

Kingston Public Library: Local History Room
Manuscript Collection Finding Aid
December 16, 2000

Lydia T. Adams (1821-1908)
Lydia T. Adams Letters

Manuscript Collection, MC-2

1 Box (3 linear inches)

Biographical sketch: Lydia T. Adams was born in Kingston, Massachusetts on March 25, 1821, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Cook) Bradford. She married George T. Adams on February 18, 1844, and gave birth to Horatio Adams on November 8, 1845. She died from "Arterio Sclerosis" on March 30, 1908.

According to an obituary notice published in the April 4, 1908 issue of the *Old Colony Memorial* "She was a direct descendant of Gov. Bradford, the Mayflower Pilgrim. Mrs. Adams taught school three years previous to her marriage to Mr. Adams . . . They had three children, one of whom, Horatio Adams, alone survives. Mrs. Adams has made two trips abroad. Of late years she has taken much pleasure in collecting antique mirrors, which in numbers and value, probably exceeded any like collection in this state (Massachusetts). Mrs. Adams . . . gave the chandelier and the bracket lamps to the First Parish (Unitarian) Church in the choir of which she sang for many years; and with her son presented to the town of Kingston the land where the Frederick C. Adams Library is located.

Scope and Content Note: Collection of 16 letters sent by Lydia T. Adams to family members and friends while on a 45-day Cook's Tour of Europe during the summer of 1891. Letters from the following locales are included: On board the SS Friesland (bound for Europe), Brussels (Hotel de la Porte), Munich (Hotel Belle Vue), Rome (Grand Hotel Continental), Naples, Lake Maggiore, Chauionix (Hotel D' Angleterre), Lucerne (Swiss Hotel), Paris (Hotel St. Petersburg), and London (The Midland Grand Hotel).

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	Obituary; 1895 correspondence to Charlotte Adams; photocopies of small receipts, stamps, etc...
	2	Correspondence, 1891
	3	Notes on correspondence from LHR Archivists

Acquisition: Donated by Helen Adams.

Access: Unrestricted

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