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Summary

- Main entry:** Ingraham, Elsie Powell
- Title:** Elsie Powell Ingraham family papers, 1810-1962 (bulk 1880-1950)
- Size:** 9 linear feet (21 boxes)
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- Abstract:** The Elsie Powell Ingraham family papers chronicle multiple generations of the Ingraham, Powell, Brown, Hopper, and allied families -- prominent Quakers residing primarily in New York City, Old Chatham, N.Y. and Cambridge, Mass. Although these papers document dozens of individuals, it is Elsie Powell Ingraham, her husband Edward Ingraham, and her sister Rachel Hopper Powell who are significantly represented in the collection. The collection consists of correspondence, family documents and photographs collected by Elsie Powell Ingraham dating from the 19th and 20th centuries.
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Provenance note

The Elsie Powell Ingraham Family Papers were presented to the New-York Historical Society by Sarah Huntington following the death of her aunt, Elsie Powell Ingraham. Soon after (in October 1962) and with Huntington's consent, the NYHS donated the collection to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

Biographical note

The Elsie Powell Ingraham family papers chronicle multiple generations of the Ingraham, Powell, Brown, Hopper, and allied families -- prominent Quakers residing primarily in New York City, Old Chatham, NY and Cambridge Mass. Although these papers document dozens of individuals, it is Elsie Powell Ingraham, her husband Edward Ingraham, and her sister Rachel Hopper Powell who are significantly represented in the collection.

Elsie Powell Ingraham (1875-1962), the fifth child of Wilson Marcy and Sarah Hopper Powell Marcy, was educated at Barnard College and married Edward (Ned) Ingraham in 1912. Because business with a Boston-based cotton brokerage firm frequently took Edward from New York, the couple maintained residences in both New York City and Cambridge, Mass. In the course of their marriage, Elsie's interest in historic homes prompted the purchase and restoration of several properties. Although childless, the couple became benefactors to many girls and young woman through their philanthropic work with the Vidyaodaya School for Girls in Madras, India.

Edward (Ned) Ingraham (1879-1949) was born in New Bedford, Mass., attended Friends Academy and graduated from Harvard University in 1900. Ingraham made a career as a cotton goods broker with operations in New York and Boston and, among other affiliations, was a member of Company K of the 7th Regiment, a National Guard unit and an enclave for New York's social elite. During World War I, he served in the Cotton Goods Branch of the Supply and Equipment Section of the Office of the Quartermaster General in Washington. Following his retirement he and Elsie made Cambridge their primary residence, and he joined the board of Lesley College, became secretary of Cambridge Hospital and president of the Home for Aged People.

Rachel Hopper Powell (1865-1953), known throughout the collection as "Chellie," was educated in private schools and by tutors. From 1892 to 1896 she served as a trustee to the New York and Brooklyn Schools of Society of Friends; was a member and secretary of the Board of School Inspectors for the 21st District of New York from 1899 to 1902; and in 1914, assumed the position of treasurer of the Women's Prison Association and the Isaac T. Hopper Home. By the following year, Powell became director of the Association, retiring from this post in 1944. In addition to this work, she was treasurer of the Joint Committee on Negro Child Study in 1926, and was active with the National Prisoners Aid Association, the Welfare Council of New York, and the Women's City Club of New York, where she was director from 1931 to 1935, serving as chair for the club's committee on prevention and correction. Following her retirement, she moved to Cambridge to live with her sister and brother-in-law.

Elsie and Rachel were the great-granddaughters of the abolitionist Isaac Tatem Hopper (1771-1852). Born in Philadelphia, Hopper moved to New York City and joined the Quaker community in their work for equality. He was a leading figure in the prison reform movement and founded the Prison Association of New York. With his daughter, Abigail Hopper Gibbons, he established the Women's Prison Association, which sought the improved treatment of women prisoners and assisted them with the transition between incarceration and working life.

