Guide to the Eugene Field Correspondence
1884-1895

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Biographical Note

Eugene Field, American author, was born in St. Louis, Missouri on September 2, 1850. After the death of their mother in 1856, Eugene and his younger brother Roswell were placed under the care of a cousin, Mary Field French, of Amherst, Massachusetts. Field spent the remainder of his boyhood in the eastern United States, attending for a time a private school at Monson, Massachusetts. In the autumn of 1868 he began his advanced studies at Williams College. After the death of his father the following summer, Field moved back to the Midwest and entered Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. Upon completion of a less than profitable year at Knox, he changed schools once again, joining his brother at the University of Missouri. Failing in his final attempt to receive a degree, he went abroad in the autumn of 1872, spending the greater portion of a substantial inheritance from his father. Upon his return to the States a year later, he married Julia Sutherland Comstock of St. Joseph, Missouri. Turning to newspaper work, Field held successive positions of the St. Joseph's Gazette, the St. Louis Journal, the Kansas City Times, and the Denver Tribune. In 1883 he joined the editorial staff of the Chicago Morning News (later renamed the Chicago Record), where he quickly became known for his editorial column "Sharps and Flats." Field remained with the News until his death on November 4, 1895.

While working for the News, Field gained considerable recognition as a poet and author. He is most popularly known, perhaps, for his poems of childhood and Christmas-time, including "Little Boy Blue," "A Dutch Lullaby," and "Wynken, Blyken, and Nod." Although most of Field's important writings appeared first in the newspapers he worked for, he did manage to publish several books of poetry and prose during his lifetime. His first booklet, The Tribune Primer, appeared in 1882 followed by Culture's Garland (1887); A Little Book of Western Verse (1889); A Little Book of Profitable Tales (1890); With Trumpet and Drum (1892); A Second Book of Verse (1892); Echoes from the Sabine Farm (1892); The Holy Cross and Other Tales (1893); and Love Songs of Childhood (1894).

Scope Note

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• Field, Eugene, 1850-1895
• Monroe, Harriet
• Swift, Harold

INVENTORY

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Folder 1
Correspondence, 1884-1891
View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/field-0001-001
• Bagley, Fanny M., March 5, 1884 A.L.S. 1p.
• Maynard, J. B. to the Honorable Isaac P. Gray, June, 1888 T.L. 1p.
• Halstead, W. to the Editor, October 13, 1888 T.L.S. 1p.
• Halstead, W. to the Editor, October 14, 1888 A.L.S. 2p.
• Ruhle, C. and Madame, December 21, 1890 A.L.S. 1p.
• Harold, February 1, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.
• Illegible, February 15, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.
• Macnamara, Sylvester, June 6, 1891 A.L.S. 2p.
• Charles, Emily T., June 22, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.
• Smyth, John S., July 7, 1891 T.L.S. 1p.
• Sell, Henry to Mssrs. Osgood, McIlvaine, and Company, August 1, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.
• Osgood, McIlvaine, and Company, August 5, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.
• Siegfried, Lillie Mahon, August 8, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.
• St. John, J. A., November 18, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.
• Sullivan, Margaret, November 24, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.
• Ruggles, O. W., December 11, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.
• Haight, Annie Youman, December 17, 1891 A.L.S. 1p.

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• Larned, Walter, January 8, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Black, L. I., January 20, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Gullivir, Julia H., January 24, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Scott, James W., February 1, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Torrence, David to Mr. Lynch, February 6, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Woodlook, Thomas A. (?), February 10, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Maynard, J. B., March 6, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Orr, Charles, March 8, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Siegfried, Lillie Mahon, March 11, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Lynch, Leigh, March 12, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Hepato, Madden (?), March 14, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Williams, George (?), March 14, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Woodbury, Eva N., March 14, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Yawkey, Ino C., March 14, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Lincoln, L. J. B., March 18, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Lynch, Leigh, March 27, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Harding, Edward J., April 4, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• O'Byrne, M. C., April 7, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Brown, S. S., April 9, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Swift, Mrs. Frances E., April 13, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Tom, April 14, 1892 A.L.S. 2p.
• Lynch, Leigh, April 15, 1892 A.L.S. 3p.
• Walker, W. S., April 15, 1892 A.L.S. 3p.
• Coyle, Henry, April 16, 1892 A.C.S. 1p.
• Hardwick, Mattie, April 16, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Black, L. I., April 18, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Hambleton, Mary D., April 18, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Hifer, Joseph W., April 18, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Mitchell, Frances, April 18, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Selby, A. R., April 19, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Spalding, Vincent, April 19, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Wierum, John, April 19, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Magee, Guy, April 20, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Keyes, Rollin A., April 20, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Handy, Rozelli Purnell, April 21, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Pick, E., April 21, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Thompson, Julia W., April 21, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Tom, April 21, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Goodale, George P., April 24, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Rice, Anna C., April 26, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Kennard, Minnie Mintern, April 26, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Lawson, Jessie B., April 26, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Harding, Edward J. to Daisy, April 27, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Marston, A. P., April 27, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Talcott, W. A., April 28, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Johnstone, Churchill, April 29, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Faye, Charles M., April 30, 1892 A.L.S. 2p.
• Mitchell, Frances, April 30, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.

