
Guide to the Anne Elizabeth Bontine Diaries and Other Materials

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Anne Elizabeth Bontine diaries and other materials,

Date (inclusive): 1850-1923

Collection number: MS-M029

Creator: Bontine, Anne Elizabeth, 1828-1925

Extent: 1 linear foot1 box

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Abstract: This collection comprises 22 diaries by Anne Elizabeth Bontine, the mother of 19th century Scottish politician and author Robert Bontine Cunninghame Graham. The materials generally describe her reflections on social activities in Scotland and England providing a detailed account of her life from 1856 until 1923. The diaries also document journeys to European destinations, family issues, and local political and cultural events. Also included is a collection of poetry by Martina Elphinstone Fleeming and a diary by an unknown author.

Language: English

Access

Collection open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Acquired, circa 1966.

Custodial History Note

This collection was separated during processing from the Sir Angus Cunninghame Graham Naval History Manuscripts Collection (MS-M01), Special Collections and Archives.

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Biography

Anne Elizabeth Bontine, born Anne Elizabeth Elphinstone Fleeming, was born February 10, 1828. She was the daughter of a Scottish Admiral Charles Elphinstone Fleeming and Catalina Paulina Alessandro de Jiménez, a Spanish aristocrat. She married William Cunninghame Bontine and was the mother of Robert Bontine Cunninghame Graham and Commander Charles Elphinstone Fleeming Cunninghame Graham, father of collector Angus Cunninghame Graham. She died in 1925 at the age of 97.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by type of material, and then chronologically.

Box 1 : 1-23 **Diaries**

Box 1 : 1 **1850 October 20-1859 December 31.**

Scope and Content Note

The bound diary itself begins on August 11, 1856, but includes 14 leaves of an earlier diary.

Box 1 : 2 **1860 January 1-September 4**

Box 1 : 3 **1881 January 1-December 31**

Box 1 : 4 **1881 March 31-May 10**

Box 1 : 5 **1883 January 1-1884 March 16**

Box 1 : 6 **1884 March 17-October 10**

Box 1 : 7 **1884 October 11-1885 June 27**

Box 1 : 8 **1885 July 1-1887 November 29.**

Scope and Content Note

Includes handwritten letter.

Box 1 : 9 **1886 December 1- 1887 December 31.**

Scope and Content Note

Unknown author.

Box 1 : 10 **1887 December 1-1888 June 13**
Box 1 : 11 **1896 July 22-September 9**
Box 1 : 12 **1901 August 2-1902 July 20**
Box 1 : 13 **1902 July 21-1904 February 10**
Box 1 : 14 **1904 March 3-December 31**
Box 1 : 15 **1907 January 1-1908 September 10**
Box 1 : 16 **1908 September 11-1909 December 31.**

Scope and Content Note

Includes undated newspaper article with photograph showing R.B. Cunninghame Graham in Hyde Park.

Box 1 : 17 **1910 January 1-1911 May 12**
Box 1 : 18 **1912 September 30-1913 December 31**
Box 1 : 19 **1917 January 1-1918 January 1**
Box 1 : 20 **1918 January 2-1919 October 3**
Box 1 : 21 **1919 October 4 -December 31.**

Scope and Content Note

Includes letters by A.E. Bontine and brief notes by unknown authors.

Box 1 : 22 **1920 January 1-1922 December 25**
Box 1 : 23 **1923 January 1-August 8**

Box 1 : 24-26 **Additional materials**

Box 1 : 24 **Fleeming, Martina Elphinstone, collected poetry, circa 1830**
Box 1 : 25 **Notebook, circa 1880.**

Scope and Content Note

Unknown author, includes 2 handwritten letters.

Box 1 : 26 **"Our sailors," postcards depicting life in the Navy, produced by Millot, circa 1915.**

Physical Description: 20 items.