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Lilian Wetstein Mendelssohn

Collection of Letters to Lilian Wetstein Mendelssohn from Anne, Gertrude and Horace Traubel (gift of Betty Kalmanasch, 1995)

Dates: 1910-1968

Extent: 1 box (12 centimeters)

Scope and Content:

Collection includes letters and postcards addressed to Lilian Wetstein Mendelssohn from Anne, Gertrude and Horace Traubel. Horace Traubel (1858-1919) was Walt Whitman's literary executor, as well as a poet, essayist and magazine publisher. Horace and his wife Anne (1864-1954) cultivated groups of artistic and cultural individuals, as well as those that supported the beliefs of Walt Whitman, of which Lilian Mendelssohn, who resided in Montreal was one. Lilian Wetstein corresponded with Horace Traubel and participated in meetings before her marriage to Sam Mendelssohn. She later kept in contact with Horace Traubel's widow, Anne, as well as his daughter, Gertrude. The collection also contains a small amount of material, primarily Christmas cards, with other members of Traubel's circle.

Notes:

Shorthand notations are used throughout the finding aid and are to be translated as follows:

ALS – Autograph letter signed (signed by the author of the letter, handwritten)

ANS – Autograph note signed (shorter note, card, postcard, etc.)

TL – Typed letter not signed

AN – Autograph note not signed

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BOX: FOLDER	CONTENTS		DATE(S)
	Postcards from Horace Traubel		
Box 1 Folder 1	Postcard to Lilian Wetstein from Horace Traubel. 1 ANS	With printed poem by [Horace Traubel] and signed by Horace Traubel.	19 December 1910
1:2	Postcard from Horace Traubel. 1 ANS	With printed poem by [Horace Traubel] and signed by Horace Traubel on verso. With signatures of attendees of a meeting at Castle Blend Tea Rooms in Montreal.	15 April 1914
1:3	Postcard to Lilian Wetstein from Horace Traubel. 1 ANS	Postcard of the Public Gardens in Boston. Addressed and signed.	18 April 1914
	Letters from Anne Traubel		
1:4	Letter to Lilian Mendelssohn from Anne Traubel. 1 ALS	Regarding an inquiry in <i>The New York Times</i> book review about Horace Traubel's poem "The Golden Age."	8 June 1947
1:5	Letter to Sam and Lilian Mendelssohn from Anne Traubel. 1 ALS		n.d [prior to 1950]
	Letters from Gertrude Traubel		
1:6	Letter to Lilian Mendelssohn from Gertrude Traubel. 1 ALS	Regarding the publication and reception of the 4 th volume of <i>With Walt Whitman in Camden</i> .	23 September 1953
1:7	Letter to Lilian Mendelssohn from Gertrude Traubel. 1 ALS	On Walt Whitman Fellowship: International: 1902-3 letterhead. Regarding the death of Anne Traubel and decisions on dispersing Walt Whitman's diary manuscripts.	10 October 1955

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1:8	Postcard to Lilian Mendelssohn from Gertrude Traubel. 1 ANS	A <i>The Conservator</i> postcard with poem by Horace Traubel	[1956]
1:9	Letter to Lillian Mendelssohn from Gertrude Traubel. 1 ALS	On Walt Whitman Fellowship: International: 1902-3 letterhead. Requesting Mendelssohn's attendance for event and exhibition in Washington on Horace Traubel's birthday.	9 November 1958
1:10	Letter to Gertrude Traubel from Lilian Mendelssohn. 1 TL	Letter to be read at Horace Traubel's birthday events in Washington.	21 November 1958
1:11	Letter to Lilian Mendelssohn from Gertrude Traubel with envelope. 1 ALS	Inquiring if Mendelssohn would donate her letters from Horace Traubel to the Library of Congress. Discusses progress on obtaining letters from other correspondents.	7 October 1968
	Christmas cards and Postcards		
1:12	Postcard to Lilian Wetstein. 1 AN	Postcard with reproduction photograph of Walt Whitman. With date and location (no signature of sender)	March 1914
1:13	Christmas Greetings card from David Cummings	With printed quotes by Horace Traubel and Walt Whitman	Christmas 1921
1:14	Christmas Card to Sam and Lilian Mendelssohn from Stella [Morden Smith]		Christmas 1925
1:15	Envelope addressed to Lilian Mendelssohn	With poem by Ralph Chaplin (<i>Mourn not the Dead</i>) taped on verso.	December 1950