

# Elliott, S. Maria, Family Collection

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### Language

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### Abstract

This collection contains the personal papers of the Elliott and Elliot family of Massachusetts. Materials relate to the professional and personal lives of S. Maria Elliott and her family members, especially Rev. Moses Elliott [sic] and Richard M. Elliott.

### Creator

Elliott, S. Maria (Sophronia Maria), 1854-1942

### Creator

S. Maria Elliott family

### Creator

Elliott, Moses, 1775-1849

### Creator

Elliott, Richard Moses, 1844-1908

**Extent**

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box and 1 oversize folder

**Repository**

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## Family History

According to S. Maria Elliott's family notes, Edmund Elliott initially traveled to Barbados from Salisbury, England, possibly as an indentured servant, before moving to Salisbury, Massachusetts, in 1652. Elliott records a son named John Elliott, a grandson named David Elliot, a great-grandson named Jonathan Elliott, and a great-great-grandson named Reverend Moses Elliott (1775-1849). One of his sermons is included in the collection, as is a letter to his son, which speaks at length for Elliott's fondness of New England's natural landscape.

Rev. Moses Elliott was the father of Moses Elliott (1814-1880). The younger Moses and his wife Sarah (1822-1857) had three children: Richard Moses (1844-1908), Sarah Lois (1850-1889), and Sophronia Maria (S. Maria, 1854-1942).

Sophronia Maria (S. Maria) Elliott was born in Baldwinville, Massachusetts, on February 18, 1854. She became a professor of home economics at Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts. She and Ellen H. Richards co-authored *The Chemistry of Home Economics* (1914), and Maria was the sole author of *Home Bacteriology* (1907) and *Household Hygiene* (1911). In 1914, she received an honorary Master of Arts degree from Brown University for her work on scientific housekeeping. Maria was a member of the New England Home Economics Association and the Massachusetts Home Economics Association, the First Baptist Church, the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the Northern Baptist Convention, and the Womans City Club of Boston. She died on March 14, 1942.

Richard Moses Elliott was born in Massachusetts on April 20, 1844. He studied at the Connecticut Literary Insitution until 1866 and taught music until 1868, when he departed to attend Brown University. He graduated from Brown University in 1872. He pursued a long career in music education in Boston. Richard was a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Cecilia Club, and the Harvard Musical Association. He died in New Hampshire on September 3, 1908.

(Please note: Elliott is sometimes written Elliot.)

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## Scope and Content

This collection contains the personal papers of the Elliott and Elliot family of Massachusetts. Materials relate to the professional and personal lives of S. Maria Elliott and her family members, especially Rev. Moses Elliot [sic] and Richard M. Elliott. Items include a sermon, notes, correspondence, education records, and photographs.

## Related Materials

Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives has a copy of S. Maria Elliott and Ellen H. Richards's book *The chemistry of cooking and cleaning : a manual for house keepers*, Boston : Whitcomb and Barrows, 1907, call number TX531.R53 1907 Spec Small.

## Keywords

Family histories

History of Food and Drink

Home economics

Women in higher education

Photographs

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## General

Originally, this collection was processed as S. Maria Elliot Family Collection, but during a later review, it was determined that she used the spelling Elliott, which is the preferred spelling throughout the collection. Some documents use Eliot, and these are spelled as such in the inventory below.

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged by subject.

## Description of Subordinate Components

**"A Sermon on the Nature, Author and Necessity of Regeneration" by Rev. Moses Elliot [sic],  
Boston: T. R. Marvin, Printer**

**Unit Date** 1826

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Moses Elliott to His Son**

**Unit Date** 1838

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Connecticut Literary Institute Broadside**

**Unit Date** 1868

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Brown University Class of 1872 Directory**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Richard M. Elliot Brown University Diploma**

**Unit Date** 1872

**folder** 1

**Photographs of Richard M. Elliott**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**S. Maria Elliott City of Boston School Drawing Certificate**

**Unit Date** 1879

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Boston Society of Natural History to S. Maria Elliott**

**Unit Date** 1892-1894

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**S. Maria Elliott Spanish Railway Ticket Book**

**Unit Date** 1914

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**"S. Maria Elliot" [sic] Notes on Brown University Honorary Degree**

**Unit Date** 1914

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**"New England Home Economics Association" Article by S. Maria Elliott**

**Unit Date** 1929

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**S. Maria Elliott Funeral Arrangement Instructions**

**Unit Date** 1936-1942

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Photographs of S. Maria Elliott**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Sarah Lois Elliott Poetry Book**

**Unit Date** undated

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Elliot/Elliott Family Biographical Notes**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Elliott Family Photographs**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Framed Tin Type of Man**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)