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Content

The collection includes approximately 150,000 pages of letters and diaries from Colonial times to 1950, including 7,000 pages of previously unpublished manuscripts—all online for the first time. The material is drawn from more than 1,000 sources, including journal articles, pamphlets, newsletters, monographs, and conference proceedings, and much of it is in copyright. Represented are all age groups and life stages, a wide range of ethnicities, many geographical regions, the famous, and the not-so-famous. More than 1,500 biographies enhance the use of the database.

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- The life of Harriet Beecher Stowe
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- Letters of Ellen Louisa Tucker to Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Letters of Margaret Fuller
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- Letters between Benjamin Franklin and Catharine Ray Greene
- The diaries of a Beverly, Massachusetts, shoebinder, Sarah E. Trask, circa 1849

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- All letters written by African Americans who were educators
- All letters sent by Abigail Adams that mention Boston
- All diary entries by suffragettes that have women's rights issues as subjects
- Diaries and letters, written by women younger than 20, which mention marriage

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