

# A Guide to the Elizabeth Oakes Smith Collection

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**Collection Number**

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**Language**

English

**Extent**

10 items

**Repository**

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
USA

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open to research.

**Use Restrictions**

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## Item Listing

### Manuscript

**" A Visit to Long Island"**

**Unit Date** n. d.

**Extent**

AMs,  
6 p.

### Letters

**Elizabeth Oakes Smith to Rufus Wilmot Griswold**

**Unit Date** 1843 Jul 18

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Acknowledges his letter containing a draft; hopes the article she sends him will be acceptable.]

**Elizabeth Oakes Smith to Messrs. Carey and Hart**

**Unit Date** 1847 Nov 18

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Accepts the firm's statement that she had prepared only 5 manuscripts for them; says she had erroneously thought of a higher number.]

### **Elizabeth Oakes Smith to "My dear Doctor"**

**Unit Date** 1850 May 6

**Extent**

ALS,  
4 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Encourages an ill friend; reports on her play to be staged in September in Philadelphia; says she is afraid that one book project has fallen through; feels that the past year has been a loss to her; encloses an article by John Neal; asks correspondent to get a copy of her portrait should he go to Philadelphia, where the portrait was done.]

### **Elizabeth Oakes Smith to Messrs. Ticknor and Fields**

**Unit Date** 1853 Jun 25

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Discusses one of her plays which has been well received by the press, especially by [George] Ripley of the New York Times; hopes to see it introduced to the Boston public; requests that they send copies of that play to all the principal editors of Boston. ]

### **Elizabeth Oakes Smith to Rufus Wilmot Griswold**

**Unit Date** 1853 Jul 1

**Extent**

ALS,  
3 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Discusses a play of hers which he endorsed in his book years ago; asks him to review Old New York (1853) in some papers, having received many literary courtesies from him in the past; complains about the lack of companionship among contemporary writers.]

### **Elizabeth Oakes Smith to E[dwin] P[ercy] Whipple**

**Unit Date** 1854 Dec 23

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Encloses a volume of poems by Caroline [Briggs] of Marblehead whom she thinks highly of; asks him the favor of receiving them.]

### **Elizabeth Oakes Smith to M. Laird Simms**

**Unit Date** 1873 Aug 4

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Complains that the Cyclopedia of American Literature gives little idea of her writings; gives him a list of titles of her recent writings.]

**Elizabeth Oakes Smith to Editor, Portland Daily Press**

**Unit Date** 1873 Oct 17

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Says she would like to know if her letter containing reminiscences of her honored friend Judge [Ware] has reached him; says she is certain, should there be interest, any New York paper would be glad to have them; asks for a reply.]

**"The measure of capacity is the measure of Sphere to either man or woman. Elizabeth Oakes Smith. "**

**Unit Date** 1883 Aug 14

**Extent**

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