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- Rublee, Horace, May 1, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Adams, Cyrus H., May 2, 1892 A.L. 1p.
- Baker, Mrs. E. G., May 2, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Mussey, Fred D., May 2, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
- Smith, Jessie Talmage, May 7, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Clark, Emma K., May 8, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Gilder, Jeannette, May 12, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Harrison, Jeannette W., May 12, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Hequinsory (?), Elizabeth F., May 14, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Kayzer, Samuel, May 17, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Willard, Frances E., May 17, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Reizevesein (?), Marsha W., May 18, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Envelope, dated May 22, 1982
- Zeisburg, F. J. to the Editor, May 23, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Illegible, June 5, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Scott, James W., June 7, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Schulte, F. J., June 10, 1892 T.L. 1p.
- Weed, L. E., June 10, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Dennis, C. H., June 12, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Dennis, June 14, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- New, Harry S., June 14, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
- Patterson, S. S., June 16, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Seymour, William, June 16, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Squire, Mary E., June 18, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Hatten, Frank (?), June 20, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
- Pettibone, R. H., June 21, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Firiest, Joseph H. (?), June 23, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Kimball, Mather Dean, June 25, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Perley, F. L. (?), June 26, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Butler, E. H., June 27, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Faye, Charles M., June 27, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• St. Denton, Mark, June 28, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Bedloe, Edward, July 1, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Biff, Maggie, July 2, 1892 A.L.S. 3p.
• C. E. H., July 2, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• King, Willard V., July 6, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Bauer, R. S., July 9, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Gilbert, S. A., July 12, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Gregory, C. Annsbee, July 12, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Libbie, C. F., July 15, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Illegible, July 20, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Spangler, M., July 20, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Patterson, Norman (?) L., July 21, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Siegfried, Lillie Mahon, July 21, 1892 A.L.S. 4p.
• Mars, Minnie F., July 28, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Swisher, M. D., July 28, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Schulte, F. J., July 29, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Seymour, William, July 29, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Peck, Mary Field, July 30, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Mitchell, W. E., August 1, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Horton, George, August 4, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Unsigned, August 4, 1892 A.L. 1p.
• Richards, P. M., August 5, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Richardson, C. O., August 5, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Comstock, E. V., August 11, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Morris, Felice Talcott, August 14, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Arkins, John, August 16, 1892 T.L. 2p.
• Harding, Edward J., August 19, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Baker, E. G., August 23, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Harper, Hazel G., August 23, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Scott, James W., August 26, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Bedloe, Edward, August 30, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Condon, William H., August 30, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.

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• Condon, William H., September 1, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Hasbrook, Charles E., September 1, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Stevenson, Alex F., September 1, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Condon, William H., September 2, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Harding, Edward J., September 7, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Harding, Lillian to Mrs. Field, September 12, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Illegible, September 14, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Hanks, W. J., September 15, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Dandy, Ino M., September 17, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Parker, R. M., September 17, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Talcott, W. A., September 20, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Fleischner, Otto, September 21, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Condon, William H., September 22, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Corrde, M. A., September 23, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Peck, Mary Field, September 26, 1892 A.L.S. 2p.
• Orton, Susanne, September 27, 1892 A.L.S. 2p.
• Ellsworth, James W., September 30, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Fleischner, Otto, September 30, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Head, F. H., September 30, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Ellsworth, James W., October 6, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Dunham, William Barclay, October 7, 1892 A.L.S. 2p.
• Goring (?), Ino Russell, October 7, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Lynch, Leigh, October 7, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Mylene, Alice R., October 11, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Dickinson, Asa W., October 13, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Ellsworth, James W., October 15, 1892 T.L.S. 1p.
• Mylene, Alice R., October 15, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.
• Illegible, October 15, 1892 A.L.S. 1p.