Scope and content note

The collection consists of correspondence, family documents and photographs collected by Elsie Powell Ingraham dating from the 19th and 20th centuries. The personal correspondence, which makes up the largest portion of the collection, includes not only letters sent and received by Elsie Powell Ingraham, her husband Edward, and her sister Rachel Hopper Powell (who are best represented), but correspondence to and from Elsie's parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and various other members of the extended family and their many friends. These letters are chiefly quotidian in their content, documenting family events and day-to-day activities. Notable are letters home from abroad that capture family members' travels to Western Europe, Egypt, the Canadian wilderness, California and Mexico. Although Rachel Hopper Powell's letters to her sister provide little evidence of her extensive social welfare activities, a slim file of correspondence dedicated to the Women's Prison Association does provide some insights into the workings of this organization. Among Lucy Gibbons Morse's correspondence can be found a transcription of an interview Morse conducted with Sarah Hopper Powell (1840-1905), in which she recalls the violence of the 1863 draft riots and the burning of the Orphan Asylum for Colored Children.

The family documents in the collection include genealogies, legal documents, original poetry and other writings, and ephemera. Of note is a diary kept by Elsie's grandmother Rachel Hopper Brown (1798-1887), which offers an account of her spiritual struggles during an extended illness. Also of interest is a scrapbook pertaining to the purchase of the Shapely house and its relocation from Thompson, Connecticut to Gloucester, Massachusetts.

The photographs range in date from the 1850s to the 1960s and consist primarily of portraits of family members, though snapshots of friends and other unidentified individuals are represented.

Users should note that there are four individuals with the name Wilson Marcy Powell in the collection; they are differentiated by notes within the box list. Wilson Marcy Powell I (1834-1915) and his son Wilson Marcy Powell II (1872-1935) were both New York City lawyers, and were Elsie Powell Ingraham father and brother respectively. Wilson Marcy Powell, Jr. (1904-1974) was Elsie's nephew and a scientist. Wilson (Woody) M. Powell, Jr. (b. 1932), was Elsie's grandnephew and a peace activist.

Arrangement note

The The Elsie Powell Ingraham Family Papers are organized in the following series:

- Series I: Correspondence, 1810-1962
- Series II: Family Documents, 1857-1947, n.d.
- Series III: Photographs, circa 1850-1930, n.d.

Series descriptions and container list

Series I: Correspondence, 1810-1962

All correspondence is organized by sender unless otherwise noted. Notable are letters home from abroad that chronicle family members' travels to Western Europe, Egypt, the Canadian wilderness, California and Mexico. These letters were composed primarily by Elsie Powell Ingraham and Rachel Hopper Powell, with some written by Wilson Marcy Powell I (father to Elsie and Rachel). The correspondence also includes courtship letters from Edward Ingraham to his fiancée, Elsie, as well as letters from Sister Mary Veronica, Elsie's friend who was sent to a convent when they were both young women.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>		
1	1	Appasamy, E.S. to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1929-1943	
	2	Armstrong, Helen to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1932-1941	
	3	Aunt Anna to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1901-1904	
	4	Barrows, Mary and Lawrence to Rachel and Samuel Brown, 1866-1882	
	5	Blackburn, Louisa, 1901 Blackburn, Maria Powell	
	6	Powell, Sarah, 1860-1884 (sister-in-law)	
	7	Powell, Wilson M., 1861-1872 (brother)	
	8	Powell, Wilson M. and Sarah, 1864-1869 (brother and sister-in-law)	
	9	Bond, Elizabeth Powell to Anna, 1895	
	10	Brown, Annie S., 1870-1871	
	11	Brown, Jenny to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1888-1906	
	12	Brown, Jennie E. to Sarah, 1888 Brown, Rachel Hopper	
	13	Brown, Samuel B., 1834-1871 (husband)	
	14	Brown, Samuel H., 1854-1860 (son)	
	15-17	Hopper, Isaac Tatem and Sarah, 1829 (parents) Powell, Sarah Brown, (daughter)	
	18	1850-1859	
	2	1	1860-1869
		2	1870-1879
3		1880	
4		Powell, Sarah B. and Samuel H. Brown, undated (children)	
5		Condolence letters upon Samuel's death, 1839	
6-7		Received from various, 1822-1849 Brown, Samuel B.	
8		Brown, Rachel Hopper, 1851-1854 (wife)	
9		Powell, Sarah Brown, 1853-1864 (daughter)	
10		Received from various, 1859-1868 Brown, Samuel H.	
11		Brother and Sister, 1861	
12		Powell, Wilson M., 1901-1911 (uncle)	
13		Various, 1860-1888 Brown, Samuel L.	
14		Brown, Rachel Hopper, 1887 (grandmother)	
15		Powell, Sarah Brown, 1880-1889 (aunt) Brown, Sarah H.	
16		Brown, Rachel Hopper, 1850 (mother)	
17		Received from various, 1863-1872	
18		Brush, Anna F., to Rachel Hopper Brown	
19	Catherine to Rachel [Hopper Brown], 1829		
20	Child, Lydia Maria to Susan Powell, 1847		

