
Blackwell and Atwood families archive

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Blackwell and Atwood families archive

Dates: 1865-1993

Collection Number: mssBlackwellarchive

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Abstract: The Blackwell and Atwood families archive consists of correspondence, notebooks, photographs, and printed ephemera saved by the Atwood family.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access

Collection is open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, please go to following [web site](#) .

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Acquisition Information

Purchased from Mary Heiskell Price, July 2012.

Purchased by Claire Heiskell from Robert Atwood at an undetermined date.

Originally owned by Elizabeth Blackwell and Kitty Barry Blackwell, passed from Kitty to the Atwood family in the early 20th century.

Biography

Lucy Stone was a prominent American orator, abolitionist, and suffragist, and a vocal advocate and organizer promoting rights for women.

Henry Browne Blackwell was an American advocate for social and economic reform. He was one of the founders of the Republican and the American Woman Suffrage Association.

Stone married Blackwell in West Brookfield, Massachusetts on May 1, 1855. They had two daughters: Alice Blackwell Stone and Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (adopted). Alice Stone Blackwell was an American feminist, suffragist, journalist, and human rights advocate. Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood married Ernest Winslow Atwood and the couple had four children: Alice Gertrude King Atwood, Henrietta Louise Atwood, Helen Elizabeth Atwood, and Robert W. Atwood.

Elizabeth Blackwell was a British-born physician, notable as the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States, as well as the first woman on the UK Medical Register. Henry Browne Blackwell was her younger brother.

Scope and Content

This collection primarily consists of correspondence to and from Alice Stone Blackwell, Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood, and Anna Louise Hagar. There are approximately 128 letters from Alice Stone Blackwell to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood. There are also dozens of poems (sent for children or to celebrate their arrival) and manuscripts by Alice Stone Blackwell. Also included are approximately 182 letters from Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood's sister, Anna Louise Hagar, where she writes primarily from the West Coast. There are two letters from Lucy Stone to Anna Louise Hagar. In one letter, Stone hopes the Hagar sisters "...had pleasure out of the books. My daughter [Alice Stone Blackwell] when she was your age used to have great fun with the Huggermuggers. She knew it was all 'make believe' but she liked it all the same" (May 16, 1890). There

are 6 letters from Henry Browne Blackwell to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood. In one letter dated October 5, 1898, Blackwell writes Atwood a short poem, which reads: "Beautiful Beth! We love her to death; She can swim; she can dive; And she knows how to count five!" In another letter he ends with an exhortation "Don't run away, and avoid Saloons" (July 10, 1905). An item of interest is Elizabeth Blackwell's medical notebook, Box 7 (8). Topics such as air, diseases, food, and temperament are discussed. The notebook appears to be incomplete. There are approximately 85 photographs, many are family snapshots (individual and gatherings), but more are studio portraits (often cabinet cards). Ephemeral items include buttons, greeting cards, newspaper clippings, periodicals and programs. The bulk of the periodicals consist of the magazine: The Youth's Companion from 1885 through 1924. The two oversize folders consist of additional newspaper clippings. Lastly, there are two oversize folders consisting of additional newspaper clippings.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by genre.

Personal Names

Atwood (Family : Mass.), former owner

Atwood, Mary Elizabeth Hagar

Blackwell (Family : Boston, Mass.)

Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950

Blackwell, Elizabeth, 1821-1910, former owner

Blackwell, Henry Browne, 1825-1909

Blackwell, Kitty Barry, 1848-1936, former owner

Hagar, Mary Louise

Heiskell, Claire, former owner

Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893

Subjects

Women--Legal status, laws, etc.

Women social reformers

Women--Suffrage

Women's rights

Geographic Areas

Boston (Mass.)

