Finding Aid to the Collection of
Louise Helen Coburn Materials.
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**Language of Materials note** English.

**Preferred Citation note**

Collection of Louise Helen Coburn Materials, Colby College Special Collections, Waterville, Maine.
**Biographical/Historical note**

Louise Helen Coburn was born in Skowhegan, Maine on September 1, 1856, daughter of Stephen Coburn and Helen Sophia Miller. Coburn was Colby's second female graduate (after Mary Low Carver) in 1877, and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She also later received an honorary Litt. D. degree from Colby in 1914. Coburn's family was deeply tied to Colby College. Her father Stephen graduated in 1839, and the Coburn family was critical to Colby's early development as benefactors. Coburn was a co-founder, along with Mary Low Carver and others, of the Sigma Kappa Sorority. Coburn also later attended the Harvard Summer School of Botany as well as the University of Chicago.

Coburn had a major share in the progress of women's education at Colby College and was also a lifelong advocate for the equal treatment of women at her alma mater. She helped draft a letter, with Mary Low Carver, to President Albion Small in protest of his plan to end coeducation at Colby and create a separate women's division, in 1890. Although Small's plan for a separate division went into effect despite protests, Coburn was appointed to the committee on the new Women's Division of the College, and she helped to ensure that women were still being educated to the highest level possible.

Throughout her life, Coburn pushed for increased representation of women in all facets of the college. Coburn was the first woman Trustee of the College; the first President of the Colby Alumnae Association, whose efforts gained Colby Alumnae affiliation with the American Association of University Women; she pushed for adequate housing for female students; and also encouraged President Roberts to appoint a woman as full professor. Dean Ninetta Runnals was the first woman to have full professorship, through Coburn's efforts.

In addition, Coburn was an accomplished writer and poet; among her best known publications are "Skowhegan on the Kennebec," a two volume history of the area, and "Kennebec and Other Poems." Coburn was also a trained botanist and was editor of the "Maine Naturalist." She was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, and held the offices of State Regent and Vice President General in that organization. Coburn's poem, "Song to Maine," was adopted by the DAR as its state song. Coburn was also active in The Maine Writers' Research Club, President of the Josselyn Botanical Society, Vice President of the Coburn Classical Institute, Memorial Park Commissioner, Skowhegan, and President of Coburn Land Trust. She was also active in local Baptist churches, the Skowhegan Town Improvement Society, the Skowhegan Public Library, Skowhegan Women's Club, and many other organizations.

Although Coburn did not live long enough to see Colby return to a coeducational system (1969), she had a profound affect on the improvement of women's education at Colby. She died on February 7, 1949 in Skowhegan.

**Scope and Contents note**

The Coburn Collection contains various materials by and about Louise Helen Coburn. The collection includes correspondence regarding coeducation at Colby College between Mary Low Carver and other
women alumnae; manuscripts of poetry written by Coburn, including "Maine's Jewels"; published articles written by Coburn, including a copy of Coburn's "Song to Maine"; photographs and clippings; as well as copies of Coburn's term bills and also programs for particular Colby events such as Commencement, Sigma Kappa functions, "Presentation Day," "Class Day," "Prize Declamations," "Exhibitions," and "Readings."

**Arrangement note**

Materials arranged in seven series: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Published Materials, Biographical Materials, Personal Documents, Photographs, and Clippings.

**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

Colby College Special Collections

**Conditions Governing Access note**

Collection is open for research.

**Conditions Governing Use**

Materials to be used on site during regular Special Collections hours or by appointment. Photocopying or scanning may be possible at discretion of staff for nominal fee. Materials may be protected by copyright.

**Provenance and Acquisition Note**

Materials acquired via gift or purchase.

**Controlled Access Headings**
Genre(s)

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Manuscripts
- Photographs
- Poetry

Geographic Name(s)

- Skowhegan, Maine
- Waterville, Maine

Personal Name(s)

- Brown, Bertha L.
- Butler, Nathaniel
- Carver, Mary Low, 1850-1926
- Coburn, Charles Miller
- Coburn, Grace Maud
- Foster, Elizabeth B.
- Koopman, Ellen
- Marriner, Ernest Cummings, 1891-1983
- Parmenter, Hattie
- Randall, Alice S.
- Smith, Jennie M.
- Smith, Margaret Chase, 1897-1995

Subject(s)

- Alumnae and alumni
- Coeducation
- Colbiana
- Colby College Programs
- Colby College--History
- Education of women
- Sigma Kappa Sorority
Series 1: Correspondence. 1878 - 1946. 2 Folders.

