

# Guide to the Women in the West: Microfilm Sets

WA MFM 1-6



by Elizabeth Bolton

February 1995

P. O. Box 208330  
New Haven, CT 06520-8330  
(203) 432-2977  
beinecke.library@yale.edu  
<http://beinecke.library.yale.edu/>

---

## Table of Contents

Collection Overview .....	3
Requesting Instructions .....	3
Administrative Information .....	3
Immediate Source of Acquisition .....	3
Conditions Governing Access .....	3
Conditions Governing Use .....	3
Preferred Citation .....	4
Scope and Contents .....	4
Collection Contents .....	5
WA MFM 1: Frontier women microfilm set, 1849-1913 .....	5
WA MFM 2: Frontier women II microfilm set, 1821-1919 .....	6
WA MFM 3: Frontier women III microfilm set, circa 1823-1894 .....	9
WA MFM 4: Women in California microfilm set, 1849-1914 .....	11
WA MFM 5: Women in California II microfilm set, 1753-1875 .....	13
WA MFM 6: Mormon women microfilm set, 1839-1881 .....	14

## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
P. O. Box 208330  
New Haven, CT 06520-8330  
(203) 432-2977  
beinecke.library@yale.edu  
<http://beinecke.library.yale.edu/>

**CALL NUMBER:** WA MFM 1-6

**TITLE:** Women in the West: Microfilm Sets

**DATES:** 1753-1919, undated

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Six microfilm sets: Frontier Women, Frontier Women II, Frontier Women III, Women in California, Women in California II, and Mormon Women.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.micro>

---

## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Beinecke Library reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.micro>.

To order reproductions from this collection, please send an email with the call number, box number(s), and folder number(s) to [beinecke.images@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.images@yale.edu).

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Original materials catalogued separately. For provenance information, consult the catalog record for each title.

---

### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

---

### Conditions Governing Use

The Women of the West Microfilm Sets are the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

## Preferred Citation

Women of the West: Microfilm Sets. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

---

## Scope and Contents

In 1979 an effort was made to microfilm women-related collections and items in the Western Americana collection. Six microfilm sets were created: Frontier Women, Frontier Women II, Frontier Women III, Women in California, Women in California II, and Mormon Women. A finding aid was created for the film and was included on each reel.

At the time that the materials were filmed, some items were cataloged but many others were not. Since that time, most of the material has been cataloged. A new guide was needed to reflect the cataloged status of the items on the film.

The following list is meant to serve as a guide to placement of items on the microfilm reels. The catalog number, main entry, title, and date information is given for each item or collection. For the full bibliographical descriptions of materials cited in this list, the researcher should consult the main catalog record.

Several of the items filmed are part of larger collections, some of which have not been filmed in their entirety. In such cases, a note gives the name of the collection in which the item[s] will be found and the catalog number of the larger collection.

## Collection Contents

### WA MFM 1: Frontier women microfilm set, 1849–1913

1 Reel

Women's diaries, correspondence, and related papers. Written by women who were early settlers in California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Includes accounts of the westward journey and of life on the frontier.

Mary Burrell's book Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 58</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1854
Mary Rockwood Powers. The overland route, leaves from the journal of a California emigrant Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 387</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1859
Celinda E. Hines. Overland journey from Hastings, Oswego County, New York, to Portland, Oregon Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 424</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1853
Sarah Green Davis. Diary of an overland journey to California Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1320</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1849-50
Martha Missouri Bishop Moore. Journal of a trip to California Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1438</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1860
Louisa Cook Walters papers Incl: R.M. Fuller, Letters to Louisa Cook Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1656</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1852-91
Lucy H. Fosdick. Across the plains in 61 Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1410 F786</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	
Jennie T. Kimball. Diary of a trip to California Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1683</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1876-77
Lillie I. Wells. My journey to California Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1669 W4621</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	n.d.
Maria R. Hodgdon. Journal of a voyage from Boston to San Francisco in the ship Golden Rocket commanded by Capt. Charles Pendleton Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1425</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1859-60
Julia R. Collins. Letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1268</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1878-82
Almira Markell papers Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1660</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1881-1913

**WA MFM 2: Frontier women II microfilm set, 1821–1919**

Women's letters and manuscripts. Written by early settlers of Alaska, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

