sisters	1889
	25	Benton, Mrs. L.F. to Mary Selmes	1919
	26	Benton, Nancy Brown to Elijah Benton	1839
	27	Benton, Nancy Brown to Elijah Benton	1858
	28	Benton, Nancy Brown to E. Franklin Benton	undated
	29	Benton, Priscilla M. to Nancy Brown Benton	1822
	30	Benton, Rollin B. to Elijah Benton	1832
	31	Benton, Rollin B. to E. Franklin Benton	1853-1857
	32	Benton, Ruth D. to Mary Selmes	1923-1938
	33	Benton, Ruth D. to Mary Selmes	undated
	34	Benton, Sophia to Elijah Benton	1825-1840

	35	Brown, Charles & Chester to Elijah Benton	1830-1834
	36	Brown, Lydia H. to Nancy Brown Benton	1823
	37	Brown, William P. to Elijah Benton	1824, 1852?
	38	Brown, William P. to Nancy Brown Benton and Eliza Brown	1866
	39	Cutcheon, Sally Flandrau to Mary Selmes	1918-1926
	40	Dinsmore, Julia S. to Mary Selmes	1916-1926
	41	Dinsmore, Julia S. to Sarah Benton Selmes	1895-1903
	42	Munro Ferguson, Isabella to Mr./Mrs. Frank Cutcheon	1917
	43	Munro Ferguson, Isabella to Lily Selmes Garrett	1922
	44	Munro Ferguson, Isabella to Mary Selmes	1898-1938
2	45	Munro Ferguson, Isabella to Mary Selmes	undated
	46	Munro Ferguson, Isabella to Mary Selmes and Sarah B. Selmes	1896-1915
	47	Munro Ferguson, Isabella to Mary Selmes and Sarah B. Selmes	undated
	48	Munro Ferguson, Isabella to Sarah Benton Selmes	1893-1917
	49	Munro Ferguson, Isabella to Sarah Benton Selmes	undated
	50	Munro Ferguson, Isabella to Lucy Garrett (?)	1917
	51	Ferguson, Martha to Mary Selmes	1914-1935 & undated
	52	Ferguson, Martha to Sarah Benton Selmes	1916 & undated
	53	Munro Ferguson, Robert Sr. to Mary Selmes	1905
	54	Ferguson, Robert Munro Jr. to Mary Selmes	1920s- 1930s
	55	Ferguson, Robert Munro Jr. to Mary Selmes and Sarah B Selmes	1914
	56	Flandrau, Rebecca B. to Sarah Benton Selmes	1895-1896
	57	Greenway, John Campbell to Mary Selmes	1925
	58	Greenway, John Selmes to Mary Selmes	1938-1940
	59	Ingraham, Buin (?) T. to "Auntie" (Sarah Benton Selmes?)	1913
	60	Ingraham, Frank B. to Eliza C. Benton	1923
	61	Ingraham, Frank B. to Mary Selmes	1920-1924
	62	Ingraham, Frank B. to Sarah Benton Selmes	1895, 1910
	63	Loving, Julia F. to Sarah Benton Selmes	1895
	64	Selmes, Mary E. to Nancy Brown Benton	1866
	65	Selmes, Mary E. to Eliza C. Benton	1868-1872, 1903
	66	Selmes, Mary E. to Sarah Benton Selmes	undated
	67	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes	1883
	68	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes	1886
	69	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes	1887
	70	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes	1888
	71	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes	1889
	72	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes	1890
	73	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes	1892
	74	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes	1895