Folder 1: Correspondence between Louise Helen Coburn and various Colby Alumnae, including Mary Low Carver. 1878 - 1906. 22 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 Transcription, 1 Typed Sheet.

**Arrangement note**

Correspondence arranged chronologically.

- Letter from Louise Helen Coburn to Ellen Koopman, with transcription of letter. November 25, 1878. 2 Sheets.
- Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. July 17, 1890. 1 Sheet.
- Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. July 31, 1890. 6 Sheets.
- Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. August 7, 1890. 3 Sheets.
- Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. August 15, 1890. 2 Sheets.
- Letter from Mary Low Carver and others to "The Alumnae of Colby University." August 25, 1890. 1 Sheet.
- Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. September 12, 1890. 2 Sheets.
- Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. September 25, 1890. 1 Sheet.
- Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. October 5, 1890. 1 Sheet.
Series 1: Correspondence.

Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. October 16, 1890. 1 Sheet.
Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. November 18, 1890. 2 Sheets.
Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. November 25, 1890. 2 Sheets.
Letter from Mary Low Carver to Louise Helen Coburn. March 3, 1891. 2 Sheets.
Letter from Hattie Parmenter to Louise Helen Coburn. February 8, 1900. 2 Sheets.
Letter from Hattie Parmenter to Louise Helen Coburn. March 8, 1900. 2 Sheets.
Letter from Alice S. Randall to Louise Helen Coburn. May 28, 1900. 3 Sheets.
Letter from Jennie M. Smith to Louise Helen Coburn. November 7, 1900. 2 Sheets.
Letter from Nathaniel Butler to Louise Helen Coburn. April 3, 1901. 3 Sheets.
Letter from George --- to Louise Helen Coburn. April 18, 1890. 1 Sheet.
Two Letters from Bertha L. Brown to Louise Helen Coburn. May 18, 1901. 6 Sheets.
Printed petition. 1901. 1 Sheet.
Letter from Louise Helen Coburn to Elizabeth F. Foster. May 13, 1906. 1 Sheet.
Letter from Louise Helen Coburn to Elizabeth F. Foster (with envelope). May 25, 1906. 1 Sheet, 1 envelope.

Folder 2: Correspondence to Louise Helen Coburn. 1887 - 1946. 1 ALS, 1 TLS, 4 Typed Letters.

Arrangement note
Correspondence arranged chronologically.
Series 2: Manuscripts.

Letter from Edwin F. Lyford, Class Secretary, to Colby Alumni Class of 1877. June 20, 1887. 1 Sheet.

Letter from Louise Helen Coburn to Professor Libby. May 16, 1935. 1 Sheet.

Copy of Letter to Louise Helen Coburn from E. W. Millett, Acting Alumni Secretary, Colby Alumni Office. December 27, 1944. 1 Sheet.

Copy of Letter from G. Cecil Goddard, Colby Alumni Office, to Louise Helen Coburn. April 26, 1946. 1 Sheet.


Letter from Chairman, Special Gifts, Colby College, to Louise Helen Coburn. December 10, 1946. 1 Sheet.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous. April 14, 1989. 1 Typed Letter.

Letter from Margaret Chase Smith to Mr. Mills, English Faculty, Colby College. April 14, 1989. 1 Sheet (Photocopy).

Series 2: Manuscripts. July 12, 1875 - June 12, 1974 and undated. 3 Folders.

Folder 4: Poetry Written By Louise Helen Coburn. Undated - June 12, 1974. 1 ALS (copy), 1 TLS, 6 Manuscripts.


Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note
Letter includes handwritten note from Ernest C. Marriner at bottom of page, dated July 5, 1974, describing the copy of Louise Helen Coburn's poetry, "Maine's Jewels."

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Personal Name(s)**

- Varney, Annie Pepper


**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

Hand printed with photographs inserted personally by Louise Coburn for her relative by marriage, Annie Pepper Varney, daughter of George Dana Boardman Pepper, President of Colby from 1882-1889.


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Handwritten page by Louise Coburn. Undated. 1 Sheet.