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
2	21	Cornell, Abby to Sarah Powell, 1888
	22	Collard, Nanzie to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1952-1953
	23	Collins, Ruth E. to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1953
	24	Devens, Helen to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1954
	25	Dunning family to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1944-1955
	26	Emerson, Billy and Julia to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1939
	27	Emerson, Helena T. to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1952
		Emerson, Sarah H. (Sally)
		Ingraham, Elsie Powell, 1888-1910
	Powell, Rachel Hopper, 1900-1926	
3	1	Fiske, Nettie to Elsie Powell Ingraham, undated
	2	Fitz, Rachel Kent to Rachel Hopper Powell, undated
	3	Flarious, June to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1948-1949
	4	Fletcher, Alice to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1901-1905
	5	Garst, Sally to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1954-1959
	6	Gewertz, Charles to Edward Ingraham, 1934-1937
	7	Gibbons, Abby Hopper, 1888-1892
	8	Gibbons, James Sloan, 1864
		Gibbons, Julia
	9	Brown, Rachel Hopper, 1864-1887
	10	Powell, Sarah Brown, 1852-1889
	11	Gibbons, Rebecca, 1849
	12	Harden, Francis, 1949
	13	Hill, Margaret E., to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1918-1922
	14	Hodgeman, Betty and Charles to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1952-1962
	15	Hopkins, Edwin to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1852-1887
	16	Hopper, Anna to Rachel Hopper Brown, 1859-1863
		Hopper, Edward
	17	Brown, Rachel Hopper, 1853-1864 (sister)
	18	Brown, Samuel Hopper, 1868
	19	Hopper, Anna, 1858-1862
	20	Received from various, 1838-1856
		Hopper, Isaac
	21	Brown, Rachel Hopper, 1824-1829
	22	Brown, Samuel Hopper, 1846 (grandson)
	23	Hopper, Susan, 1844-1846
	24	Palmer, Sarah H., 1832
	25	Received from various, 1826-1843
		Hopper, Josiah
	26	Brown, Samuel H. and Sarah, 1851
	27	Received from various, 1826-1830
	28	Hopper, Rachel to Sarah Hopper, 1810
	29	Hopper, Susannah to Rachel Hopper Brown, 1845-1847
		Huntington, Francis (Frank)
30	Ingraham, Elsie Powell, 1955-1956	
31	Powell, Rachel Hopper, 1952	
32	Huntington, Prescott to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1936-1953	
33	Huntington, Sarah to Elsie Powell Ingraham, undated	
34	Ingraham, Mrs. Andrew to Edward (Ned) Ingraham, 1909	
	Ingraham, Edward (Ned)	
4	1	Ingraham, Mrs. Andrew, 1919-1920 (mother about European trip)
	2	Ingraham, Elsie Powell 1909

