

**Eliza Adams**



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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
<b>Creator</b>	Adams, Hannah Eliza, 1832-1911
<b>Title</b>	Eliza Adams
<b>Date</b>	1870-1882
<b>Extent</b>	0.25 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The collection contains fourteen letters between good friends Eliza Adams (1832-1911) and Mary Mcnitt Barnes (1826-1892). Subjects of the letters consist of topics of marriage, health, occupation, travel, and daily activities of family and friends from 1870-1882.

### Preferred Citation note

Cite as: Eliza Adams Collection, Mss.02305 (accession 76.286) History Colorado.

## Biographical Note

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Eliza Adams (Jan. 12, 1832-Apr. 8, 1911) from Truxton, Cortland, New York is the wife of John Asahel Adams (1819-1911) of Black Earth, Dane County, Wisconsin leaving seven children after her death. She is the mother of Senator Alva Adams (1875-1941) of Colorado from Pueblo County and mother of Governor William H. Adams (1861-1954) of Colorado from Alamosa County. During her life Eliza resides in several Colorado residences, New York, and Wisconsin. She also travels extensively throughout the United States. The Adams family moves to Colorado in 1871 when their son George begins to have lung issues, later diagnosed as tuberculosis. The letters in this collection primarily are written from her home in Black Earth, Wisconsin to Mary McNitt Barnes (1826-1892) of Ohio Erie while she holds residence in Whitten, Iowa. Married to Grant Barnes the couple leaves behind six children.

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## Scope and Contents note

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This collection consists of fourteen letters between Eliza Adams and Mary McNitt Barnes. Subjects addressed in the letters include daily activities of family and friends through marriages, birth announcements, death, occupations, and travel.

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researches without restrictions.

### Provenance

Donated by Joy Barnes Cross, October 26, 1976. Joy Barnes was the granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth McNitt.

### Processing Information note

Processed by Haley Suby, June 2013

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

See also: Alva Adams Collection Mss.00002; Alva Adams Collection Mss.01863.

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## Indexing Terms

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### **Subjects - Family Names**

- Blanchard

### **Genres and Forms of Materials**

- Correspondence.

### **Subjects - Places**

- Alamosa County (Colo.)
- Black Earth (Wis.)
- Durango (Colo.)
- Eldora (Iowa)
- Illinois
- Iowa.
- Madison (Wis.)
- Minnesota.
- New York.
- Pueblo (Colo.)
- Rosita (Colo.)

### **Occupation(s)**

- Merchants

### **Subjects - People**

- Adams, Alva, 1850-1922
- Adams, Elizabeth, (Libbi)
- Adams, Frank, d. 1927
- Adams, George, d. 1872
- Adams, John, 1819-1908
- Adams, John
- Adams, William, (Billy), 1861-1954
- Alason, Mary
- Guell, Katie
- Johnson, Abbie, Mrs.
- McNitt, Mary, 1826-1892
- Miller, Wash, Mrs.
- Phelps, Josephine
- Ward, James
- Ward, John
- Whitmans, Joel
- Woodbey, Sarah, Mrs.

### **Subjects - Topics**

- Teachers.
- Tuberculosis.

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**Accession number**

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76.286

## Collection Inventory

FF 1 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes September 7, 1870 1.0 Item(s)

FF 2 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes October 2, 1870 1.0 Item(s)

FF3 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes March 5, 1871 1.0 Item(s)

FF4 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes January 11, 1872 1.0 Item(s)

FF5 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes May 12, 1872 1.0 Item(s)

FF6 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes November 9, 1873 1.0 Item(s)

FF7 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes January 10, 1875 1.0 Item(s)

FF8 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes August 15, 1875 1.0 Item(s)

FF9 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes April 7, 1878 1.0 Item(s)

FF10 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes September 8, 1878 1.0 Item(s)

FF11 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes December 29, 1878 1.0 Item(s)

FF12 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes June 6, 1880 1.0 Item(s)

FF13 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes October 2, 1881 1.0 Item(s)

FF14 Eliza Adams to Mary McNitt Barnes July 22, 1882 1.0 Item(s)