

FINDING AID FOR:
The Abby Deering Howe Photograph Collection

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Collection Description

Collection #: P005

Collection Title: The Abby Deering Howe Photograph Collection

Creator: Unknown

Location:

Inclusive Dates: circa 1870 to 1906

Bulk Dates:

Extent: one photo album

Restrictions:

Assoc Coll Matl:

Hist/Bio Note: Abby Marion Deering Howe was born in Portland, Maine on October 3, 1867 to William Deering (1826-1913) and his second wife, Clara Barbour Cummings Hamilton (1835-1918). She had two siblings, brother James Deering (1859-1925) and half-brother Charles Deering (1852-1927).

She married Richard Flint Howe (1863-1943) on February 3, 1898 in St. Augustine, Florida. Their son, William Deering Howe, was born May 16, 1900.

Very little is known of her personal life; she died in Chicago, Illinois on November 17, 1906, aged 39 years. Originally interred at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago, she is now buried at Locust Valley Cemetery, New York.

Scope: This collection includes 46 digital scans of photographs of Abby Marion Deering Howe and her family. It also includes one legacy bound photograph album that includes originals of scanned imaged (verify that everything matches! -ed.). __This collection portrays Howe from her childhood through adulthood. Photos include Howe in her wedding dress, with children, a group portrait that includes an Asian man wearing a conical hat, and several images of James Deering and Howe as children and adults. The collection includes a photo of James Deering and Howe looking through an Egyptian-themed cutout board (board with openings for faces) taken at Strommeyer & Heymann studio in Cairo, Egypt, circa 1885.

Strommeyer and Heymann were active society photographers in Cairo, sometimes using the name Heymann and Company. Photographer in question is likely Ignaz Heyman, who photographed Archduke Franz Ferdinand in a similar style to ADH026 in 1896.

The photograph album in the Vizcaya collection is 12 3/8" wide, 14 3/8" long, and 1 3/4" high. There is significant shelf wear, and an 8 3/4"-long piece of the spine has separated completely. The remaining spine binding is cracked and curiling away from the block. Pages are snug, but about half are cockled, indicating possible past water or moisture intrusion.

Notes: Some photos are stamped "Steffens" who is probably Mathew J. Steffens (1854-1928), a society photographer in Chicago, known as "the Commodore". His works entered the public domain in 1998.

Topic: Families--portraits --Portrait photography--lcsh

Geographic: Illinios--Chicago--lcsh --Egypt--Cairo --Maine--Portland --New York--New York City--lcsh

Personal: Howe, Abby Marion Deering--1867-1909 --Deering, James--1859-1925--lcsh --Howe, Richard Flint--1863-1943 --Howe, William Deering--1900-1948 --Steffens, Mathew J.--1854-1928 --Strommeyer & Heymann

Corporate:

Arrangement: Original order of scanned images is unclear.

Container List

Item Nbr: ADH_001_Enhanced
Title: Abby Deering Howe, young child
Dates: circa 1870
Creator:
Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe as a young child

Item Nbr: ADH_002_Enhanced
Title: Abby Deering Howe, child
Dates: circa 1880
Creator:
Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe as a child

Item Nbr: ADH_003_Enhanced
Title: Abby Deering Howe, child
Dates: circa 1880
Creator:
Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe as a child

Item Nbr: ADH_004_Enhanced
Title: Abby Deering Howe, child
Dates: circa 1880
Creator:
Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe as a child. Her hair is braided, she is wearing a double-breasted coat, her hat is in her hand, and she is leaning against a bench with vines.

Item Nbr: ADH_005_Enhanced
Title: Abby Deering Howe, child
Dates: circa 1880
Creator:
Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe as a child

Item Nbr: ADH_006_Enhanced
Title: Abby Deering Howe, child
Dates: circa 1885
Creator:
Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe as a child

Item Nbr: ADH_007_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe, profile image. Her hair is in a bun, she is wearing an off-center-buttoned bodice with a high necked white collar.

Item Nbr: ADH_008_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe wearing a dress with embellished shoulder detailing

Item Nbr: ADH_009_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Another view from the same sitting as ADH_008_Enhanced. Abby Deering Howe wearing a dress with embellished shoulder detailing

Item Nbr: ADH_010_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Profile image with a partially-muted background

Item Nbr: ADH_011_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator: Steffens, Mathew J.--1854-1928

Phys Desc: Profile image, dress with an embellished neckline. "Steffens" on lower right recto

Item Nbr: ADH_012_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator: Steffens, Mathew J.--1854-1928

Phys Desc: Profile image, same dress as ADH_011_Enhanced. "Steffens" on lower right recto

Item Nbr: ADH_013_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Full-length profile. Gown with full shoulders, half sleeves, bustle, and train. Gloves to elbow, bun at nape of neck

Item Nbr: ADH_014_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator: Steffens, Mathew J.--1854-1928

Phys Desc: Full-length portrait. She wears a two-piece dress. The light-colored blouse has a high neck, long sleeves, ruffled and puffed shoulders, corset-styled abdomen. Slightly-darker skirt with tight pleats, bustle, and bow at back waist. Skirt is floor length. Her dark hair is in a bun at her nape; hands are folded in front, relaxed. "Steffens" in lower right recto

Item Nbr: ADH_015_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator: Steffens, Mathew J.--1854-1928