Genre

Clippings (information artifacts)

Letters (correspondence)

Periodicals

Printed ephemera

Photographs

Box 1	Annual report--Correspondence
Folder 1	Annual report--National Health Society (1889, May) 1 item
Folder 2	Autograph album--Atwood, Henrietta (1924-1926) 1 item
Folder 3	Book--Ivanhoe by Scott, Walter, 1771-1832 (1891) 1 item
Folder 4	Book--The Monastery by Scott, Walter, 1771-183 (1868) 1 item

Folder 5	Book--Bootles' Children by Winter, John Strange, 1856-1911 (1888) 1 item
Folder 6	Bookmark--Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893 and Blackwell, Henry Browne, 1825-1909 [undated] 1 item
Folder 7	Buttons--Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893 [undated] 2 items
Folder 8	Clippings (information artifacts) (1893-1950) 16 items
Folder 9	Commonplace book--[Blackwell, Elizabeth, 1821-1910] [undated] 1 item
Folder 10	Correspondence--Adkinson, Florence M. to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1906) 2 items
Folder 11	Correspondence--Adkinson, June to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1940, Nov. 26) 1 item
Folder 12	Correspondence--Atwood, Ernest, 1875-1950 to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1905-1906) 4 items
Folder 13	Correspondence--Atwood, Helen, 1909-1992 to Florence ----- [after 1950] 1 item
Folder 14	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Alice Atwood, 1906-1979 (1942-1943) 2 items
Folder 15	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Ethel [Blackwell Robinson] (1938, Feb. 11) 1 item
Folder 16	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Henrietta Atwood, 1906-1976 (1925-1945) 10 items
Folder 17	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1898 and 1906) 2 items
Folder 18	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood [before 1900] 14 items
Box 2	Correspondence
Folder 1	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood [after 1900] 43 items

Folder 2	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1940-1945) 41 items
Folder 3	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1946-1949) 28 items
Folder 4	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Reynold ----- (1911, Apr. 27) 1 item
Folder 5	Correspondence--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 to Robert Atwood, 1912-1997 (1943, Jan. 9) 1 item
Folder 6	Correspondence--Blackwell, Florence to Anna Louise Hagar (1899, Sep. 27) 1 item
Folder 7	Correspondence--Blackwell, Henry Browne, 1825-1909 to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1898-1906) 6 items
Folder 8	Correspondence--[Blackwell, Sarah Ellen, 1828-] to Henry Browne Blackwell, 1825-1909 (1896, Apr. 4) 1 item
Folder 9	Correspondence--Fish, E.D. to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1902, June 30) 1 item
Folder 10	Correspondence--Ford, Dan to Anna Louise Hagar (1892) 1 item
Folder 11	Correspondence--Garrison, William Lloyd, Jr., 1838-1909 to Alice Stone Blackwell, 1857-1850 (1936, Feb. 1) 1 item
Folder 12	Correspondence--Gerhard, Adele to Elizabeth Blackwell, 1821-1910 (1899, Dec. 4) 1 item
Folder 13	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Anna Stone Blackwell, 1857-1950 (1926, Aug. 31) 1 item
Folder 14	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Ernest Atwood, 1857-1950 (1937-1939) 4 items
Folder 15	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Helen Atwood, 1909-1992 (1946) 3 items
Folder 16	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Henrietta Atwood, 1906-1976 (1939-1941) 5 items

Folder 17	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Kitty Barry Blackwell, 1848-1936 (1925, June 17) 1 item
Folder 18	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood [before 1900] 29 items
Folder 19	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood [after 1900] Approximately 52 items
Folder 20	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood [after 1900] 11 items
Folder 21	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1900s) 1 item
Folder 22	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1920s) 50 items
Folder 23	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1930s) 19 items
Folder 24	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1940s) 15 items
Folder 25	Correspondence--Hagar, Anna Louise to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1950s) 5 items
Box 3	Correspondence-Exhibition catalog
Folder 1	Correspondence--Heiskell, Claire to/from Robert Atwood, 1912-1997 (1979-1984) Photocopies. Removed from binder
Folder 2	Correspondence--Heiskell, Claire to/from Robert Atwood, 1912-1997 (1985-1993) Photocopies. Removed from binder
Folder 3	Correspondence--Heiskell, Claire to/from Robert Atwood, 1912-1997 [before 1993] Miscellaneous notes and photocopies undated removed from binder
Folder 4	Correspondence--May, Jeannie S. to Mary A.M. Newell (1899, Sep. 19) 1 item
Folder 5	Correspondence--May, John B. to Anna Louise Hagar (1896, Nov. 27) 1 item
Folder 6	Correspondence--Newell, Mary A.M. to Anna Louise Hagar [undated] Approximately 29 items
Folder 7	Correspondence--Newell, Mary A.M. to Ralph Wardlaw Gloag (1911, June 22) Included: Mary A.M. Newell's will and other documents
Folder 8	Correspondence--Oberlin College. Office of the Secretary to Henrietta Atwood, 1906-1976 (1925, Oct. 12) 1 item

