

A Guide to the Celia Thaxter Collection

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Item Listing

Manscripts

Poem, " Beethoven"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Poem beginning, "God help us to be grateful . . ."

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Four line verse seeking the grace to find God's love despite life's trials.]

Poem, " In Tuscany"

Unit Date [Oct 1884]

Extent

TMsS,
2 p.

Poem beginning, "Only thyself can harm . . ."

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[One verse, apparently a quotation from longer work.]

Poem, " Out Soldiers"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,

2 p.

Poem, " Song"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,

1 p.

Single line, "The sunrise never failed us yet."

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,

1 p.

Poem, " Twilight"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMs,

2 p.

Letters

Celia Thaxter, Newtonville, to Mrs. Houghton

Unit Date 1872 Jan 2

Extent

ALS,

2 p.

Scope and Content

[Regrets missing call and being unable to accept invitation; hopes to see her in Cambridge.]

Celia Thaxter, Newtonville, to Dear Sir

Unit Date 1883 Feb 2

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Expresses appreciation for book and note; comments on favorite poems in the volume " Daphles, " " Wife of Brittany, " " A Summer Moon, " and " Feudal Picture. "]

Celia Thaxter, Appledore, to [James Ripley] Osgood

Unit Date 1873 n.m. 22

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Comments positively on Mr. Anthony's engravings; suggests their placement in the book; requests 100 copies for her brothers; speculates on sales.]

Celia Thaxter, Boston, to Miss Eliot

Unit Date 1875 Dec 22

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Gives permission to use her poems; apologizes for delay in responding.]

Celia Thaxter, Appledore, to [James Ripley] Osgood

Unit Date 1876 Mar 5

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Wants Mr. Fields advice before making selection from the Shoalsvolume; feels remote from everything; wishes her novel were written.]

Celia Thaxter, Shoals, to Mr. Oakes

Unit Date 1877 Jul 9

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for flattering note and newspaper article on her work; hopes to meet him soon.]

Celia Thaxter, Appledore, to [Hjalmar Hjorth] Boyesen

Unit Date 1879 Aug 2

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Comments on his bright cheerfulness; thanks him for the charming letter.]

Celia Thaxter, [Isle of Shoals], to Dr. Richard Derby

Unit Date 187 , Thursday

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Invites him and his sister to visit; writes that she will paint something in his book of poems; invites Mrs. Heard in postscript.]

Celia Thaxter, Appledore, to Mrs Houghton

Unit Date 1880 Apr 30

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks her for dinner invitations; explains her delay in responding; regrets being unable to accept.]

Celia Thaxter, Appledore, Isle of Shoals, to [Houghton Mifflin]

Unit Date 1880 Aug 24

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Rejects "vulgar cover"; requests something simpler.]

Celia Thaxter, Shoals, to Mr. Baker

Unit Date 1881 Aug 16

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for vase and for his charming thoughtfulness.]

Celia Thaxter, Kittery Point, Maine, to [Horace P.] Chandler

Unit Date 1882 Jan 5

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Comments on printer's errors in her poems, giving example for " Stardust"; considers them inconsequential as they will soon, and deservedly, be forgotten.]

Celia Thaxter, Winthrop House, to Mr. Miles

Unit Date 1882 Oct 21

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Introduces Miss Blake who has question he is better able to answer.]

Celia Thaxter, Boston, to Mrs. Nixon

Unit Date 1885 Oct 25

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends a copy of poems with photograph, autograph, and additional photo.]

Celia Thaxter, Boston, to Mr. Gentry

Unit Date 1886 Mar 8

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Gives permission to use poems; sends photograph and signature.]

Celia Thaxter, Clifford [Hotel, Boston?], to Mrs. Allen

Unit Date 1886 Dec 25

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks her and her son for Christmas gifts; encloses note to Marion.]

Celia Thaxter, Appledore, Isle of Shoals, to Mr. Amery

Unit Date 1887 Jun 20

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends pledges; requests certificates be sent; states mail arrives four times a day.]

Celia Thaxter, Hotel Clifford, [Boston], to Dear Friend

Unit Date 1888 Jan 20

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Asks him to return the enclosed [poem ?] if it is unwanted; understands he has "a ton of poems on hand."]

