

**E. F. Ellet Correspondence with Index**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** E. F. Ellet correspondence with index

**Inclusive Dates:** 1842-1865

**Bulk Dates:** 1848-1850

**ID no.:** MSS86359

**Creator:** Ellet, E. F. (Elizabeth Fries), 1818-1877

**Extent:** 185 items

**Extent:** 1 container

**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/mm2020086359>

**Summary:** Author, poet, and historian. Correspondence with index relating to her research for *The Women of the American Revolution*.

## Acquisition Information

The correspondence with index of E. F. Ellet was purchased by the Library of Congress in 2020.

## Processing History

The correspondence with index of E. F. Ellet was arranged and described by Rachel Telford in 2020.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of E. F. Ellet are governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.) and other applicable international copyright laws.

## Access and Restrictions

The correspondence with index of E. F. Ellet is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Division prior to visiting in order to determine whether the desired materials will be available at that time.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, E. F. Ellet correspondence with index, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1818, Oct. 18	Born, Sodus Point, N.Y.
circa 1835	Married William Henry Ellet
1848-1850	Published <i>The Women of the American Revolution</i> (3 volumes). New York: Baker and Scribner.
1877, June 3	Died, New York, N.Y.

## Scope and Content Note

The correspondence with index of E. F. Ellet spans the years 1842-1865, with the bulk of the material dating from 1848 to 1850. The collection documents Ellet's research for the publication of her three-volume work, *The Women of the American Revolution* (1848 and 1850), the first history of women's participation in the American Revolution. The papers are in English.

The correspondence documents Ellet's research and writing process as she worked on *The Women of the American Revolution*. Ellet researched the lives of women by requesting information from their descendants through correspondence, receiving letters from more than 100 individuals. Correspondents included women relatives such as Lucy Knox Thatcher, Susan J. Donaldson, Eliza Susan Quincy, and Delia Tudor (Stewart) Parnell; prominent politicians and writers such as Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Washington Irving, James Fenimore Cooper, George Washington Parke Custis, and Robert Jefferson Breckinridge. Ellet also corresponded with noted historians of the day such as Henry Onderdonk, Jr., Jared Sparks, William Hickling Prescott, and George Washington Greene, the grandson of Catherine Littlefield Greene and Revolutionary war hero Nathaniel Greene. The collection includes letters excerpted in *The Women of the American Revolution*, as well as unpublished material. Also included is an index to the correspondence, presumably created by Ellet, though some letters listed are not part of this collection.

## Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

## 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

Breckinridge, Robert J. (Robert Jefferson), 1800-1871--Correspondence.  
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850--Correspondence.  
Clay, Henry, 1777-1852--Correspondence.  
Cooper, James Fenimore, 1789-1851--Correspondence.  
Custis, George Washington Parke, 1781-1857--Correspondence.  
Donaldson, Susan J. (Susan Jane), 1808-1866--Correspondence.  
Ellet, E. F. (Elizabeth Fries), 1818-1877.  
Ellet, E. F. (Elizabeth Fries), 1818-1877. *The women of the American Revolution*. 1848-1850.  
Greene, George Washington, 1811-1883--Correspondence.  
Irving, Washington, 1783-1859--Correspondence.  
Onderdonk, Henry, Jr., 1804-1886--Correspondence.  
Parnell, Delia Tudor, 1816-1898--Correspondence.  
Prescott, William Hickling, 1796-1859--Correspondence.  
Quincy, Eliza Susan, 1798-1884--Correspondence.  
Sparks, Jared, 1789-1866--Correspondence.  
Thatcher, Lucy Knox, 1776-1854--Correspondence.

### Subjects

Women--United States.

### Places

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Women.

### Titles

*E.F. Ellet papers*

*Elizabeth F. Ellet papers*

**Occupations**

Authors.

Historians.

Poets.

## Container List

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