Miscellaneous Missouri letters Note: partially filmed, see box listing for list of letters filmed Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1661</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1853-1902
Caroline M. Moss. Letter to Captain O. P. Moss Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-563 M855</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1846 Nov 2
George H. Hall. Overland letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-288 H1422</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1849-50
Noah Pease. Letters Incl: Letters from Cyrus Russell, Flavia Pease, and Martin F. Pease Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-21 P321</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1841-55
Sallie and J. Bowers. Letters In: Harrison Lawrence Family Correspondence (WA MSS S-1670 L436) Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1670 L436</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1870-71
Sue Hill. Letters Request the original materials from the <a href="#">Malick Family Papers</a> (WA MSS-1298).	1868-69
Mary Ann Scott. Letter: Worthington, Ohio, to Mrs. Emily Piatt, Hartford, Indiana Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1650 Sco85</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	n.d.
William Shively. Letter: Zwingle, Iowa, to Joseph Lenhart Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1651 Sh69</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1865 Jul 9
Tabitha Lowe Stennett. Untitled account of growing up in Iowa Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1653 St42</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1905 Jan 10
John Brown family letters: Kansas Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1671 B8131</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1855-56
Lettie E. Garrison. Letter: to my dear sister Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1199 G193</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1862 Sep 27
Mary Rice. Letter: to her sister, Hannah Rice Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1096 R365</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1835[?] Nov 15
Harriet Woolley. Letterbook Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1682</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1821-34
Mary C. Denver. Letter: to J. W. Denver Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-528 D439</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1847 Oct 6

Louise C. Denver. Mexican War Pension Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-587 D4375</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	n.d.
Abigail Raymond Smith. Missionary letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1284 Sm5</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1836-56
Eliza Hart Spalding. Note Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 434</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1843 Aug 8
Mary Hayden. Letter: to Harry M. Boutelle Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-280 H324</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1887 May 8
Sarah McAllister Hartman. Reminiscences Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 247</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	n.d.
Frances Fuller Victor: Letters to Elwood Evans In: Elwood Evans Papers (WA MSS 172) Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 172</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1865-86
Paulina Cohen. Letter: to R. E. Coontz Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-359 C66</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1892 Mar 3
Mattie Pajoman. Letter: Afognak, Alaska, to Miss Saunders Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1649 P168</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1912 Jul 5
Elizabeth Hukill Fickes. Diary Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1684 F446</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1856-57
Anne Ellis. Letters In: William Ellis. Letters to his Wife Cornelia (WA MSS S-41) Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-41</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1851-97
Catherine Hutton. Account of a visit by George Catlin Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1646 H979</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1844[?]
George Sand. Letter: to Edouard Thomas Charton Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-461 Sa56</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	n.d.
Mary Benjamin Kirkpatrick. Letters: to her husband Charlie Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1255 K636</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1864-65
Elizabeth Bacon Custer. Letter: to Mr. Thomas A. Warburton Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 127</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1905 Mar 16
Elizabeth Bacon Custer. Letters: to Mrs. Kingsley Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-93 C966</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1886-89
Elizabeth Bacon Custer. Letter: to Mr. Bagby Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-393 C966</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1889 Feb 6

Elizabeth Bacon Custer. Letter: to Miss Watson In: George Armstrong Custer Papers (WA MSS S-1643) Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1643</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	n.d.
Elizabeth Bacon Custer. Letter: to [Frederick Samuel] Dellenbaugh Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1641 C966</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1919 Mar 26
Elizabeth Bacon Custer. Letter: to General Wright Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1642 C966</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1888 May 20
Jessie Benton Frémont. Letter: St. Louis, to Mr. Claiborne Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1668 F8861</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1843 Oct 30



**WA MFM 3: Frontier women III microfilm set, circa 1823-1894**

Women's letters, manuscripts, and other papers. Writers include early settlers of Arkansas, Kansas, Oregon, and Washington.

	Blaine family letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 34</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1853-58
	Sophonra Sumner Hitchcock. Dwight Mission map Map of the Dwight Mission, Pope County, Arkansas Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 257</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	[1823?]
	Valentine McGillycuddy. Army expedition notebook Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-5</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1876-77
	Ella C. Granger: Letter to Col. Manning In: George A. Manning Letters (WA MSS 326) Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 326</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1879 Jul 25
	Mrs. L. Sperry. Letter: to her son Anson Sperry Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 438</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1849 Sep 19
	Fort life on the frontier Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1645 F7751</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1868[?]
	Tintypes [of Lorenzo and Olive Oatman] Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 362</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1857
b. 2	Mary Austin Holley. Letters In: The Thomas W. Streeter Collection of Texas Manuscripts (WA MSS S-498)	1837
	Eliza Huston. Letter In: The Thomas W. Streeter Collection of Texas Manuscripts (WA MSS S-498)	1852 Jun 21
	Emily Austin Bryan Perry. Letter In: The Thomas W. Streeter Collection of Texas Manuscripts (WA MSS S-498)	1838
	Sarah Ann Wharton. Letters In: The Thomas W. Streeter Collection of Texas Manuscripts (WA MSS S-498)	1836, n.d.
	Caspar Wever Collins papers Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 98</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1862-65
	Frances Fuller Victor. Manuscript annotations and criticisms of William H. Gray's <i>Did Dr. Whitman Save Oregon?</i> Bound in: Zc74 881gr  Request this item, " <a href="#">WA MSS 496, bound in Zc74 881gr: Gray, W. H., Did Dr. Whitmen Save Oregon? (Astoria: 1881?)</a> ", through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	[1881]

