

# Guide to the Elizabeth E. Smith Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1108

**CREATOR:** Smith, Elizabeth E.

**TITLE:** Elizabeth E. Smith papers

**DATES:** 1883-1885

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Travel journals written by Elizabeth E. Smith on a trip to Europe and the Near East (1883-1885). The copious journals record not only architecture and the arts, but also the daily life and customs of the people whom she observed. Included in the journals are also photographs, prints, newspaper clippings, and drawings, some of them her own. Also in the papers are several of her poems and essays written during the trip.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of A. Stuart Pitt, 1939.

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Elizabeth E. Smith Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Scope and Contents

Elizabeth E. Smith's papers consist of travel journals compiled from 1883 to 1885 during her third extended tour from New York to Europe and the Near East. A well-educated, observant woman interested in history and art, she presents a well-written narrative of what she saw and experienced while traveling with her sister, brother-in-law, and nieces through England to Russia, south through Central Europe to Italy, Spain, and Morocco, and then east to Greece and the Levant. She was very attentive not only to architecture and the arts but also to the daily life and customs of the common people whose countries she traversed, describing in detail religious practices and local costumes as well as art galleries and the usual tourist sights. Her journals are profusely illustrated with photographs, prints, newspaper clippings, and drawings, some of which she drew herself.

The papers are completed by several manuscript poems and essays written by Elizabeth Smith during her trip.

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Travel journals		
b. 1, f. 1	England	1883 May 5-July 15
b. 1, f. 2	Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia	1883 August 24-October 9
b. 1, f. 3 - 4	Russia	1883 October 10-November 2
b. 1, f. 5	Russia, Poland, Austria	1883 November 3-20
b. 2, f. 6	Austria, Italy	1883 December 2-13
b. 2, f. 7 - 13	Italy	1883 December 14-1884 February
b. 3, f. 14 - 15	Italy	1884 March 1-10
b. 3, f. 16	Italy, Spain	1884 March 10-28
b. 3, f. 17	Spain	1884 March 31-April
b. 3, f. 18	Morocco, Spain	1884 May-June 18
b. 3, f. 19	Spain, France	1884 June 21-July 4
b. 3, f. 20	France, Switzerland	1884 July 6-14
b. 3, f. 21 - 22	Switzerland	1884 July 20-September 27
b. 4, f. 23	Switzerland, Germany, Belgium	1884 October 4-26
b. 4, f. 24	Belgium, Holland, Germany	1884 October 20-November 24
b. 4, f. 25	Germany	1884 November 30-December 7
b. 4, f. 26	Austria, Greece, Turkey	1884 December 13-22
b. 5, f. 27	Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon	1885 January-May

b. 5, f. 28	"Diary of Poems, Europe" English	1883-1884
b. 5, f. 29 - 30	Essays	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Architecture  
Art  
Women

### **Geographic Names**

Austria -- Description and travel  
Belgium -- Description and travel  
Europe -- Description and travel  
France -- Description and travel  
Germany -- Description and travel  
Italy -- Description and travel  
Middle East -- Description and travel  
Poland -- Description and travel  
Soviet Union -- Description and travel  
Spain -- Description and travel  
Switzerland -- Description and travel  
Turkey -- Description and travel

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries  
Poems

### **Names**

Smith, Elizabeth E.