Celia Thaxter, Clifford [Hotel, Boston?], to [Horace P.] Chandler

Unit Date 1888 Feb 22

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for photo; comments on Mrs. Dickinson's beauty and charm.]

Celia Thaxter, Appledore, Isle of Shoals, to Dear Madam

Unit Date 1888 Sep 29

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Gives publishing history of " Don't Sing Before Breakfast, " first printed in " Wide Awake" then in a volume of children's poems, and " Courage, " printed in Atlantic Monthly and then in her first volume of poems; states that they are available in bookstores if she is interested.]

Celia Thaxter, Portsmouth, to S. S. McClure

Unit Date 1890 Feb 2

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Declines invitation to write something because of poor health; encloses magazine photo.]

Celia Thaxter, Portsmouth, to Mr. Allen

Unit Date 1890 Nov 27

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[States she sent poems without accompanying letter; requests their return if they cannot be used; writes that she will try again if he would like something different.]

Celia Thaxter, Shoals, to Mr. Jamison

Unit Date 1891 May 31

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[States she has written "the gentleman from the far West" a note indicating he will find the song on page 60 of Driftwood.]

Celia Thaxter, Portsmouth, to Mr. Munroe

Unit Date 1891 Oct 29

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for hospitality shown the Hassams of whom she is very fond; sends regards to Miss Phinney.]

Childe Hassam, New York, to Mr. Munroe, [Lexington, Massachusetts?]

Unit Date 1891 Nov 6

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Compares sea air to Lexingtonair; "votes" for Lexingtonair at present; describes frames and prices received for his work in New York; inquires about Lexingtonfriends Miss Phinney, Miss Shaw, and Miss [Grokin].]

Celia Thaxter, Portsmouth, to [Richard Watson] Gilder, [editor, Century]

Unit Date 1893 Mar 22

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Offers piece for the Centuryto use if possible, as supporters of the [noble maid] for the Republic's emblem who want to be able to state they are quoting from the largest, most important magazine.]

Celia Thaxter, Appledore, Isle of Shoals, to Horace P. Chandler, Boston

Unit Date 1893 Jun 7

Extent ALS,1 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Sends copy of a piece and permission to print it if Houghton & Mifflinagree; mentions health and weather.]

Celia Thaxter, Shoals, to [Horace P.] Chandler

Unit Date 1894 Apr 2

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for the photograph; praises its loveliness.]

Celia Thaxter, Shoals, to [Horace P.] Chandler

Unit Date 1894 Jul 30

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for pictures; comments on his kindness for making them available to people who want them.]

Celia Thaxter to Edmund Clarence Stedman

Unit Date n. d.

Extent ALS,1 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Introduces Ross Turner; sends regards to Mrs. S[tedman].]

Photographs and engravings

Celia Thaxter, head and shoulders

Unit Date 1892

Extent

Photo

Scope and Content

[Signed, with ANS, n. d., requesting return if not desired.]

Magazine photo, Celia Thaxter, seated

Unit Date 1890 Sep 12

Extent

Photo

Scope and Content

[With ANS, 1 page, 1890 Sep 12, stating that this is the only photograph available.]

Celia Thaxter, profile

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Engraving

Scope and Content

[In youth.]

Celia Thaxter, profile

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Engraving

Scope and Content

[Signed, older.]

Magazine page of The Cottage Hearth, vol. V no. 10, with engraving of Celia Thaxter, head and shoulders

Unit Date 1878 Oct

Extent Page(incomplete)

Scope and Content

[Includes biographical piece.]

2 photos of Celia Thaxter's cottage

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Photos

Landing at Appledore

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Photo

Celia Thaxter's parlor

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Photo

View from Celia Thaxter's garden gate

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Photo

Miscellaneous

Check

Unit Date 1871 Jun 22

Extent

Check

Scope and Content

[Endorsed on back.]

Printed booklet containing poem, " The Singer of the Sea, " by Ina D. Coolbrith

Unit Date 1894 Dec

Extent

Booklet

Scope and Content

[In memory of Celia Thaxter, published by the Century Club of California.]

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