Letter from Louise Helen Coburn to the Editor of Contemporary Verse, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. May 12, 1924. 1 Sheet (Typed).

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### Series 3: Published Materials. 1910 - 1920 and undated.  2 Folders.

Folder 7: Published writings by Louise Helen Coburn. 1910 - 1920 and undated.  2 Pamphlets, 1 Article, 1 Sheet Music.

- "Canal Projects for the Kennebec, 1825 to 1832," by Louise Helen Coburn. Undated.  21 Pages.

**General note**


Folder 8: Published writings about Louise Helen Coburn. Undated.  1 Pamphlet.

- Coburn, Grace Maud "Louise Helen Coburn As Seen Through Her Poems", by Grace Coburn Smith. Undated.  19 Pages.

### Series 4: Biographical Materials. 1949 and undated.  1 Folder.
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Index cards for Louise Helen Coburn, including payments made (to Alumnae fund?). 1932 - 1949.  5 Index cards, plus photocopies.

Placard which reads: "The Tables on North Side of this Reading Room including Center Table are Reserved FOR WOMEN," Undated.  1 Card, 1 Photocopy.


Folder 10: Programs for Sigma Kappa and Delta Kappa Epsilon. 1888 - 1896.  8 Programs.

Sigma Kappa Initiation Banquet. November 13, 1891.  1 invitation.

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- Coburn, Grace Maud


Delta Kappa Epsilon Initiation Banquet, Augusta, Maine. October 5, 1888.  1 invitation, 1 partial invitation (copy).

Delta Kappa Epsilon Initiation Banquet, Augusta, Maine. October 11, 1889.  1 invitation.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Initiation Banquet, Augusta, Maine (second copy). October 11, 1889.  1 invitation.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Initiation Banquet, Augusta, Maine (third copy). October 11, 1889.  1 invitation.
Delta Kappa Epsilon 44th Annual Initiation Banquet at Hotel Heselton, Skowhegan, Maine. October 24, 1890. 1 invitation.

Folder 11: Programs for YWCA and YMCA Prayer and Meeting Topics and Reception. 1889 - 1891. 8 Programs.

YWCA Prayer Meeting Topics. 1889. 1 pamphlet.

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• Coburn, Grace Maud

YWCA, Colby University, Waterville Maine, Prayer Meeting Topics. 1891-1892. 1 pamphlet.

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• Coburn, Grace Maud

YWCA, Colby University, Waterville, Maine, Prayer Meeting Topics. 1892 - 1893. 1 pamphlet.

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Personal Name(s)

• Coburn, Grace Maud
Series 5: Personal Documents.

YWCA, Colby University, Waterville, Maine, Prayer Meeting Topics. 1892 - 1893. 1 pamphlet.

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Personal Name(s)

- Coburn, Grace Maud

YWCA, Colby University, Waterville, Maine, Prayer Meeting Topics. 1893. 1 pamphlet.

YMCA, Colby University, Waterville, Maine, Prayer Meeting Topics. January 12 to March 8, 1892. 1 pamphlet.

YMCA, Colby University, Waterville, Maine, Prayer Meeting Topics. March 31 to June 3, 1892. 1 pamphlet.

YMCA and YWCA Invitation to Reception for entering classes, Memorial Hall. September 28, 1891. 1 invitation.


Senior Class Colby University Class Day Program. July 2, 1889. 1 program.

Colby Class Day program. 1891. 1 program.

Class Day Program. June 28, 1892. 1 pamphlet.

Colby University Ivy Day, Class of 1881. Undated. 1 program.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Annotated.
Series 5: Personal Documents.

Colby University Ivy Day. July 5, 1887. 1 pamphlet.

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Colby Field Day. June 11, 1880. 1 program.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**
Annotated and signed: "H.L. Koopman."

14th Annual Field Day, Colby University. June 18, 1892. 1 pamphlet.

Folder 13: Programs for "Presentation Day," Colby College. 1889 - 1894. 11 Programs.

Presentation Day, Colby. July 1, 1889. 1 pamphlet.

Presentation Day, Colby (second copy). 1889. 1 pamphlet.

Presentation Day, Colby (third copy). July 1, 1889. 1 program.

Colby Presentation Day. June 30, 1890. 1 program.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**
Annotated.

Presentation Day, Class of 1892. June 29, 1891. 1 pamphlet.

