

Hill, Mrs. Louis W. (Maud Van C. Taylor)

1872-1961 -- Papers, 1847-1951

12 boxes, also oversize items

There are in this separate collection, filed in
Stack VII, Tier 1

one box of diaries (1901-1953)

8 boxes of correspondence

3 boxes of miscellaneous material

consisting of: Mallow Castle data; genealogical
information; the writings of a cousin, Marie Gib-
son, and of 2 friends, Almeric Paget, later Lord
Queenborough, and Dr. Kenelm Winslow; and photos,
address and engagement books, a birthday record
book with genealogical annotations of value.

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Mrs. Hill was born Maud Van Cortlandt Taylor on Staten Island, N.Y., April 11, 1870. She moved with her parents to St. Paul in the 1880's and remained there, with frequent journeys elsewhere until Sept. 14, 1900, when she entered the nurses training school of Presbyterian Hospital in N.Y. She soon contracted typhoid fever & as a convalescent became engaged to Louis W. Hill in Central Park, April 30, 1901. They were married June 5, 1901, and spent their honeymoon on J.J. Hill's yacht, the "Wacouta," and at Lord Mount Stephen's Canadian summer home, before sailing for Europe for several weeks. Mrs. Hill had 3 brothers; Walter (- 1928); Cortlandt (1863-1936) and Harry, twin of Mary (1866-1941); and two sisters, see card 2

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card 2

Mary and Ethel. Minnie married Walter Oakes, May 24, 1893, son of a Northern Pacific Rr. president
Ethel married, April 12, 1904, Archibald N. Clark of Seattle. Walter's first wife was Maria Banks. All of these women wrote frequently to Maud, and another frequent, early correspondent was Lillias Stephenson Emerson. Maud's mother (1843-1916) also wrote often & there is an occasional letter from her father, Cortlandt M. Taylor (1833-1911). Her parents were married in 1861. Family ties were very close and letters by the scores give minut-

iae of the lives of all close relatives of the
Taylors, van Cortlandts, ^{Payles} Inks, Colts, Clarks,
Oakes and related families. In addition, there
are files of varying lengths and duration for sev-
eral men friends of Maud's acquaintance, presum-
ably in most instances would-be suitors: Joseph
Howland Hunt, Morton Ramsdell, Lyman Colt, Almeric
Paget (later Lord Queenborough), Dr. Kenelm Wins-
low, etc. are well represented. There are occas-
ional letters written by Maud herself, especially
to her mother from trips to Georgia, Florida, and
the Southwest and California. Hunt's correspond-
ence during a long residence in Paris, where he
begins at Harvard in 1890 and continues until

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1897 during a long residence in Paris, where he was studying architecture. Young Colt wrote from N.Y., Alaska, and the Washington-Brit.-Columbian frontier, where he joined the gold-seekers of the late 1890's; her brother Harry (1866-1941) also wrote from Alaska occasionally, where he spent most of his life after initial frontier experiences in Minnesota and in the area to be known within two decades as Glacier National Park. After Maud's marriage the letters between herself and husband are of prime interest. Her mother's letters are numerous until 1916, and so are her

sisters', but about only family matters in most instances. On the other hand, her husband's letters often mention events and personalities of more general significance, such as the comings and goings of James J. Hill, his views on this & that, railroad matters, etc. Her father-in-law seldom wrote, but his wife, Mary T. Hill (July 1, 1846-Nov. 1921) was a faithful correspondent and so were her daughters: Charlotte, who married Geo. Slade (July 22, 1871 --) on Oct. 2, 1901; Ruth, who married Anson McCook Beard (- Nov. 9, 1929) on Apr. 2, 1902; Gertrude, who married Michael Gavin, Nov. 22, 1906; Eachel, who married Dr. Egil Boeckmann (Dec. 31, 1881-Sept. 5, 1955); and Clara, who married Erasmus Lindley late in 1917 or Jan., 1918.

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Maud's brothers-in-law, James N. and Walter Hill,
seldom wrote to her, nor did her brother Walter
Curzon Taylor, who married Maria, daughter of Mr.
& Mrs. James Lenox Banks, on June 1, [1893]. A
divorce in 1910 ended this union and left un-
pleasantness in the family.