	75	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes and Mary Selmes	1896
	76	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Sarah Benton Selmes and Mary Selmes	1903-1907
	77	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Mary Selmes	1917
	78	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Mary Selmes	1918
	79	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Mary Selmes	1919
	80	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Mary Selmes	1921
	81	Selmes, Patty Flandrau to Mary Selmes	1923
	82	Selmes, Sarah Benton to "Mrs. Angell"	undated
	83	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Mr./Mrs. Elijah Benton	1843-1873 & undated
	84	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Eliza C. Benton	1851-1873 & undated
	85	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Eliza C. Benton	1880-1883
	86	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Eliza C. Benton	1914 & undated
	87	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Ellen L. Benton	1850-1851 & undated
3	88	Selmes, Sarah Benton to unidentified sisters	1849-1903 & undated
	89	Selmes, Sarah Benton to E. Franklin Benton	1841-1872 & undated
	90	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Rollin B. Benton	1841
	91	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Isabella M. Ferguson	undated
	92	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Bettie Merritt	1917
	93	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Anne Page	1917?
	94	Selmes, Sarah Benton to "Mrs. Parker"	1908
	95	Selmes, Sarah Benton to Patty F. Selmes	ca. 1917
	96	Selmes, Sarah Benton to "Clai" (Garrett?)	undated
	97	Selmes, Sarah Benton to "Jack" (Garrett?)	1916
	98	Selmes, Sarah Benton to "Jane" (granddaughter)	undated
	99	Selmes, Sarah Benton to "Laura"	undated
	100	Selmes, Sarah Benton to "Lily"	undated
	101	Selmes, Sarah Benton to "Lucy"	undated
	102	Selmes, Sarah Benton to "Nancy"	ca. 1913- 1914
	103	Selmes, Spencer to his family	1820
	104	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to Mr./Mrs. Elijah Benton	1850, 1855-1857
	105	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to Eliza C. Benton	1858
	106	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to Ellen L. Benton	1858-1861
	107	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to E. Franklin Benton	1858, 1863-1864
	108	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to Lillie Selmes	1863

	109	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to Mary E. Selmes	1863
	110	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to Sarah B. Selmes	1854-1859
	111	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to Sarah B. Selmes	1863
	112	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to Sarah B. Selmes	1864-1866
	113	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. to Tilden R. Selmes Jr.	1863
	114	Selmes, Tilden R. Jr. to E. Franklin Benton	1861, 1876
	115	Selmes, Tilden R. Jr. to Sarah Benton Selmes	1877-1892
	116	Selmes, Tilden R. Jr. to unidentified aunt	1863, 1870
	117	Selmes/Benton correspondence, unidentified	1851-1863
	118	Taylor, Jared M. to Elijah Benton	1834-1851
	119	Willard, Harvey R. to E. Franklin Benton	1854
	120	“Nannie” (cousin) to Mary E. Selmes and Lily Selmes Garrett	1918
		Incoming correspondence	
4	121	Benton, Elijah	1824-1859
	122	Benton, Eliza C.	1864-1871
	123	Benton, Eliza C.	1916-1921
	124	Benton, E. Franklin	1850-1874
	125	Benton, Nancy Brown	1832 & undated
	126	Dinsmore, Julia Stockton	1924
	127	Garrett, Lily Selmes	undated
	128	Garrett, Lily Selmes and David C.	1901?- 1937
	129	Selmes, Mary E. - business	1921-1932 & undated
	130	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1873
	131	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1874
	132	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1877
	133	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1878
	134	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1880
	135	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1881
	136	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1882
	137	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1883
	138	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1884
	139	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1885
	140	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1886
	141	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1888
	142	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1889
	143	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1890
	144	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1891
	145	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1892
	146	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1893
	147	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1895
	148	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1896
	149	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1898

	150	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1899
	151	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1900
	152	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1901
	153	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1902
	154	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1903
	155	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1904
	156	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1905
	157	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1906
	158	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1907
	159	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1908
	160	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1909
	161	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1910
	162	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1911
5	163	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1912
	164	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1913
	165	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1914
	166	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1915
	167	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1916
	168	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1917
	169	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1918
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	171	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1920
	172	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1921
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	179	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1928
	180	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1929
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	182	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1931
	183	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1932
	184	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1933
	185	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1934
	186	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1935
8	187	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1936
	188	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1937
	189	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1938
	190	Selmes, Mary E. - personal	1939
	191	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "A"	undated
	192	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "B"	undated
9	193	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "C"	undated
	194	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "D"	undated

