

Emma Augusta Lehman Collection

Archival Repository: Salem Academy and College Archives

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Finding Aid Created by: Caroline Holland, Lauren Barnhill and Terry Collins **Date:** May 2017 and November 2018. Finalized: January 2019.

Date Range for the Collection: 1882-1922.

Bulk Date: 1900-1915.

Summary Information

Creator: Emma Augusta Lehman

Extent: 7 linear feet.

Abstract: The records of Emma Augusta Lehman includes her personal herbarium, correspondences, notebooks, travel journals, scrapbooks, publications, writings, etc.

Call No. / Location: Salem Academy and College Archives, Gramley Library, Basement, Archives Office.

Language: The material is in English and Latin (scientific nomenclature).

Access and Use

Acquisition Information: These records are original to the library (built in 1937) holdings. Acquisition date is unknown. The collection is an aggregate of records. Future additions to the records are expected.

Access Restrictions: The record group is open to research.

Copyright: Copyright remains with Salem Academy and College Archives.

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Background Information

Lehman, Emma Augusta (28 Aug. 1841–6 Nov. 1922)

Emma Augusta Lehman, teacher, poet and naturalist, was born at Bethania, North Carolina. Her Moravian parents enrolled her in Salem Female Academy at age thirteen; she graduated in three years. At sixteen, she taught school in Bethania, and later taught at a school near Pilot Mountain. In 1864, she became a member of the faculty at Salem Female Academy, where she remained for fifty-two years. English literature was her profession, but she also taught piano, art, astronomy, and botany. In 1903, she discovered a new species of plant of the *Monotropis* genus. In 1906,

Monotropsis lehmanii, was named in her honor. Emma Lehman died in Salem, in the Sisters House in 1922. She is interred in Bethania, at Bethania Moravian Church.

Scope, Content, and Arrangement

The records of Emma Augusta Lehman include her personal herbarium, correspondence, scrapbooks, and history and literature notes related to her teaching. The strengths of her collection is the herbarium and her writings on the history of Salem College and Salem community. Other items of interest include a series of plant drawings by her, notes about numerous historical figures, a list of words she credits World War I for inspiring, samples of the plant Monotropsis lehmanii, travel journals to Europe and handwritten drafts of her published poems. There is one photograph. Arrangement is by series, respecting Emma Augusta Lehman's original filing system. **It is suggested to researchers to begin with Box I, for printed finding aid and for introduction to the collection. Pay particular attention to the arrangement of Box G.**

Box Listing

1. Box A – Notebooks, Various – Studies at Chautauqua, New York, 1901 – 1914.
2. Box B – Notebooks - Journals of European Trip, Sep-Dec 1889.
3. Box C – Notebooks - Nature Study Journals – Plants and fungi, rocks and minerals, sea shells, 1888-1905.
4. Box D – Notebooks - Reading Diaries, 1884 – 1916.
5. Box E – Notebooks - Literature Notes, 1905-1907.
6. Box F – Writings, 1869 – 1922.
7. Box G – Correspondences and Writings (continued) 1895-1922.
8. Box H – Herbarium, 1882 - 1915.
9. Box I – **Finding Aid**, Biography, Obituary, Remembrances, Photographs, Printed Material, and General Information, 1890 – 2005.
10. Box J – Scrapbooks, 1884 – 1920.