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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator: Williamson family
Title: Williamson Family Papers
ID: SpC MS 1586
Date [inclusive]: 1849-1977
Physical Description: 1 box (9 folders)
Physical Location:
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: Collection contains papers of various members of the Peirce and Williamson families of Maine. Included are a photograph album, copybook of poetry and a typescript of a journal, 1851-1853, of Ada H. Peirce Williamson; the journal was edited by her niece Ada Peirce McCormick. Also included are a few letters, typescripts, and materials related to family genealogy.

Preferred Citation

Williamson Family Papers, SpC MS 1586, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

Biographical Note

Ada H. Peirce Williamson, daughter of Waldo T. and Hannah Jane Hills Peirce, was born in 1834. She married Joseph Williamson, a lawyer and author from Belfast, Maine in 1857 and they had three children: Joseph Williamson (b. 1869), Ada C. Williamson (b. 1858) and Frances Williamson Peirce (b. 1860). Ada H. Williamson died in 1872.
Biographical Note

Joseph Williamson, son of Ada and Joseph Williamson, married Vallie Burleigh, daughter of Maine governor Edwin C. Burleigh, and they had two children: Robert B. Williamson (b. 1892) and William Williamson (b. 1899). Robert B. Williamson was a member of the Maine Supreme Court, 1949-1970, and served as chief justice, 1956-1970. Ada Williamson never married. Frances Peirce married and had four children; she lived the latter part of her life in California.

Biographical Note

Ada Peirce McCormick, daughter of Mellen C. Peirce and Anna Hayford Peirce, was a social activist, author and editor of the magazine "Letter."

Scope and Contents

Collection contains papers of various members of the Peirce and Williamson families of Maine. Included are a photograph album, copybook of poetry and a typescript of a journal, 1851-1853, of Ada H. Peirce Williamson; the journal was edited by her niece Ada Peirce McCormick. Also included are a few letters written to Ada C. Williamson and Frances Williamson Peirce by their parents as well as a typescript of reminiscences of Frances Peirce. Materials gathered by Robert B. Williamson concerning the Peirce family genealogy as well as items belonging to Ada Peirce McCormick that Williamson received after her death are also found in the collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Access Restrictions

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

Immediate Source of Acquisition


Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the repository.

Controlled Access Headings

- Photograph albums
- Correspondence
- Genealogies (Histories)
- Journals (accounts)
- Williamson family
- Pierce family
- Williamson, Ada Peirce
- Williamson, Ada C.
- Peirce, Frances Williamson
- Williamson, Robert B.
- McCormick, Ada (Ada Peirce), 1888-1974
- Williamson, Joseph, 1828-1902

Collection Inventory

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