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>		
4	3	1910	
	4-5	1911	
	6	1912-1913	
	7	1929	
	8	Powell, Rachel Hopper, undated	
	9	Received from various, 1911-1948	
		Ingraham, Edward (Ned) and Elsie Powell	
	10	Mrs. Andrew Ingraham, 1909-1929	
	11-12	Received from various, 1938-1948	
		Ingraham, Elsie Powell	
	5	1	Fales, Ellen Ingraham, 1938-1939
			Family
2		Camping trip with Edward (Ned), 1911	
3		European/Egyptian tour, 1901-1902	
4		undated	
		Ingraham, Edward (Ned) (husband)	
5		1909	
6		1910	
7		1911	
8		1912	
9		1913	
10	1930		
	Powell, Rachel Hopper (sister)		
11	1888-1943		
6	1	1919-1920 (European trip)	
	2	1926 (European trip)	
	3	1947 (trip to California and New Mexico)	
	4	1949-1952	
	5	Powell, Wilson M., 1902	
7	1	Powell, Wilson M., 1920 (nephew)	
	2	Drafts, undated	
		Received from	
	3	Aunts, 1943-1957	
	4	Christmas cards, undated	
	5-8	Condolences upon Edward's (Ned's) death, 1949	
	8	1-2	Condolences upon Rachel (Chellie's death), 1953
		3	Cousins, 1949
4		A-E, 1919-1953	
5		F-K, 1930-1961	
9		1	L-R, 1926-1959
	2	S-W, 1926-1959	
	3	Ingraham, Marion to Edward Ingraham, 1945	
	4	Ivanovski, Catharine, 1932-1933	
	5	Jones Family to Edward and Elsie Ingraham, 1944-1948	
	6	Joyce, Mary to Elsie Ingraham, 1953	
	7	Julia to Elsie Ingraham, 1919	
	8	Lay, Oliver J, 1926-1959	
	9	Lehmann Family to Elsie Ingraham, 1952	
	10	Louies, Robert to Rachel Hopper, 1852	
	11	Louis, Russel to Elsie Ingraham, 1902	
	12	Mary, 1852-1876	
	Morse, Lucy Gibbons		

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>		
9	13	Brown, Rachel Hopper, undated	
	14	Gibbons, Abigail , 1861	
	15	Ingraham, Elsie Powell, 1950-1961 Includes the transcription of an interview Morse conducted with Sarah Hopper Powell regarding her recollections of the 1863 draft riots.	
	16	Powell, Rachel Hopper, 1905	
	17	Powell, Sarah B, 1902	
	18	Morse, Rose to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1895	
	19	Morse, William to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1944	
	20	Newberry, Amy to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1929-1933	
	10	1	Palmer, Henry to Rachel Hopper Brown, 1850-1885
		2	Palmer, Sarah Hopper, 1832-1885
3		Patten, Grace W to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1936	
4		Powell, Albert, 1890-1894 Powell, Elsie Knapp	
5		Ingraham, Elsie Powell, undated	
6		Family, 1910-1916	
7		Powell, Rachel Hopper, 1926-1935	
8		Powell, Elsie Knapp Jr., 1932 Powell, Fredricka	
9		Ingraham, Elsie Powell, 1947-1959	
10		Powell, Rachel Hopper, 1930-1942	
11		Powell, Henry J	
	1	Powell, Rachel Hopper, 1874	
	2	Powell, Sarah, 1867-1884	
	3	Powell, Wilson, 1862-1883 Powell, J.R.	
	4	Ingraham, Elsie Powell, 1883	
	5	Powell, Samuel B, 1866	
	6	Powell, Wilson M., 1861-1867	
	7	Powell, Judith, 1859-1869	
	8	Powell, Louisa, 1872-1869 Powell, Rachel Hopper Ingraham, Elsie Powell	
	9	General, 1872-1931	
	10	General, 1948-1950	
	11	California Tour, 1922	
	12	European Tour 1908	
	13	Mexico Tour, 1931	
	14	Powell, Sarah Hopper, 1893-1902	
	15	Powell, Wilson M, 1901-1908 General	
	16	1928-1936 Letters Received	
17	Charity requests, 1926-1930		
12	1-2	Christmas Cards, undated	
	3	Condolence Letters, 1905 (Re: Mother's death)	
	4	Family, 1933-1936	
	5	General A-E, 1899-1936	
	6	General F-K, 1900-1936	
	7	General L-R, 1875-1933	
	8	General S-Z, 1900-1936	
	9	Unidentified, 1887-1918	
	10	Powell, Samuel B, 1862	

