

**Louise Imogen Guiney Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Louise Imogen Guiney Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1884-1920

**ID No.:** MSS24323

**Creator:** Guiney, Louise Imogen, 1861-1920

**Extent:** 1,500 items

**Extent:** 5 containers

**Extent:** 2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78024323>

**Summary:** Poet, essayist, journalist, and librarian. Chiefly letters from Guiney to F. Holland Day. Also includes poems and transcripts of letters to Louise Chandler Moulton.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Brown, Alice, 1857-1948--Correspondence.

Day, F. Holland (Fred Holland), 1864-1933--Correspondence.

Day, Lewis F. (Lewis Foreman), 1845-1910--Correspondence.

Evans, Frederick H.--Correspondence.

Fields, Annie, 1834-1915--Correspondence.

Gilder, Helena de Kay, -1916--Correspondence.

Gosse, Edmund, 1849-1928--Correspondence.

Guiney, Louise Imogen, 1861-1920.

Johnson, Lionel, 1867-1902--Correspondence.

Jordan, Alice M. (Alice Mabel), 1870-1960--Correspondence.

Lewis, F. Eva--Correspondence.

Loveman, Robert, 1864-1923--Correspondence.

Meyer, Annie Nathan, 1867-1951--Correspondence.

Moulton, Louise Chandler, 1835-1908--Correspondence.

Paine, Albert Bigelow, 1861-1937--Correspondence.

Scudder, Horace Elisha, 1838-1902--Correspondence.

Shorter, Clement King, 1857-1926--Correspondence.

Shorter, Dora Sigerson, 1866-1918--Correspondence.

Walker, John Brisben, 1847-1931--Correspondence..

Willcox, Louise Collier, 1865-1929--Correspondence.

### Subjects

American literature.

### Occupations

Essayists.

Journalists.

Librarians.

Poets.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Louise Imogen Guiney, poet, essayist, journalist, and librarian, were given anonymously by F. Holland Day to the Library of Congress via Julius H. Tuttle of the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1934. Additional material was purchased in 1978.

## Processing History

The papers of Louise Imogen Guiney were processed in 1968 and expanded in 1983. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

## Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the papers of [F. Holland Day](#) and [Louise Chandler Moulton](#).

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Louise Imogen Guiney is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Louise Imogen Guiney are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Louise Imogen Guiney Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Louise Imogen Guiney was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1861, the daughter of General Patrick R. Guiney, an Irish-born American Civil War officer and lawyer. She was educated at Elmhurst Convent school in Providence, Rhode Island, and worked as a postmistress in Auburndale, Mass., and cataloger at the Boston Public Library. In 1884, she published her first book of poems, *Songs at the Start*, followed in the 1890s by collections of poems and essays entitled *A Roadside Harp* and *Patrins*. She edited editions of James Clarence Mangan and of Matthew Arnold, and shared with Harriet Elizabeth Prescott Spofford and Alice Brown the authorship of *Three Heroines of English Romance*. She moved to England in 1901 and died at Gloucestershire on November 2, 1920.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Louise I. Guiney (1861-1920) span the years 1884-1920 and consist chiefly of letters from Guiney to her friend F. Holland Day, a photographer and publisher of her work. Also included are poems, transcripts of her letters to Louise Chandler Moulton, and correspondence to Guiney from H. de K. G. (Helena de Kay Gilder), Alice Brown, Lewis Foreman Day, Frederick H. Evans, Annie Fields, Edmund Gosse, Lionel Pigot Johnson, Alice M. Jordan, F. Eva Lewis, Robert Loveman, Annie Nathan Meyer, Louise Chandler Moulton, Albert Bigelow Paine, Horace Elisha Scudder, Clement King Shorter, Dora Sigerson Shorter, John Brisben Walker, and Louise Collier Willcox.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is organized by type of material.

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Brown, Alice
BOX 1	Day, Lewis
BOX 1	Day, Mrs. Lewis
BOX 1	Evans, Frederick H.
BOX 1	Felice, Trois
BOX 1	Fields, Annie
BOX 1	Gilder, Mrs. Richard W.
BOX 1	Gosse, Edmund
BOX 1	Guiney, Louise Imogen, to F. Holland Day
BOX 1	1885-1892 (11 folders)
BOX 2	1893-1895 (8 folders)
BOX 2	1896
BOX 2	Jan.-June (3 folders)
BOX 3	July-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 3	1897 (5 folders)
BOX 3	1898
BOX 3	Jan.-July (3 folders)
BOX 4	Aug.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 4	1899-1915 (18 folders)
BOX 5	1916-1920, July (3 folders)
BOX 5	Undated
BOX 5	Houghton, Mifflin and Co.
BOX 5	Johnson, Lionel
BOX 5	Jordan, Alice M.
BOX 5	Lewis, Eva F.
BOX 5	Meyer, Annie Nathan
BOX 5	Moulton, Louise Chandler
BOX 5	Scudder, Horace E.
BOX 5	Shorter, Dora and Clement
BOX 5	Walker, John Brisben
BOX 5	Willcox, Louise Collier
BOX 5	Unidentified

## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 5	Transcripts of letters to Louise Moulton Chandler, 1884-1902 (2 vols.)
BOX 5	Miscellany
BOX 5	Poems by Guiney
BOX 5	General
BOX 5	Printed matter
BOX 5	Newspaper clippings