Anthony Family Collection: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Anthony Family Collection
Dates (inclusive): 1844-1945
Collection Number: mssAF 1-82
Creator: Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906.
Extent: 162 pieces in 5 boxes.
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Abstract: This collection primarily contains letters and some manuscripts concerning the family affairs and women's suffrage activities of the family of American women's rights activist Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906).

Language: English.

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Provenance
Gifts of Susan B. Anthony Memorial Committee of California, 1944-1953.
- Clara Bradley Burdette Papers, 1843-1954 (Call number: mssBurdette papers)
- Clara Dorothy Bewick Colby Papers, 1882-1914 (Call number: mssCC 1-49)
- Elizabeth Boynton Harbert Papers, 1863-1925 (Call number: mssHarbert papers)
- Maude Anthony Koehler Correspondence, 1940-1950 (Call number: mssHM 42561-42572)
- Alice Park Papers, 1798-1953 (Call number: mssPK 1-338)
- Una Richardson Winter Papers, 1895-1954 (Call number: mssUW 1-102)

Historical Note
Various members of the family of American women's rights activist Susan B. (Susan Brownell) Anthony were active nineteenth- and twentieth-century reformers, but she stood out among them. Although early involved in the temperance and anti-slavery movements, her main concern became woman suffrage. Most of her time was spent in lecturing and campaigning. She was also an officer in the National Woman Suffrage Association and the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) was the daughter of Daniel Anthony (1794-1862) and Lucy Read Anthony (1793-1880). Her siblings included Guelma Anthony McLean (1818-1873); Hannah Anthony Mosher (1821-1877); Daniel Read Anthony (1824-1904); Mary Stafford Anthony (1827-1907); Eliza T. Anthony (1832-1834); and Jacob Merritt Anthony (1834-1900).

Scope and Content
The collection of 162 pieces contains primarily letters and some manuscripts concerning Anthony family affairs and woman suffrage activities, dating from 1844 to 1945. This group of papers was assembled by Una R. Winter, Director, and Alice L. Park, Associate Director, of the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Committee of California.

There are four large letterbooks which contain letterpress copies of approximately 1372 pages of correspondence written by Susan B. Anthony's cousin Joseph Anthony (Box 3B). There is also an autograph speech of Susan B. Anthony (AF 79) and a manuscript by Joseph Anthony titled "A Trip to the Bahama Islands" (AF 76). Other subjects included in the collection are the Battle of Osawatamie and ideas and discussion about populism, racism, and religion. There are several letters which discuss a bust of Susan B. Anthony by the artist Lorado Taft, and one letter promoting a recent volume of The History of
Woman Suffrage (AF 28).

Anthony Family members represented in the collection include Susan B. Anthony and her relatives: cousin Jessie Anthony (1856-1918) and Jessie’s father, Joseph Anthony (1829-1897), and grandfather John Anthony (Susan’s uncle); niece Lucy E. Anthony (1859-1944); second cousin Katherine Boyles; niece Maude Anthony Koehler (1865-1950); and nephew Frank Anthony Mosher.

Significant figures related to the history of woman suffrage represented in the collection include: Susan B. Anthony, Anna Howard Shaw, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Alice Stone Blackwell, and Carrie Chapman Catt. There are also some letters to and about the artist Lorado Taft and one letter by Frederick Douglass.

Note: 49 original letters (AF 18 (1-43) and AF 24 (1-6)) written by Susan B. Anthony to Jessie Anthony and Carrie Chapman Catt were removed and placed in Box 4, which is restricted. Typewritten copies of these letters have been filed in Box 1 of the collection for research use.

In Box 3A, there are two loose-leaf binders and one envelope of typescripts of Susan B. Anthony letters from collections held in other libraries. These materials are from the Anna Dann Mason collection (47 letters), Sophia Smith collection (58 letters) and Alma Lutz collection (52 letters).

Notable Persons Represented in the Collection

The individuals listed below are represented in the correspondence section (Boxes 1-2) of the Anthony Family collection. Authors and addressees found in the copies of letters in Box 3A and in the letterpress books in Box 3B are not included in this list.

Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906.
- As Author: AF 14-28
- As Addressee: AF 29, 40, 44, 66, 68-69

- As Author: AF 30
- As Addressee: none

Boyles, Katherine [second cousin of Susan B. Anthony]
- As Author: AF 31
- As Addressee: AF 9 (1-6), 35, 42, 50-53, 54, 59, 67, 72-73

- As Author: AF 35-39
- As Addressee: none Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895
- As Author: AF 43
- As Addressee: none

Koehler, Maude Anthony.
- As Author: none
- As Addressee: AF11 (1-5), 27 (1-3), 36, 55, 58

McCrackin, Josephine Woempner Clifford, b. 1838.
- As Author: AF 49
- As Addressee: none

Mosher, Frank Anthony [nephew of Susan B. Anthony]
- As Author: AF 51
- As Addressee: AF 39

Paul, Alice, 1885-1977
- As Author: AF 54
- As Addressee: none Shaw, Anna Howard, 1847-1919
- As Author: AF 60-63
- As Addressee: none

Stanton, Elizabeth Cady, 1815-1902.
- As Author: AF 66
- As Addressee: AF 24 (1-6)
  • As Author: none
  • As Addressee: AF 22 (1-3), 46, 71

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in the following manner:
  • Correspondence, 1844-1897 (Box 1)
  • Correspondence, 1900-1945 (Box 2)
  • Oversize items, bound volumes, copies of correspondence (Box 3A)
  • Joseph Anthony letter books (Box 3B)
  • Selected original Susan B. Anthony letters not available for research use (Box 4 - restricted)

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.

Subjects
Anthony, Lucy E., 1861-1944 -- Archives.
Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906 -- Archives.
Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 -- Correspondence.
Catt, Carrie Chapman, 1859-1947 -- Correspondence.
Paul, Alice, 1885-1977 -- Correspondence.
Shaw, Anna Howard, 1847-1919 -- Correspondence.
Stanton, Elizabeth Cady, 1815-1902 -- Correspondence.
Taft, Lorado, 1860-1936 -- Correspondence.
National Woman Suffrage Association (U.S.)
Feminists -- United States -- Archives.
Suffragists -- United States -- Archives.
Women -- Suffrage -- United States -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Women’s rights -- United States.

Forms/Genres
Family papers -- United States.
Letter books -- United States.
Letters (correspondence) -- United States.

Additional Contributors
Anthony family.
Anthony, Lucy E., 1861-1944.
Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895.
Paul, Alice, 1885-1977.
Shaw, Anna Howard, 1847-1919.
Stanton, Elizabeth Cady, 1815-1902.

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Folder 28 1894-1898. Anthony, Susan B. To Stanton, Elizabeth Cady. AF 24 (1-6)
Typescripts of 6 letters; originals in restricted Box 4.

Folder 30 1895 June 11. Blackmar, Frank Wilson. To Anthony, Susan B. University of Kansas
AF 29
On reverse: Anthony, Mary S. to Susan B. Anthony, 1895 June 17.

Folder 31 1896 Nov. 20. Shaw, Anna Howard. To Anthony, Jessie. Rochester, N.Y. AF 63
Signature cut out.

Folder 32 1896. Anthony, Susan B. To Keith, Mary McHenry. San Francisco, Calif. AF 26 (1-2)
2 letters; pencil copies made by Mrs. Keith, approximately 1940.

Folder 33 [Approximately 1896?]. Cooley, Winnifred Harper. To Anthony, Susan B. AF 40
Poem

Folder 34 1896-1905. Anthony, Susan B. To Koehler, Maude Anthony. Rochester, N.Y.; San Francisco, Calif.; Chico, Calif. AF 27 (1-3)
2 letters and a postcard.

Folder 35 1896, 1907. Anthony, Lucy E. To Anthony, Jessie. AF 7 (1-2)
2 letters

Folder 36 1897 Mar. 11. Webster, Robert M. To Anthony, Jessie. Pasadena, Calif. AF 70
Box 2 Correspondence, 1900-1945 (94 pieces)
Folder 2 1902 Jan. 10. Anthony, Mary S. To Anthony, Jessie. Rochester, N.Y. AF 13
Folder 5 1904 Nov. 22. Duniway, Abigail Scott. To Anthony, Susan B., and Anthony, Mary S.
Portland, Ore. AF 44
Typewritten copy.

Typewritten.

Folder 8 1911 July 7-August 5. Anthony, Jessie. "The Diary of a Newsy" : on selling suffrage
papers on a London street corner. London AF 2
Folder 10 1915 Oct. 9. Wilson, Fanny B. To Boyles, Katherine. Boontown, N.J. AF 72
Folder 12 1916. Anthony, Jessie. 3 pieces; notes of Susan B. Anthony relics presented to the
Los Angeles County Museum. AF 3 (1-3)
Typewritten

Folder 14 1917. Spencer, Anna Garlin. To Eddy, Sarah J. AF 65 (1-4)
4 letters

Folder 15 1919. McCracken, Josephine Woempner Clifford. To Anthony, Bertha Rungler.
Santa Cruz, Calif. AF 49
2 letters; also includes printed clippings.