Folder 9	Correspondence--Pride, Edward W. to Anna Louise Hagar (1893, Mar. 2) 1 item
Folder 10	Correspondence--Rogers, Reynold to Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood (1905) 2 items
Folder 11	Correspondence--[Smith, L. Tomlin] to ----- Blackwell (1985, May 21) 1 item
Folder 12	Correspondence--Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893 et al. to "Dear Friend" (1889, Feb. 17) 1 item
Folder 13	Correspondence--Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893 to Anna Louise Hagar (1890-1893) 3 items
Folder 14	Correspondence--University of Massachusetts at Boston to Helen Atwood, 1909-1992 (1980, Jan. 28)
Folder 15	Diary--Hagar, Anna Louise [1906] 1 item
Folder 16	Drawing--Driftwood and Barn by Sally Kitchen (1924) 1 item
Folder 17	Empty envelopes (1936-1949) 21 items
Folder 18	Excerpt--Tribute to Mr. Blackwell by Mrs. Emma L. Blackwell (1910, Mar. 5) 1 item
Folder 19	Exhibition catalog--Royal United Service Institution (1905) 1 item. Note: Item removed for conservation
Box 4	Greeting cards-Journal (periodical)
Folder 1	Greeting cards (1940s) 33 items
Folder 2	Greeting cards [undated] Approximately 136 items
Folder 3	Greeting cards [undated] Approximately 119 items
Folder 4	Invitation--Atwood, Ernest, 1875-1950 and Mary Elizabeth Hagar (1905, Oct.) 1 item
Folder 5	Journal (periodical)--The Edinburgh Review (1881, Jan.) 1 item
Folder 6	Journal (periodical)--The Journal of Physiology (1889, May 11) 1 item
Box 5	Letter opener-Magazines

Folder 1	Letter opener [undated] 1 item
Folder 2	List (document genres)--List of Miss Barry's Books [undated] 1 item
Folder 3	Magazine--Alpha Phi Quarterly (1927, Jan.)
Folder 4	Magazine--New England Magazine (1899 and 1900) 2 items
Folder 5	Magazines--Temple Bar (1885, July and 1889, Oct.) 2 items
Folder 6	Magazines--The Youth's Companion (1892, Jan.-Feb.) 8 items
Folder 7	Magazines--The Youth's Companion (1892, Mar.-Apr.) 9 items
Box 6	Magazines
Folder 1	Magazines--The Youth's Companion (1892, May-June) 8 items
Folder 2	Magazines--The Youth's Companion (1892, July-Sep.) 13 items
Folder 3	Magazines--The Youth's Companion (1892, Oct.-Nov.) 8 items
Folder 4	Magazines--The Youth's Companion (1898, 1900, 1901, and 1903) 6 items
Folder 5	Magazines--The Youth's Companion (1906, 1908-1909, July) 7 items
Folder 6	Magazines--The Youth's Companion (1909, July-1910) 12 items
Box 7	Magazines-Photographs
Folder 1	Magazines--The Youth's Companion (1924, Jan.) 3 items
Folder 2	Manuscript (document)--The Providence of Bookworms by Blackwell, Anna [Belden] [undate] 1 item
Folder 3	Manuscript (document)--Six Years As a Child in Germany by Hagar, Anna Louise [undated] 1 item
Folder 4	Manuscript (document)--An Old House and its... by [Newell, Mary A.M.] [undated] 1 item