Class of 1893 Presentation Day. June 27, 1892. 1 program.

Class of 1893 Presentation Day (second copy). June 27, 1892. 1 program.
Class of 1893 Presentation Day (third copy). June 27, 1892. 1 program.

Class of 1893 Presentation Day (fourth copy). June 27, 1892. 1 program.

Class of 1893 Presentation Day (cover only). June 27, 1892. 1 cover.

Class of 1895 Presentation Day. June 25, 1894. 1 program.

Folder 14: Programs for Freshman Readings. 1892 - 1893 and undated. 6 programs.

Freshman Reading. May 25, 1892. 1 program.

Freshman Reading (second copy). May 25, 1892. 1 program.

Freshman Reading, class of 1896. May 19, 1893. 1 program.

Freshman Reading. Undated. 1 program.

Freshman Reading (second copy). Undated. 1 program.

Freshman Reading (third copy). Undated. 1 program.

Folder 15: Programs for Sophomore Exit, Exhibition, Songs and Prize Declamation. 1875 - 1892. 11 programs.

Colby Prize Declamation, Class of 1882. Undated. 1 program.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Signed: "H.L. Koopman."

Colby Prize Declamation, Class of 1882 (second copy). Undated. 1 program.

Colby Class of 1891, Sophomore Prize Declamation. May 10, 1889. 1 program.
Class of 1893 Sophomore Prize Declamation. May 8, 1891. 1 program.

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• Coburn, Grace Maud

Class of 1893 Sophomore Prize Declamation (second copy). May 8, 1891. 1 program.

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• Coburn, Grace Maud

Colby University Sophomore Prize Declamation, Class of 1894. May 6, 1892. 1 program.

Colby University Sophomore Prize Declamation, Class of 1894 (second copy). May 6, 1892. 1 program.

Sophomore Prize Declamation. June 2, n.d. 1 program.


Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Annotated and signed: "H.L. Koopman."

Colby University Exhibition of the Sophomore Class. April 21, 1875. 1 program.
### Colby University Class of 1879 Sophomore Songs. Undated. 1 sheet.

### Folder 16: Programs for Junior Exhibition, Junior Prize Exhibition, Junior Prize Debate, Junior Reception. 1889 - 1897. 12 programs.

- Class of 1889, Skowhegan High School and Bloomfield Academy, Junior Exhibition. June 21, 1888. 1 program.

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#### Personal Name(s)

- Coburn, Grace Maud

- Junior Exhibition. July 1, 1889. 1 program.

- Junior Exhibition, Class of 1897, Colby University. June 29, 1896. 1 program.

- Junior Prize Exhibition, Class of 1893. June 27, 1892. 1 program.

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#### Personal Name(s)

- Coburn, Grace Maud

- Junior Prize Exhibition, Class of 1893 (second copy). June 27, 1892. 1 program.
Personal Name(s)

- Coburn, Grace Maud

Junior Prize Exhibition, Class of 1893 (third copy). June 27, 1892. 1 program.

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Personal Name(s)

- Coburn, Grace Maud

Junior Prize Exhibition, Class of 1893 (fourth copy). June 27, 1892. 1 program.

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Personal Name(s)

- Coburn, Grace Maud

Class of 1893 Junior Prize Debate. March 11, 1892. 1 program.

Class of 1893 Junior Prize Debate (second copy). March 11, 1892. 1 program.

Class of 1893 Junior Prize Debate (third copy). March 11, 1892. 1 program.

Class of 1894 Junior Prize Debate. March 10, 1893. 1 program.

Junior Reception to the Ladies of the College. December 1, 1892. 1 program.
Folder 17: Programs for Senior Prize Exhibition and Senior Exhibit. 1876 - 1892. 3 programs.

Colby Senior Prize Exhibition with Junior Parts. November 28, 1876. 1 program.

Colby University Senior Exhibition with Junior Parts. December 18, 1891. 1 program.

Senior Exhibition with Junior Parts. December 16, 1892. 1 program.

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**Personal Name(s)**

- Coburn, Grace Maud

Folder 18: Miscellaneous Programs. 1876 - 1894. 3 programs.

Class of 1894 Promenade Reception. Undated. 1 program.

Colby University Second Reunion of the Portland Alumni, Menu. March 15, 1888. 1 program.