Phys Desc: Full-length profile portrait. Same dress as ADH_014_Enhanced, though skirt looks much lighter colored. Hands folded and relaxed in front

Item Nbr: ADH_016_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and unknown person

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Front-facing portrait, same background as ADH_010_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_017_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and unknown person

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Front-facing portrait, same background as ADH_010_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_018_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and unknown person

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Front-facing portrait, same background as ADH_010_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_019_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Seems to be same sitting as ADH_018_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_020_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe with two dogs

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe, seated, with two dogs. She is wearing a dark skirt, white blouse, dark jacket with leg-of-mutton sleeves, half-velvet lapels, fedora-styled hat, highly-detailed caned and wicker chair

Item Nbr: ADH_021_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe, James Deering, and three other men

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe with her brother, James Deering, and three other men, one in stereotypical garb

Item Nbr: ADH_022_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Profile portrait, same background as ADH_010_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_023_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe full-length portrait. She wears a light-colored gown, scooped neckline, short sleeves, gauzy portrait collar that dips to below her shoulders, rusched wrist warmers, dark embroidered or jeweled princess-shaped belt, flower trim detailing at hem. She holds a closed fan.

Item Nbr: ADH_024_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe three-quarter view portrait, in same gown as ADH_023_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_025_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and James Deering

Dates: circa 1890

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe wears a dark skirt and jacket, white blouse, dark tie with leaf motif. Hat with large dark bow, dark gloves, she holds a walking stick. James Deering in a dark, buttoned, single-breasted suit, short dark hair, full and closely-trimmed beard, frameless glasses. He is holding a flat-brimmed straw hat with a dark band and wears a ring on his right pinky finger. He is seated on a bench, she is standing beside him

Item Nbr: ADH_026_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and James Deering

Dates: circa 1885

Creator: Strommeyer & Heymann

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe and James Deering posing behind mummy and sphinx shapes with only their faces visible

Item Nbr: ADH_027_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and an unknown man (possibly Richard Flint Howe)

Dates: circa 1895

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe posing with a man, she seated and he standing. She wears a dark, belted skirt, light blouse with large front bow, long-sleeved jacket with pleated drop shoulders, her hat is dark with light and dark accents and plumes, she wears dark gloves. The man wears a casually-cut dark suit, light shirt, and dark bow tie. His hair is short and dark and he has a moustache.

Item Nbr: ADH_028_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe wedding portrait

Dates: circa 1898

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe in her wedding gown. She wears a white gown with a high neck, winged shoulders, long sleeves with wrist ruffles, a flower spray at the top of her head holds a veil that falls below her knees. She stands between two columns

Item Nbr: ADH_029_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1898

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe in her wedding gown, but without the veil. She is wearing rings on her left ring finger

Item Nbr: ADH_030_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1898

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe in wedding gown, three-quarter stance, profile view

Item Nbr: ADH_031_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1898

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe in her wedding gown, seated on a settee with an open book beside her

Item Nbr: ADH_032_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe in a forward-facing portrait. She wears a blouse with sequined flowers, lacy and ruffled bateau neckline, pintucked sleeves at the shoulders. Her dark hair is pinned up.

Item Nbr: ADH_033_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe wears a lacy and striped blouse that is just off her shoulders

Item Nbr: ADH_034_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Another view from the same sitting as ADH_033_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_035_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a baby

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe, seated in front of a full bookcase, with a baby in her lap. Photographs and plates are also displayed on the bookcase

Item Nbr: ADH_036_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: A three-quarter portrait in the same dress as ADH_032_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_037_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a baby

Dates: 1907

Creator: Fowler--circa 1907

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe posing with a baby. She wears a high-necked blouse with a light yoke with lace edging, darker sleeves and bodice. Her hair is in a bun atop her head. The baby wears white and has thick, dark hair. Abby looks very happy. "Fowler 1907" (or perhaps Howles?) is on lower right recto

Item Nbr: ADH_038_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a baby

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: A candid photo from the same sitting as ADH_035_Enhanced. Abby and the baby are looking at each other

Item Nbr: ADH_039_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a young girl

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe seated with a girl, reading a book. Abby wears a light embroidered gown. The child wears a light gown with a lacy yoke, light stockings, dark ankle boots, her hair is in bologne curls and she has a large white bow on one side

Item Nbr: ADH_040_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a baby

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Same sitting as ADH_039_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_041_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a young girl

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Same sitting as ADH_039_Enhanced. Both are standing full-length. Abby's gown has hip-level piping detailing, a train, and sheer sleeves

Item Nbr: ADH_042_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a young girl

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Same sitting as ADH_039_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_043_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a young girl

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Same sitting as ADH_039_Enhanced. Abby is in profile, the child is facing the camera

Item Nbr: ADH_044_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a young girl

Dates: circa 1900

Creator:

Phys Desc: Same sitting as ADH_039_Enhanced

Item Nbr: ADH_045_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a young boy

Dates: circa 1905

Creator:

Phys Desc: Abby Deering Howe seated, with a young boy with short hair and a sailor suit stands beside her. She wears a light gown with a high lace neck, lacy shawl detailing creating a slight v-neck look to her waist. They are holding hands and their heads are together

Item Nbr: ADH_046_Enhanced

Title: Abby Deering Howe and a young boy

Dates: circa 1905

Creator:

Phys Desc: Same sitting as ADH_045_Enhanced. A full-length view, Abby has an arm around the boy's shoulders

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