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• Altemus, Henry, July 13, 1894 T.L.S. 1p.
• Kirkland, Caroline, September 13, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Comstock, George C., September 25, 1894 T.L.S. 2p.
• Stafford, Sara, September 26, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Altemus, Henry, September 27, 1894 T.L.S. 1p.
• King, Henry, September 28, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Lynch, Leigh, October 1, 1894 A.L.S. 2p.
• Illegible, October 2, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Stone, Martha J., October 2, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Aunt Libby, October 5, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Baker, Julie W., October 10, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Wren, J. H., October 12, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Blauceen, E. G. (?), October 15, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Stanton, Adele Townsend, October 16, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Grinnell, Julius S. (?), October 17, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Kinsella, James E., October 17, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Bates, Josephine W., October 19, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Lush, Charles K., October 20, 1894 A.L.S. 9p.
• May David W., October 23, 1894 A.L.S. 2p.
• Knox, W. M., November 1, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Townsend, Edward W., November 9, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Worth, Ernest D., November 23, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Peterson, Sallie G., November 25, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• F. W. H., November 30, 1894 A.D.S. 1p.
• Lamme, E. H., December 3, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• May, David W., December 5, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Baker, Mary C., December 7, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Plumber, George E., December 7, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Lenowine, Nellie (?), December 13, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Lynch, Leigh, December 17, 1894 A.L.S. 4p.
• Stone, Martha J., December 18, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Carter, Ino H., December 20, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Stone, Elizabeth Stuart Creighton, December 20, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Wood, J. S., December 26, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.
• Carper, Mimette Slayback, December 29, 1894 A.L.S. 3p.
• Wellman, Walter, December 9, 1894 A.L.S. 1p.

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Folder 6
Correspondence, January-February, 1895
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• W. M. K., January 10, 1895 A.L.S. 2p.
• Stromme, Peer O., January 25, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Sweet, Ada, January 25, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Litup, Mrs. Jacob N., January 26, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Mason, Mrs. Alice O., January 30, 1895 A.L.S. 3p.
• Jennings, M. L., February 1, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Blauceau, E. G., February 2, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Rice, F. Willis, February 2, 1895 T.L.S. 1p.
• Illegible, February 5, 1895 T.L.S. 1p.
• Williams, ---- L., February 9, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Horan, W. A., February 11, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Brysin, N. J., February 14, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Burt, Mrs. H. E., February 14, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Cowan, W. J. and Company, February 15, 1895 A.D.S. 1p.
• Seymour, L. N., February 15, 1895 A.D.S. 1p.
• Georgia, February 19, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Williams, Charles, February 20, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.

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• Beaunismy (?), undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Burnett, Frances Hodgson, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Cable, Laurie S., October 18, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Cath, Grace to Mrs Bukes (?), undated, A.D.S. 1p.
• Chapman, Julia, September 17, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Chapin, Elizabeth, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Cozzens, Mary P., undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• DeMaviler (?), Mary F., March 6, 1895 A.L.S. 2p.
• E. R. J., undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Ett, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Ferrallon, Mary (?), December 8, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Goodnik, Sarah C. (?), undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Harwood, Dorothy, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Hasbrook, Charles E., April 28, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Head, F. H., April 21, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Head, F. H., August 3, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Hennessy, Sadie C., undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Hilliard, Mrs. A. B. (part of a letter), undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Hiltman, Norma (?), undated A.L.S. 1p.
• Hiltman, Norma (?), undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Hopecraft, George (?), undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Kaufmann, Kate, undated, A.L.S. 2p.
• K. N., undated, A. note S. 1p.
• Lathrop, Helen A., March 7, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Lynch, Leigh, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• McCarter, undated, A.L. 1p.
• MacDonald, Marie Stone, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Macomber, Stanley, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• May, W. Irving, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• May, W. Irving, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• May, W. Irving, undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Morris, E. S., undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Neale, Alice E., undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Nobles, Katharine, January 16, 1895 A.L.S. 2p.
• Richardson, Leander, July 19, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Rodman, Grace H., undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Stevenson, Jeannie, May 2, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Tom, May 12, 1895 A.C.S.
• Smith, Bryan L., undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Teresa, Anna, undated, A.L.S. 4p.
• VanZandt, Laura Stiles (?), undated, A.L.S. 4p.
• Wallace, Elizabeth, January 22, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Waterloo, Stanley, May 16, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Waterloo, Stanley, October 23, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
• Weed, L. E., undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Whitney, W. C., undated, A.L.S. 1p.
• Willing, Frances S., January 10, 1895 A.L.S. 1p.
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