Colby University Public Exercises of the Literary Fraternity. November 1, 1876. 1 program.

Folder 19: Commencement and Commencement Concert Programs. 1874 - 1905. 18 programs.

Colby University Class of 1877 Commencement Concert. July 25, 1877. 1 program.

Colby Class of 1880 Commencement Concert. Undated. 1 program.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

Signed: "H.L. Koopman."

Class of 1881 Commencement Concert. June 29, 1881. 1 program.
### Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

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### Controlled Access Headings

#### Personal Name(s)

- Carver, Mary Low, 1850-1926

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Series 5: Personal Documents.

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Personal Name(s)

- Coburn, Charles Miller

68th Annual Commencement of Colby University. July 3, 1889. 1 program.

68th Annual Commencement of Colby University (second copy). July 3, 1889. 1 program.

70th Annual Commencement of Colby University. July 1, 1891. 1 program.

72nd Annual Commencement of Colby University. June 28, 1893. 1 program.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Coburn, Grace Maud

72nd Annual Commencement of Colby University (second copy). June 28, 1893. 1 program.

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Personal Name(s)

- Coburn, Grace Maud

75th Annual Commencement of Colby University. July 1, 1896. 1 program.
Colby College, 84th Annual Commencement. June 26, 1905. 1 program.

Folder 20: Student Handbooks and Rules of the Gymnasium. 1892 - 1894. 3 handbooks.

Student's Hand Book, Colby University. 1892. 1 booklet.

Students' Hand Book of Colby University. 1893 - 1894. 1 booklet.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

Signed "Grace M. Coburn."

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Personal Name(s)**

- Coburn, Grace Maud

The Rules of the Gymnasium of Colby University. Undated. 1 pamphlet.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

Signed: "H.L. Koopman."

Folder 21: Louise Helen Coburn Term Bills, Colby University. July 22, 1874 - May 2, 1877. 9 sheets.

Folder 22: Charles M. Coburn Term Bills, Colby University. November 28, 1877 - June 28, 1881. 22 sheets.

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Personal Name(s)**

Folder 23: Photographs of Louise Helen Coburn. Undated. 3 photo prints, 1 negative (strip).

The Founders of Sigma Kappa, a National Women's Sorority. Undated. 1 black and white photo print.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

On back of photo, handwriting describes women pictured:
Back row, left to right: Louise Helen Coburn, '77, Fannie E. Mann, '77.
Seated, left to right: Mary Low Carver, '75, Ida M. Fuller, '75.

Louise Coburn, '77. Undated. 1 modern glossy black and white print, with 1 negative strip.

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Louise Helen Coburn, Litt D., of Skowhegan, Maine, Class of 1877. Undated. 1 photo print.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

On back of photo: Louise Helen Coburn, Litt D., '77, of Skowhegan, Maine.
"It is said that she will make a large gift of money to the women's division of College, at the alumnae service at Foss Hall, on Graduates day, Tuesday, June 20th."
### Series 7: Clippings. October 1919 - June 24, 1977 and undated. 1 folder.

Folder 24: Newspaper clippings regarding Louise Helen Coburn. October 1919 - June 24, 1977 and undated. 18 clippings.

**Arrangement note**

Clippings arranged chronologically.

- Article about Louise Helen Coburn from the Colby Alumnus. October 1919. 1 sheet (double sided), plus photocopy.

  "Early Years at Poetry and Later Years at History Mark Literary Career of Pioneer Colby Graduate." From the Lewiston Journal Magazine Section. June 27, 1936. 2 sheets, plus photocopy.

- "Coburn." By J.C.S. Undated. 1 sheet, plus photocopy.

  Obituary, Louise Helen Coburn, from Providence, R.I. Journal. February 8, 1949. 1 clipping, plus photocopy.

  Obituary, Louise Helen Coburn, from Boston Globe. February 8, 1949. 1 clipping, plus photocopy.

  "Miss Louise H. Coburn, First Woman Colby Trustee, Dies." 1949. 2 sheets, plus photocopy.

  "Miss Louise H. Coburn, First Woman Colby Trustee, Dies." (second copy) 1949. 2 sheets, plus photocopy.


  "Miss Louise Coburn, Colby's Oldest Woman Graduate, Dies." 1949. 2 sheets, plus photocopy.
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