	195	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "E"	undated
	196	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "F"	undated
	197	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "G"	undated
	198	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "H"	undated
	199	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "I"	undated
	200	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "J"	undated
	201	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "K"	undated
	202	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "L"	undated
10	203	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "M"	undated
	204	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "O"	undated
	205	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "P"	undated
	206	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "R"	undated
	207	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "S"	undated
	208	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "T"	undated
	209	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "V"	undated
	210	Selmes, Mary E. - personal "W"	undated
	211	Selmes, Mary E. - personal via friends	undated
	212	Selmes, Mary E. - personal unidentified	undated
	213	Selmes, Mary and Lily Selmes Garrett	1918-1930
	214	Selmes, Mary and Sarah Benton Selmes	1895-1912
	215	Selmes, Mary and Sarah Benton Selmes	undated
	216	Selmes, Mary and Sarah Benton Selmes passports	1902-1903
	217	Selmes, Mary and Sarah Benton Selmes letter of introduction	1897
11	218	Selmes, Sarah Benton	ca. 1863
	219	Selmes, Sarah Benton	1870-1879
	220	Selmes, Sarah Benton	1880-1889
	221	Selmes, Sarah Benton	1890-1897
	222	Selmes, Sarah Benton	1900-1917
	223	Selmes, Sarah Benton	undated
	224	Selmes, Tilden R. Jr.	ca. 1883
	225	Miscellaneous general correspondence	1844-1938 & undated
	226	Miscellaneous unsigned correspondence	undated
	227	Blank postcards, greeting cards, & keepsakes	ca. 1880s- 1890s, 1910s
		Series II: Literary and Cultural Notebooks	ca. 1870s- 1938
12	228	Clubs: Browning Society	1931
	229	Clubs: Castilian Club	1931
	230	Clubs: New England Woman's Club	1931
	231	Clubs: Saturday Morning Club	1889, 1931
	232	Clubs: Trinity Church, Boston	1931-1932
	233	Clubs: Twentieth Century Club	1931-1932
	234	Clubs: Women's City Club of Boston	1932

	235	Clubs: Women's International League	1932
	236	"A.L.B."	1924-1927
	237	"Books"	1908-1910
	238	"Books"	1919-1926
	239	Magazine article notes, A-Z	undated
	240	"Memoirs Pour Servir"	1903, 1919-1925
	241	Art notebooks	undated
	242	Biography notebooks	undated
	243	Biography clippings	undated
13	244	Culture and travel: general & multinational	undated
	245	Culture and travel: general printed material	1885, 1902-1909
	246	Culture and travel: general printed material	1910-
	247	Culture and travel: Africa	undated
	248	Culture and travel: Arabia	undated
	249	Culture and travel: China and Japan	undated
	250	Culture and travel: France	undated
	251	Culture and travel: Germany	undated
	252	Culture and travel: Greece	undated
	253	Culture and travel: Italy	undated
	254	Culture and travel: Selmes Italian travels	1910
	255	Culture and travel: Italian, German travel clippings	1903-
	256	Culture and travel: Mexico	undated
	257	Culture and travel: Russia	undated
14	258	Culture and travel: Spain	undated
	259	Literature: general	undated
	260	Literature: clippings, general	undated
	261	Literature: literary criticism, general	undated
	262	American literature	undated
	263	American literature: William James	undated
	264	English literature	undated
	265	English literature: William Blake	undated
	266	English literature: Percy Bysshe Shelley	undated
	267	French literature	undated
15	268	Germanic literature	undated
	269	Greek literature	undated
	270	Icelandic literature	undated
	271	Indian and Oriental literature	undated
	272	Italian literature	undated
	273	Italian literature: Dante Alighieri	undated
	274	Latin literature, classical	undated
	275	Spanish literature	undated
	276	Literature: drama	undated
	277	Literature: poetry	undated