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		Powell, Sarah Brown
12	11	Brown, Rachel Hopper, 1850-1901
	12	Brown, Samuel H., 1855
	13	Children, 1886-1897 Letters addressed to all her children, including Wilson, Henry, Elsie and Chellie.
13	1	Ingraham, Elsie Powell, 1891-1902
	2	Mary, 1862
	3	Powell, Wilson M., 1860-1869 Letters Received
	4	Condolence Letters, 1886 (Re: Death of son, Melville)
	5	Commissioner of Common Schools, 1888-1891
	6	Friends, 1863-1867
		Powell, Wilson M. Wilson Marcy Powell, (b. 1834, d. 1915) Elsie Powell Ingraham's father, was a Quaker and a prominent lawyer in New York City.
	7	Children, 1880-1888
	8	Ingraham, Elsie Powell, 1899-1910
	9	Powell, Rachel Hopper, 1895-1907 Powell, Sarah Brown
	10	1862-1865
	11	1866-1867
14	1	1873-1880
	2	1885-1904
	3	European Trip, 1885-1886
	4	Letters Received, Condolences on Sarah Brown Powell's Death, 1905
	5	Powell, Wilson M. II, 1880-1933 Wilson Marcy Powell., (b. 1872, d. 1935) Elsie Powell Ingraham's brother. Lawyer.
		Powell, Wilson M III
	6	Ingraham, Elsie Powell, 1953-1962
	7	Powell, Rachel Hopper, 1925-1942
	8	Vacation to California, 1941
	9	Prowse, George, 1870-1884
	10	Prowse, Shallie, 1868-1869
	11	Putnam, Ethel to Elsie Powell Ingraham, undated
	12	Ranck, Betty to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1934-1947
	13	Ranck, Samuel and Judith
	14	Reynolds, Mary, 1869-1883
	15	Rhodes, Elsie to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1946-1947
	16	Richards, Anna, 1899
	17	Richert, George to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1908
	18	Shiner, Grace, 1930-1934
	19	Sister Mary Veronica to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1902-1950 (Letters from friend sent to a convent.)
15	1	Society of the New York Hospital, 1921
	2	Stubbs, J.B. to Rachel Hopper, 1827-1831
	3	Tatum to Rachel Hopper Brown, 1806-1807
	4	Thaffie to Sarah, 1868
	5	Totten, Emma, 1933
	6	Townsend, Edward, 1830-1832
	7	Vigelius, Karl to Elsie Powell Ingraham, 1950
	8-9	Unidentified correspondence
	10	Wiles, Julia to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1933-1951
	11	Wilson, Eleanor to Rachel Hopper Powell, 1916-1930
	12	Women's Prison Association, 1919-1934

13 General, 1926-1951

Series II: Family Documents, 1857-1947, n.d.

This series consists of genealogies, scrapbooks, calling cards, wedding invitations, clippings, obituaries, financial records, and wills for various family members. Within the ephemera here are also recipes, writings, and a bicentennial bookmark made of silk.