Folder 17  1923 Dec. 9. Burt, Amy Anthony. To Benson, Mary Ann. Corfu, Greece AF 33
Contemporary copy.

Typewritten.

Typewritten; marginal note in Mrs. Koehler's handwriting.

Folder 21  1937 Feb. 27. Catt, Carrie Chapman. To Koehler, Maude Anthony. Los Angeles, Calif. AF 36
Typewritten contemporary copy.

Typewritten.

Folder 24  1940 Mar. 22. Shohan, Jessie. To Anthony, Lucy E. Reinbsk, N.Y. AF 64
Contemporary copy.

Folder 25  1940 June 18. Boyles, Katherine. To Anthony, Bertha Rungler. Orange City, Fla. AF 31
Typewritten.

Folder 26  1940-1943. Anthony, Lucy E. To Boyles, Katherine. Moylan, Pa. AF 9 (1-6)
6 pieces (includes photograph.

Folder 27  1941 June 2. Anthony, Lucy E. To Anthony, Bertha Rungler. Moylan, Pa. AF 10
Typewritten.

Folder 28  1941 June 4. Radley, Guy Richardson. To Boyles, Katherine. Milwaukee, Wisc. AF 59
Typewritten.

Folder 29  1941 June 13. Newcomb, Rexford. To Boyles, Katherine. Urbana, Ill. AF 52
Typewritten.

Folder 30  1942 May 12. Cronkhite, Kittie M. To [Mrs. D. R Anthony -- Bessie]. Coarsegold, Calif. AF 41
Marginal note in the handwriting of Maude Anthony Koehler.

5 pieces.

Folder 33  1943 Aug. 13. McCulloch, Catherine Waugh. To Boyles, Katherine. Evanston, Ill. AF 50
Contemporary copy.

Folder 34  1944 January 11 and February 8. Parker, Arthur Caswall. To Anthony, Lucy E. AF 53 (1-2)
2 letters; typewritten.
Folder 35

   Typewritten; contemporary copy

Folder 36

1944 July 17. Mosher, Frank Anthony. To Boyles, Katherine. Rochester, N.Y. AF 51
   Typewritten; contemporary copy

Folder 37

   Carbon copy; newspaper article included.

Folder 38

   Typewritten; contemporary copy.

Oversize items, bound volumes, copies of correspondence

Box 3A

Oversize items, bound volumes, copies of correspondence (10 pieces)

Conditions of Use

In Box 3A, there are two loose-leaf binders and one envelope of typescripts of Susan B. Anthony letters from collections held in other libraries. Although these typed copies are available for research use, they may not be photocopied or published, as the Huntington does not own either the original letters nor the literary copyright for these letters. For access to the originals or for more information about copying and reproducing any or all of these letters, please contact the Smith College Library (Sophia Smith collection) and the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College (Anna Dann Mason and Alma Lutz collections).

1848-1880. Anthony, Joseph. Cash account book (octavo volume) AF 75
1912. Anthony, Joseph. “A trip to the Bahama Islands.” AF 76 (a-b)
1888. International Council of Women. Autograph album. AF 77
1922-1937. Joseph, Helen Marie Anthony. Poems written by a young Los Angeles girl. AF 78
1854-1856. Anthony, Susan B. An address on Women’s Rights. AF 79
1855-1905. Anthony, Susan B. Letters to various persons. AF 80
   Typescripts of 47 letters in the Alma Lutz collection from the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College (in loose leaf binder).

1856-1905. Anthony, Susan B. Letters to various persons. AF 81
   Typescripts of 58 letters in the Sophia Smith collection, Smith College (in loose leaf binder).

1898-1940. Anthony, Susan B. To Mason, Anna Dann. AF 82
   Typescripts of 52 letters in the Anna Dann Mason collection from the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College (in loose leaf binder).

Joseph Anthony Letter books

Box 3B

1860-1896. Anthony, Joseph. 4 letter books of copies of correspondence. AF 74 (Volumes 1-4)

Box 4

Restricted originals

Access Information

NOT AVAILABLE. Please use the typescript copies interfiled in Boxes 1 and 2.

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