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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Shields, Ellen Wight
Title:	Ellen Wight Shields Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0464
Date [inclusive]:	1950-1972
Physical Description:	2 linear feet (2 boxes)
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
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Abstract:	The collection contains Shields' diaries from 1955-1972, a small amount of personal correspondence and personal financial information. It also includes many poems and songs written by Ellen Shields.

Preferred Citation

Ellen Wight Shields Papers, SpC MS 0464, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Historical Note

Ellen Wight Shields was born in Canada on June 26, 1889, and moved to Bangor, Maine, as a small child. She graduated from Doe's College and as a young woman was left with three nieces and a nephew to care for, two of whom she later adopted. Ellen Wight married Thomas O. Shields in 1931 and they had two children. Thomas Shields died in 1945 and in 1952 Ellen Shields and her family moved to Connecticut, where she worked as a bookkeeper. She later moved to Winterport, Maine, and died on January 20, 1977, in Gardiner, Maine. Ellen Shields published a volume of poetry entitled "River Driver's Song and Other Lyrics" in 1969.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Authors, American -- Maine
- Women -- Maine -- Diaries

- Diaries
- Letters (Correspondence)
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Financial records
- Sheet music
- Audiocassettes
- Shields, Ellen Wight

Collection Inventory

Contents of Boxes

Title/Description	Instances
Diaries, 1955-1972(?)undated	Box 1 Folder 1-11
Personal correspondence, 1950s-1970s	Box 1 Folder 12
Personal correspondence re River Driver's Song, etc.	Box 1 Folder 13
Copies of The River Driver's Song and Other Lyrics	Box 1 Folder 14
Poetry of Ellen Shields	Box 1 Folder 15-22
Original songs of Ellen Shields	Box 2 Folder 1-2
Song writings guides, etc.	Box 2 Folder 3
Living Thoughts by Henry S.C. Cummings, 1966	Box 2 Folder 4
Audiocassettes of Ellen Shields	Box 2 Folder 5-6
Business letters, 1950-1972	Box 2 Folder 7
Check registers, 1960s-1970s	Box 2

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Miscellaneous financial documents	Box 2
	Folder 9
Cashbooks, 1950s-1970s	Box 2
	Folder 10-13
Financial notebook, 1960s	Box 2
	Folder 14

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