Eliza Clendenin. Travel diary Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1679</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1894 Jun-Oct
Elizabeth Kerr. Correspondence with Mrs. Simcoe Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1647 K461</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1838-45
Malick family papers Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1298</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1848-69

## WA MFM 4: Women in California microfilm set, 1849–1914

Letters, diaries, and other manuscripts written by women who were early settlers in California.

A journal kept by Caroline Williams Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1680</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1858-62
Mary E. Clark. Daily journal Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1267</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1859-60
Ella Pearson. Diary Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1430 P317</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1869-70
Abby T. Leighton Mansur. Correspondence Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1258 M318</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1852-74
Mary S. D. Smith. Letters of a voyage to California in 1853-1854 Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-798 Sm62</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	n.d.
Mary M. Allen. Letter to Mrs. Marianne P. Longfellow Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1207 A154</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1850 Oct 20
Kate Lynch. Letter to her brother Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1252 L98</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1864 Jun 5
Reminiscences of Mrs. E. A. Van Court Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1665 V279</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1914 Mar 26
Dorcas Andrews. Letter: California, to Sarah W. Dell Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1640 An26</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1852 Jan 9
Olive B. Bennett. Letter to her son Edward In: California Letters (WA MSS S-1337) Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1337</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1861 Sep 3
Mrs. Willard. Letter to her son In: California Letters (WA MSS S-1337) Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1337</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1865 Jul 24
Lucetta Dennis Rogers. California letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-731 R632</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1853-82
Emily Slater. Letter to dear daughter Adeline Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-785 S115</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1863 Jan 18
Nancy M. Curry Lewis. Letter to her daughter Fannie Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-730 L588</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1852 Jun 26
Julia A. C. Bourne. Letter Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-736 B667</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1856 Jun 2

Helen Nye. Letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-725 N9835</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1852-71
Betsey Gordon. Letter to her father Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-726 G653</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1854 Feb 28
Jerusha Deming Merrill. Letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-789 M552</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1849, 1853
Jerusha Deming Merrill. California letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1114 M552</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1849-51
Mary Bean Simonds Ballou. Voyage to California Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-681</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1851-52
Leffingwell family letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 299</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1853-76
Martha Lawrence. Letter to her aunt and uncle In: Harrison Lawrence Family Correspondence (WA MSS S-1670 L436) Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1670 L436</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1876 Apr 7

## WA MFM 5: Women in California II microfilm set, 1753–1875

Letters, manuscripts, and other papers of women who were early settlers in California.

Anna Maria Sparks. Lease of land in San Francisco In: Joseph Libby Folman Papers (WA MSS S-238 F73)	1851 May 12
Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-238 F73</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	
Marquesa de las Torres de Rada Peña Gertrudis. Estate description	1753 Sep 5
Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-663 P37</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	
Francisco Tompez. Account of the will of the late Marquesa de las Torres de Rada Peña Gertrudis	n.d.
Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-2810 D6593</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	
Emma Whittier. Letters to Anna Patten	1875 May-Dec
Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S1657 W618</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	
Sarah E. McLean. Diary	1855-72
Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1681</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	
Emma D. Hunt. Diary	1883-84
Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1129</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	
Rowena and Stephen Crary family papers	1852-74
Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1659</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	

**WA MFM 6: Mormon women microfilm set, 1839–1881**

Letters and other papers of Mormon women.

Brigham family. Mormon letters Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 48</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1848-56
Joseph Smith papers Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS 430</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1839-46
Sarah Jane Kent. Power of attorney Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-408 K418</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1861 May 1
Ann Eliza Young. Letter to S. L. Beidler Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-385 Y839</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1878 Nov 27
Ann Eliza Young. Letter to Mrs. Froiseth Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-469 Y839</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1881 Mar 19
Ann Eliza Young. Letter to Mrs. Froiseth Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-470 Y839</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1881 Apr 14
Mary E. Smith. Letter: American Fork, Utah, to Asabel Tyrell Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1652 Sm621</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1874 Jan 30
Female Relief Society of Nauvoo. Manuscript fragment Request this item, <a href="#">WA MSS S-1644 F349</a> , through Orbis, the library's online catalog.	1843, n.d.