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Chandler family letters, 1870-1949

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Chandler family
Title:	Chandler family letters
ID:	0066
Date [inclusive]:	1870-1949
Physical Description:	.5 linear feet
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical/Historical Note

Ellen and Grace Chandler, daughters of Horace and Grace Chandler, were descendants of Parker Cleaveland, noted geologist of Brunswick, Maine. They were raised in Jamaica Plain, Mass. in the late 1800s and had one brother (Peleg). Grace travelled in Europe from 1904-1906, and throughout the 1920s and 30s resided in Washington D.C., Grand Manan Island, and in Brunswick, Maine. Ellen lived primarily in the Boston area until the 1920s, when she and Grace took up residence in the Parker Cleaveland House in Brunswick. Grace never married, and took charge of managing the family finances and household affairs, including lodgers. Ellen married James Sleator Quin, a businessman on Grand Manan Island, in 1934, and the couple maintained residency at the Parker Cleaveland House after Grace's death in 1938.

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Collection Scope and Content

This collection includes primarily correspondence to and from members of the Chandler family from 1870-1949. The bulk of the letters date from 1925-47, and are addressed either to Grace ("Bird") or Ellen ("Lulla" / "Kit"). Many of the letters document Grace's handling of the family's investments, as well as the financial challenges caused by the 1929 stock market crash. Correspondence to Ellen is of more personal nature, and includes a large number of letters from her future husband, James Sleator Quin. Included in the correspondence files is a variety of ephemeral material, primarily receipts. In addition to the correspondence are two notebooks kept by Grace, one of which includes her poetry and thoughts on womanhood and spirituality.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Spirituality
- Brunswick (Me.)
- Diaries
- Correspondence
- Ephemera
- American poetry -- 20th century
- Chandler family
- Chandler family
- Chandler, Grace
- Chandler, Ellen
- Quin, James Sleator

General

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1870-1899	Box 1	Folder 001
Private. Some Thoughts of Grace, [diary], 1887 November	Box 1	Folder 002
Photo negatives, 1893	Box 1	Folder 003

"An Old Maid's Soliloquy in 1903" [letter from Grace to friend Alice], 1903	Box 1	Folder 004
Correspondence, 1904-1906	Box 1	Folder 005
Notebook - Grace Chandler, 1908	Box 1	Folder 006
Letters to and from Grace, 1908	Box 1	Folder 007
Letters to Ellen, 1909-1911	Box 1	Folder 008
Correspondence, 1912-1914	Box 1	Folder 009
Correspondence, 1915-1918	Box 1	Folder 010
Correspondence, 1919-1923	Box 1	Folder 011
Correspondence, 1924-1925	Box 1	Folder 012
Correspondence to Grace, 1926	Box 1	Folder 013
Correspondence, 1927	Box 1	Folder 014
Correspondence, 1928	Box 1	Folder 015
Correspondence, 1929-1930	Box 1	Folder 016
Correspondence, 1931-1932	Box 1	Folder 017
Correspondence, 1933	Box 1	Folder 018
Letters to Ellen from S. Quin, 1933	Box 1	Folder 019
Correspondence, 1934	Box 1	Folder 020
Correspondence from Grace to Ellen, 1935-1936	Box 1	Folder 021
Correspondence to and from Ellen, 1937-1938	Box 1	Folder 22
Correspondence to Ellen, 1939-1942	Box 1	Folder 023
Correspondence to Ellen, 1944-1945	Box 1	Folder 024
Correspondence to Ellen, 1946	Box 1	Folder 025
Correspondence to Ellen, 1947-1949	Box 1	Folder 026
Fragments/undated letters, undated	Box 1	Folder 027
	box 1	folder 028