Guide to the Maud Williams Correspondence, 1897-1944

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Scope and Content
Approx. 270 letters, dated between 1897 and 1943, written to Maud Williams from America, Miss Williams was a painter and miniaturist who had several works accepted by the Academy. One of the writers is her sister Lucy who married first a Mr. Chalmers, and in a letter dated May 27th 1897 she writes from Mexico: This is a gold mining district. At present I have to live in a tent until we can get a house built.... you can image mule back riding going over hight mountains where there is only just a narrow track for the mule to go on... We had to ford the river twice, once on our mule's and the second time in a boat, if one could give it that name. It was just a large log with the center hollowed out and we had to sit in the bottom of it as there were no seats!! Lucy married a second time a Mr. William Crews who was the brother of Laura Hope Crews, a well known American actress of the time. Also letters from Mrs. W.E. Morrian of San Francisco. She sent Maud Williams regular sums of money and gave endless advice about how to invest it. In May 1906 she writes about the San Francisco earthquake and fire: I sent you a postcard on the 18th. April, the day of the terrible earthquake which crumbled every brick building...
and chimney to ashes and broke the water mains then the devastating fire roared from the 20th Street to the north shore of the water front and from East to Van Ness Aye, an area of 10,000 acres.... it is impossible fo find anyone. No cars. No Carriages. No light and very little water for some weeks. Everyone has to cook on the streets on a few bricks.

**EPHEMERA**

Recipe (sponge cake)
Newspaper ad (Fluroscopic Examination)
Color print of Bible quote (Ps. 91 11.12)
Newspaper Clipping (Classroom Boners)
Easter Card
Birthday Card (1944)
Program-Piano Concert
Japanese brush painted envelope
Clipping Laura Crews Dies in NY
Letter to antie Maud from Maudie
6 pictures of Laura [Crews], Grandfather, Gloria (baby), and Maud.

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**From Vous Savez, Lameme, The Same, Your Friend or other alias.**

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partially dated correspondence

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plus 11 undated complete/partial letters

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