

## Guide to the Elizabeth Morris Smith collection, 1855-1934 (bulk 1917-1934)



### Collection overview:

**Title:** Elizabeth Morris Smith collection  
**Date range(inclusive dates):** 1855-1934  
**Bulk dates:** 1917-1934  
**Creator:** Smith, Elizabeth Morris, 1915-1994  
**Extent:** 0.92 linear feet (1 flat oversize box)  
**Abstract:** Autographs, letters, poems, clippings, and other memorabilia from various poets, writers, artists, sports figures, and politicians collected by Elizabeth Morris Smith (1915-1994) of Newport, Rhode Island.  
**Language of materials:** English  
**Repository:** Redwood Library & Athenaeum, Newport, Rhode Island  
**Collection number:** RLC.Ms.041

### Access and use:

**Access to the collection:** Access is open to members and researchers at the Redwood Library and Athenaeum.  
**Use of the materials:** This collection is owned by the Redwood Library and Athenaeum. Permission to publish materials must be obtained in writing from the Special Collections Librarian of the Redwood Library and Athenaeum.  
**Preferred citation:** Elizabeth Morris Smith collection, RLC.Ms.041, Redwood Library and Athenaeum.

### Administrative information:

#### About the collection

**Acquisition:** Gift of Elizabeth Morris Smith: March 10, 1973, June 26, 1984A, June 26, 1984B, October 30, 1985A, September 29, 1986A, and September 8, 1987.

**Processing information:** Prior to processing in 2014, this collection was found within the Steel Cabinet Collection: Drawer 15, Folders 9-14.

#### About the finding aid

**Author and Encoding:** Elizabeth Delmage, 2014 July

**Descriptive rules:** Finding aid based on Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)

**Additional information:**

**Sponsor:** Funding for processing and cataloging this collection was provided by the van Beuren Charitable Foundation.

**Biographical note:**

Elizabeth Morris Smith (1915-1994) grew up and lived in both New York City and Newport, Rhode Island. She and her sister, Alletta Nathalie Lorillard Morris McBean (1912-1986), contributed in countless ways to Newport's historic and cultural preservation.

**Scope and content note:**

This collection consists of autographs, letters, poems, clippings, and other memorabilia from various poets, writers, artists, sports figures, and politicians collected by Elizabeth Morris Smith. For the majority of the items in this collection, Smith placed each item into its own folder and oftentimes included biographical information about the person of interest. Of note is a 1931 letter by Franklin D. Roosevelt while Governor of New York.

**Arrangement:**

This collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

**Inventory:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	1	Burke, Billie	undated
1	2	Collett, Glenna	1927 Feb 1
1	3	Deland, Margaret	1917 Oct 22, 1920 Dec 23
1	4	Field, Euguene	1887 and undated
1	5	Green, Theodore Francis	1934 Sep 26
1	6	Holmes, Oliver Wendell	1897 Jun 15
1	7	Kemble, Frances Anne	undated
1	8	Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth	1874 Oct 19
1	9	Mallory, Molla	undated
1	10	Paderewski, Ignace Jan	1928-1930
1	11	Roosevelt, Franklin D.	1931 Jul 13
1	12	Thackeray, William Makepeace	1855 Nov 7
1	13	Williams, S. Wells	1875-1880

**Access terms:**

**Names:**

Burke, Billie, 1885-1970  
Collett-Vare, Glenna, 1903-1989  
Deland, Margaret, 1857-1945  
Field, Eugene, 1850-1895  
Green, Theodore Francis, 1867-1966  
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1894  
Kemble, Fanny, 1809-1893  
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882  
Mallory, Molla, 1884-1959  
Paderewski, Ignace Jan, 1860-1941  
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945  
Thackeray, William Makepeace, 1811-1863  
Williams, S. Wells (Samuel Wells), 1812-1884

**Subjects:**

Autographs

**Genre terms:**

Clippings (information artifacts)  
Letters (correspondence)  
Poems