

# **Finding Aid to the Collection of Thomas Bailey Aldrich Materials ALDR.1**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Colby College Special Collections
<b>Title</b>	Collection of Thomas Bailey Aldrich Materials
<b>Date</b>	1857 - 1917 and undated
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation note

Collection of Thomas Bailey Aldrich Materials, Colby College Special Collections, Waterville, Maine.

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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Thomas Bailey Aldrich -- poet, novelist, traveler and editor -- was born in New Hampshire in 1836. His father's death in 1849 caused him to abandon his idea to attend college and move to New York to work with his uncle at age 16. Soon he became a constant contributor to newspapers and magazines and the intimate friend of many Bohemian poets, artists and writers. He was editor of various major newspapers and magazines in New York and Boston from the 1860s to the 1890s. During this time he was also a prolific, published writer of prose and verse. He died in Boston in 1907.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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The collection contains correspondence from Aldrich to many contemporaries, also a small number of manuscript items, several photographs, and three folders of clippings that document his life and work. Materials date primarily from the 1870s to the early 1900s.

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## **Arrangement note**

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Materials arranged in four series: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Photographs and Clippings.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

Colby College Special Collections

### **Conditions Governing Access note**

Collection is open for research.

**Conditions Governing Use note**

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

**Custodial History note**

Materials acquired via gift or purchase.

**Series A: Correspondence.**

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## **Collection Inventory**

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**Series A: Correspondence. 1857 - 1904 and undated. 19 folders.**

Folder A1: to Elizabeth Akers Allen. 1874. 1 ALS.

Folder A2: to William Henry Bishop. 1888. 1 ALS.

Folder A3: to Edwin Booth. Undated. 1 ALS.

Folder A4: to Charles F. Chichester. 1894. 1 ALS.

Folder A5: to Robert S. Chilton. 1896. 1 ALS.

Folder A6: to T. S. Collier. 1890. 1 ALS.

Folder A7: to Richard Watson Gilder. Undated. 1 ALS.

Folder A8: to William Dean Howells. 1874 - 1891. 2 ALS.

Folder A9: to Thomas A. Janvier. 1873. 1 ALS.

Folder A10: to Sarah Orne Jewett. 1889 - 1895. 2 ALS.

Folder A11: to Mr. Lane. 1896. 1 ALS.

Folder A12: Thomas Purnell. 1867. 1 ALS.

Folder A13: to T. Rogers Rees. 1903. 1 ALS.

Folder A14: to Edmund Clarence Stedman. 1893. 1 ALS.

**Series B: Manuscripts.**

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Folder A15: to A. F. Stetson. 1872. 1 ALS.

Folder A16: to Edwin Percy Whipple. 1878. 1 ALS.

Folder A17: to William Winter. 1904. 1 ALS.

Folder A18: regarding venereal disease. Undated. 1 ANS.

Folder A19: to unknown correspondents. 1857 - 1903. 4 ALS.

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**Series B: Manuscripts. 1882 - 1903 and undated. 6 folders.**

Folder B1: At Bay Ridge, Long Island. undated 1 item. (1 p.).

**Description**

Poem. Holograph manuscript.

Folder B2: A Cough. 1882. 1 item. (1 p.).

**Description**

Poem. Holograph, signed manuscript.

Folder B3: Egypt. Undated. 1 item. (1 p.).

**Description**

Number X of "XXVIII Sonnets." Holograph manuscript.

Folder B4: Introduction to Ponkapog Papers. 1903. 1 item. (2 p.).

**Series C: Photographs.**

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**Description**

Holograph manuscript. "Redman Farm, Ponkapog, 1903."

Folder B5: A Pastoral Hymn to the Fairies. [1916]. 1 item. (1 p.).

**Description**

Poem published in "Unit Poems - 61" by the Unit Press, Fitchburg, MA.

Folder B6: Sargent's Portrait of Edwin Booth at "The Players". 1938. 1 item. (1 p.).

**Description**

Poem printed in program marking the 50th anniversary of The Players founded by Edwin Booth, 1938.

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**Series C: Photographs. Undated. 1 folder.**

Folder C1: Photographs undated 12 items.

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**Series D: Clippings. 1877 - 1917. 3 folders.**

Folder D1: Clippings 1877-1900 35 items.

Folder D2: Clippings 1900-1903 51 items.

Folder D3: Clippings 1903-1917 41 items.

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