Folder 5	Manuscript [document]--A Lecture on Peoples Banks (1901) 1 item. Note: Item removed for conservation
Folder 6	Menu--Complimentary Dinner to Henry B. Blackwell, Esq. (1895, May 4) 1 item
Folder 7	Notebook--Blackwell, Elizabeth, 1821-1910 (1890) Related to Town and Port of Hastings
Folder 8	Notebook--Blackwell, Elizabeth, 1821-1910 [undated] Related to health and medicine
Folder 9	Order form--Lucy Stone: Pioneer of Woman's Rights by Alice Stone Blackwell, 1857-1950 [undated] 7 items
Folder 10	Photograph--Adkinson, Florence Burlingame and June [before 1909] 1 item
Folder 11	Photographs--Atwood family [undated] 10 items
Folder 12	Photographs--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 [before 1950] 3 items
Folder 13	Photograph--Blackwell, Antoinette Louisa Brown, 1825-1921 [before 1921] 1 item
Folder 14	Photograph--Blackwell, Elizabeth, 1821-1910 [undated] 1 item
Folder 15	Photograph--Blackwell, Henry Browne, 1825-1909 [before 1909] 1 item
Folder 16	Photographs--Blackwell, Kitty Barry, 1848-1936 (1879-1922) 3 items
Folder 17	Photographs--Blackwell and Hagar family [undated] 4 items
Folder 18	Photograph--Gilman, Charlotte Perkins, 1860-1935 (1898) 1 item
Folder 19	Photographs--Hagar, Anna Louise (1898-1952) 5 items
Folder 20	Photograph--Howe, Julia Ward, 1819-1910 (1902) 3 items
Box 8	Photographs-Poems
Folder 1	Photographs--Lucy Stone Home [before 1950] 2 items

Folder 2	Photographs--Miscellaneous houses [undated] 4 items
Folder 3	Photographs--Miscellaneous landmarks [undated] 19 items
Folder 4	Photographs--Newell, Mary A.M. (1890) 8 items
Folder 5	Photographs--Newell, Mary A.M.'s home and Hagar, Anna Louise's room [undated] 11 items
Folder 6	Photograph--Scott family (1916, Mar.) 1 item
Folder 7	Photographs--Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893 [before 1893] 4 items
Folder 8	Photographs--Tyack, Ada M. (1936) 3 items
Folder 9	Poems--To A Jewel of a Dog by Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 (1928 and 1930) Other poem: To Sir Jock Barry Blackwell, C.B.B. 2 items
Folder 10	Poem--Poem beginning "My mistress dear..." by Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 (1926, Feb. 14) 1 item
Folder 11	Poems--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 [after 1906] Written for Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood's twin girls. Approximately 18 items
Folder 12	Poems--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 [1909] Written for Helen Atwood, 1909-1992
Folder 13	Poems--Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950 (1930-1948) Written for Mary Elizabeth Hagar Atwood. 9 items
Folder 14	Poem--The Circle by Hagar, Anna Louise [undated]
Folder 15	Poem--Poem beginning "Louisa Hagar at this time..." [undated] 1 item
Box 9	Printed ephemera-Miscellaneous
Folder 1	Printed ephemera [after 1910] Emily Blackwell (photograph) and Elizabeth Blackwell, 1821-1910 grave. 3 items
Folder 2	Printed ephemera (1949-1976) Alice Stone Blackwell, 1857-1950 death and Lucy Stone Home. 20 items
Folder 3	Printed ephemera [undated] Miscellaneous. 6 items
Folder 4	Postcards [undated] 2 items

- Folder 5 **Proceedings--Society for Psychical Research (1889, July)**
 1 item
- Folder 6 **Programs--Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893 (1894-1950)**
 7 items
- Folder 7 **Protest--Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893 and Blackwell, Henry Browne, 1825-1909 (1897)**
 1 item
- Folder 8 **Scrapbook--Blackwell, Kitty Barry, 1848-1936 (1879-1913)**
 Primarily newspaper clippings. 1 item
- Folder 9 **Scrapbook (1915-1957)**
 Primarily newspaper clippings removed from binder. 1 item
- Folder 10 **Scrapbook--Hagar, Anna Louise (1927-1928)**
 Related to California. 1 item
- Folder 11 **Miscellaneous fragments of correspondence, notes, and poems (1911)**
 7 items
- Oversize folder 1 **Newspaper clippings (1930-1950)**
 9 items
- Oversize folder 2 **Newspaper clippings (1865-1913)**
 Included: The Liberator, Feb. 3, 1865, The Woman's Journal, Jan. 18, 1908, and Woman's
 Journal and Suffrage News, Oct. 11, 1913. May or not be complete issues