

**Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin Family Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin Family Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1793-1924

**Bulk Dates:** 1884-1921

**ID No.:** MSS86502

**Creator:** Chamberlin, Anne Locke Bixby, 1874-1967

**Extent:** 500 items

**Extent:** 3 containers

**Extent:** 1 linear foot

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

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**Summary:** Correspondence, ephemera, and photographs documenting Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin, her family, and her social history stretching from Boston, Massachusetts, to Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles, California. Family members represented include father, California land magnate Llewellyn Bixby; sister, writer and feminist Sarah Bixby Smith; and husband, Theodore Chamberlin.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of the Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin family were purchased by the Library of Congress in 2022.

## Processing History

The papers of the Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin family were arranged and described by Katherine Duvall in 2023.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

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

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin (1874-1967) was born to California land magnate Llewellyn Bixby (1825-1896) and Mary Hathaway Bixby (1849-1882) in San Juan Bautista, California. She had two siblings, noted feminist and author, Sarah Bixby Smith (1871-1935), and Llewellyn Bixby Jr. (1879-1942). Chamberlin graduated from Wellesley College in 1898. In 1899, she married Theodore Chamberlin (1868-1939), a doctor from Massachusetts. They settled in Concord, Massachusetts, where they raised at least eight children.

## Scope and Content Note

The Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin Family Papers span the years 1793 to 1924, with the bulk of the material dating from 1884 to 1921. The collection documents Chamberlin, her family, and her social history stretching from Boston, Massachusetts, to Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles, California. Material types include correspondence, ephemera, and photographs.

The material primarily consists of Chamberlin's incoming and outgoing correspondence. The bulk of the letters are to her sister, Sarah Bixby Smith, from 1888 to 1899. They document Chamberlin's daily life in Los Angeles, her time at Wellesley College, and a trip to England in 1898 with her aunt, Martha Nichols Hathaway. The collection contains one letter from Bixby Smith to her sister with advice for preparing for her first child. A good deal of correspondence from Chamberlin to her father, Llewellyn Bixby, details daily family matters. A limited amount of Llewellyn Bixby's own incoming and outgoing correspondence is present. The 1921 correspondence consists of letters to Chamberlin from her husband, Theodore Chamberlin, and her children while she visited Sarah Bixby Smith and other family members in California for the summer. They detail daily family life in her absence. The remaining correspondence in the collection consists of incoming and outgoing letters documenting matters related to other family members, including Theodore Chamberlin's parents, Seth and Sophia Dean Chamberlin, and his brother, Gardner Chamberlin. The ephemera and photographs consist of miscellaneous material relating to the histories of the Bixby and Chamberlin families.

## Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material. Correspondence written to and from Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin is primarily filed under her name. All other correspondence is filed under the name of the most relevant 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

Bixby family--Correspondence.  
Bixby family.  
Bixby Smith, Sarah, 1871-1935--Correspondence.  
Bixby, Llewellyn, 1825-1896--Correspondence.  
Chamberlin family--Correspondence.  
Chamberlin family.  
Chamberlin, Anne Locke Bixby, 1874-1967.  
Chamberlin, Theodore, 1868-1939--Correspondence.  
Hathaway, Martha Nichols, 1846-1928.

### Organizations

Wellesley College--Students.

### Places

Boston (Mass.)--Social life and customs.  
California--Social life and customs.  
Chicago (Ill.)--Social life and customs.  
England--Description and travel.  
Illinois--Social life and customs.  
Los Angeles (Calif.)--Social life and customs.  
Massachusetts--Social life and customs.

### Titles

*Anne Locke Bixby Chamberlin papers*

**Occupations**

Authors.

Feminists.

Physicians.

Real estate developers.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Bixby, Llewellyn, 1866-1871, 1885, 1890, 1896
BOX 1	Bixby, Llewellyn, and Mary Hathaway Bixby, 1871, 1877, undated
BOX 1	Chamberlin, Anne Locke Bixby
BOX 1	Bixby, Llewellyn, outgoing, 1884-1895 (3 folders)
BOX 1	Chamberlin children, incoming, 1921
BOX 1	Chamberlin, Theodore, incoming, 1921 (3 folders)
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, incoming, 1898-1901, 1921 (4 folders)
BOX 1	Smith, Arthur, outgoing, 1898
BOX 1	Smith, Sarah Bixby, outgoing, 1888-1898 (6 folders)
BOX 2	Smith, Sarah Bixby, outgoing, 1899 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Chamberlin, Gardner, 1875-1879, undated
BOX 2	Chamberlin, Seth, and Sophia Dean Chamberlin, 1853-1854, 1867-1878, 1895, undated
BOX 2	Chamberlin, Theodore, 1899-1900, 1924, undated
BOX 2	Hathaway, Martha Nichols, 1884, 1898-1903
BOX 2	Miscellaneous family, 1795-1796, 1829, 1852, 1899
BOX 2	Smith, Sarah Bixby, 1893, 1899
BOX 2	Ephemera, financial, 1793, 1813-1821, 1838, 1851, 1863-1869, 1898, undated
BOX 2	Ephemera, miscellaneous, 1832, 1862, 1868, 1878, undated
BOX 2	Photographs, family album, 1873, undated
BOX 3	Photographs, unidentified women and baby, undated