Of note is a diary kept by Rachel Hopper Brown (1798-1887) capturing her spiritual struggles during an extended illness. Annual reports and general information on the Vidyodaya School for Girls document the Ingraham's role as benefactors to the school.

The Ingrahams purchased many historic homes, and information about these properties is contained within these series. Along with a scrapbook pertaining to the purchase and relocation of Shapely House from Thompson, Connecticut to Gloucester, Massachusetts is a narrative and pictorial history of the house and its 97-mile journey.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>		
15	14	Artwork	
	15	Brown, Nathaniel (Indenture)	
	16	Brown, Rachel Hopper (Spiritual diary)	
	17	Brown, Samuel H., 1857-1872	
	18	Brown, Samuel L., Estate, 1883-1950	
	19-21	Clippings	
		Genealogy	
	16	1	Brown
		2	General
		3	Hopper
		4	Handicrafts (Crochet pattern with sample, needlepoint sampler)
		5	Hopper, Maria, 1894 (Will)
			Ingraham, Edward and Elsie
		6	American Red Cross Certificates, 1917-1919
		7-8	Education
		Ephemera	
9		General	
10		Calling Cards	
11		Postcards	
12		Recipes	
13-14		Financial	
16		Ingraham Family Genealogy	
17		Military (Ingraham, Edward)	
18		Notes and Writings	
		Includes Elsie's account of Germany's entrance into the League of Nations in 1926	
17		Properties	
	1	153 E 67th St (Materials relating to a burglary)	
	2	Brattle House	
	3	Glover House	
	4	Pitt Hall Farm	
	5-9	Shapely House	
	10	Religious Organizations	
	11-12	Vidyodaya School for Girls	
	13	Wedding, 1912	
	14	Wedding Invitations (from others)	
	15	Will - Edward Ingraham, 1947	

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
17	16	Will - Elsie Ingraham, 1959
18	1	Powell, Anna L., 1956 (Will)
	2	Powell, Melville, 1886 (Death)
		Powell, Rachel Hopper
	3	Birth and Death Records, Memorial
	4	Estate
	5	Who's Who
	6	<i>The Women's Prison Association Work with Women Prisoners</i> , 1929
	7	Powell, Sarah H, 1905-1908 (Funeral arrangements)
	8-12	Powell, Wilson M., 1898-1938 (Estate, memorials)
	13	Powell, Wilson M (III), 1941 (Guggenheim Fellowship)
	14-15	Writings

Series III: Photographs, circa 1850-1930, n.d.

This series contains photographs of the family and their close friends. Ranging from formal portraits to snapshots, the bulk of these photographs are of the immediate family of Elsie Powell Ingraham. There is also a scrapbook documenting one of Elsie Powell Ingraham's trips to Europe, as well as many photographs taken of historical houses that the Ingrahams were interested in preserving or renovating.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
21	1	Brown family, undated
19	1	Camping Trip, 1901
	2	Christmas Cards w/ photos, 1914-1960
	3	European and Egyptian Tour, 1901
		Family
	4	Snapshots, undated
	5	Studio portraits, circa 1850-1900
21	2	Gibbons family, undated
19	6	Harvard Classmates of Wilson Marcy Powell, 1900-1901
	7	Ingraham, Edward, 1901-1930
21	3	Ingraham, Edward, undated
19	8	Ingraham, Elsie Powell, 1890-1930
21	4	Ingraham, Elsie Powell, wedding portraits, 1911
	5	Ingraham, Elsie Powell with Rachel Hopper Powell, undated
20	1	Missionary work, circa 1910-1930
		These images are unidentified but were presumably sent to the Ingrahams.
	2	Powell, Fredricka, 1930
	3	Powell, Rachel Hopper, undated
21	6	Powell, Wilson, undated
20	4-5	Restoration Work on Houses, undated
	6	School friends, undated
		Elsie Powell Ingraham and Rachel Hopper Powell's school friends
21	7	Scrapbook of European Tour, undated