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**HARRIET SWEETSER LETTERS
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Biographical Note

Harriet Sweetser was born on July 27, 1881. She attended Gorham Normal School, and later taught a grammar school in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. She became a superintendent. The State Education Department named Sweetser the first Administrator for Home Economics.

Sweetser died on March 27, 1925 of complications from an appendectomy.

These letters were found by her niece, Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter.

Description of the Papers

These letters, written by Harriet Sweetser, date from 1898 to 1916. Most of the letters are from her time spent as a student at the Gorham Normal School. Almost all of the letters are addressed to her mother, with a few to her father. Sweetser writes home to tell her parents about her day to day life at school.

There are also a couple of photographs. Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter also donated a copy of the notes she made on the letters, which includes explanations of names, as well as a comprehensive list of all the letters she found. There is also a miscellaneous folder, which includes items from organizations in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	1898 May – October
	2	1898 November – December
	3	1899 January
	4	1899 February
	5	1899 March
	6	1899 April
	7	1899 May – June
	8	1899 September - October
	9	1899 November – December
	10	1900 January – March
	11	1900 April – June
	12	1904 – 1905
	13	1907
	14	1908; 1918 –19
	15	Undated
	16	Photographs, 1900 and undated
	17	Miscellany, undated
		Congregational Church, Foxcroft, Maine, Sunday services program
		Dover school building, plan of first and Second floors, 2 items
		Dover, playbill and advertising broadside
		Hand-drawn and colored pumpkin with a verse
18		Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter, notes on the letters, 1998