

# Bain, Isabella memory album

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**Mixed Materials**

BW 49 (box)

**Container**

1 (folder)

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2 (folder)

**Language**

English

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**Repository**

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## Administrative Information

**Conditions Governing Access**

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## Content Description

This collection features a memory book belonging to Miss Isabella Bain (1855-1934) of New Orleans, Louisiana. Various personal letters from friends and New Orleans community members addressed to Miss Bain are included.

The cover of the memory book is composed of engraved Moroccan leather adorned with "Miss Isabella Bain" in gilt. Several chromolithographs of a variety of subjects, notably botany and female gender roles, are pasted throughout the book. Letter entries are not chronological and many feature newspaper death notices of their author, suggesting Miss Bain outlived many of her peers.

There are numerous newspaper clippings outlining local events in the New Orleans area as well as the Alexandria, Louisiana area. A First Presbyterian Church 1899 dedication event program, several holiday greeting cards, and two funeral invitations addressed to Miss Bain are included.

Among the miscellaneous inclusions is a "National Reform Document: The Will of John McDonogh' of New Orleans and the Public Schools of America " pamphlet outlining the will and last testament of John McDonogh, a wealthy New Orleans businessman. Within this pamphlet is a discussion of McDonogh's treatment of enslaved peoples whom he offered immigration to a Liberian colony in exchange for a contractually-determined work period.

## Keywords

Women's Scrapbook/ Commonplace Book Collections (University of Virginia)

Autograph albums.

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

## Description of Subordinate Components

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