	278	Music	undated
	279	Mysticism	undated
16	280	Philosophy: general	undated
	281	Philosophy: Asian (includes meditation)	undated
	282	Philosophy: Platonism	undated
	283	Philosophy: Plotinus	undated
	284	Religion: general	undated
	285	Religion: general	undated
	286	Religion: general	undated
	287	Religion: Bible study	undated
	288	Religion: Christian Science	undated
	289	Religion: "Continuity of Christian Thought"	undated
17	290	Religion: Eastern religions	undated
	291	Religion: "The Other Spanish Christ"	undated
	292	Religion: "Quest of Historical Jesus"	undated
	293	Religion: Science and religion	undated
		Series III: Books and manuscripts	ca. 1860-1930s
	294	Ellen L. Benton - manuscripts	1881 & undated
	295	Benton family genealogy	undated
	296	"The City of the White Tower"	undated
	297	"Il Congresso Storico"	undated
	298	Dante/William Blake manuscript	undated
	299	Dante speech to Town and Country Club	1900 Feb.
	300	"Don Pedro, Our Pet Dog"	undated
	301	"A Duchess of the Sixteenth Century"	undated
	302	"The Education of the Human Race" (translated from the German by Mary Selmes)	undated
	303	"Heroes of Italian Independence"	undated
	304	"Italian Parliamentary Leaders in the Reign of King Humbert"	undated
	305	"Kurt Schindler and the Schola Cantorum"	undated
	306	"Laurence Oliphant as an Explorer of Dark Continents"	undated
	307	"Lost Leaders of the Italian Parliament"	undated
	308	"Miss Amelia B. Edwards and her Presence in America"	undated
	309	"Moretto - the Raphael of Brescia"	undated
18	310	"A New England Artist in Florence"	undated
	311	"The Nun of Trentschin - A Ghost Story"	undated
	312	"A Nocturne"	undated
	313	"Of the New England Women's Club of Boston, Massachusetts"	undated
	314	"The Pallas by Bollicelli"	undated
	315	"Papal Prospects Among the Cardinals"	undated
	316	"Search Lights on the Love Verses of Torgnato Lasso"	undated
	317	"Spanish Themes in Music Recently Heard in America"	undated
	318	"Virtues in Relief"	undated

	319	Playscript (incomplete)	undated
	320	Poetry and essays (from notebooks or letters)	undated
19	321	Mary Selmes' literary notebook & inserts	1878 June
	322	Mary Selmes' travel journals	1898
	323	Mary Selmes' will - draft	ca. 1930s
	324	"In Memoriam - Katherine Sherwood McDowell"	ca. 1883
	325	"Leaves for Christmas' by Hannah Goodwin	1882
	326	"Mississippi" gift booklet	1927
	327	"The Song of Our Syrian Guest" by William Allen Knight gift booklet	ca. 1903
	328	Mary Selmes' literary and religious booklets	1882-1920
	329	Sarah Benton Selmes' journal	April 27- November 17, 1861
	330	Sarah Benton Selmes' diary	1890
	331	Sarah Benton Selmes' booklet: Bibles, almanacs, Christmas carols	1886-1926
	332	Hawthorne, Nathaniel, <u>The Marble Faun</u> (2 volumes)	ca. 1860
20	333	Tilden R. Selmes, Sr. - manuscripts	1852-1866 & undated
		Series IV: Photographs	-1930s
	334	Benton family	ca. 1868
	335	Garrett family	undated
	336	Greenway family and Ajo home	1920s
	337	Munro-Ferguson family	ca. 1908- 1930s
	338	Martha and Bobbie Ferguson framed portrait	ca. 1914
	339	Selmes, Tilden R. Jr. family	ca. 1889- 1890s
	340	Isabella Selmes framed portrait	ca. 1895
	341	Selmes, Tilden R. Sr. family	undated
21	342	Mary Selmes porcelain portrait, Desden, Saxony	ca, 1872
	343	Mary Selmes framed portrait	1907
	344	Tilden R. Selmes, Sr. portrait in case	undated
	345	Unidentified Selmes child portrait in case	undated
	346	Selmes trip to Villanuova, Italy	ca. 1872- 1873
	347	Identified, non-Selmes persons	undated
22	348	Unidentified persons	undated
	349	Unidentified houses and landscapes	undated
		Series V: Keepsakes	
	350	Selmes family keepsakes	undated