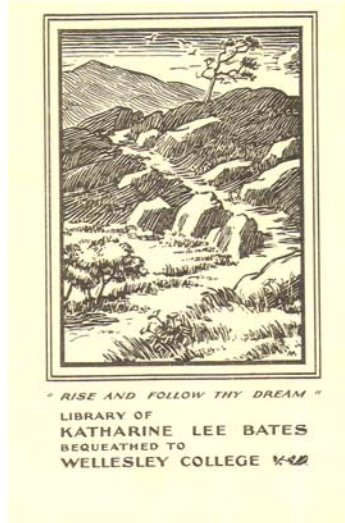


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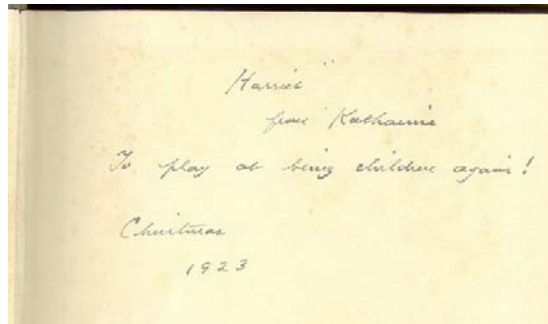
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ca. 1853-2002



Poet, educator, author of children's books, and stories and articles published in leading periodicals. A long-time professor of literature at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., she received national recognition as the author of "America, the Beautiful".

This collection consists of biographical materials, her writings which includes letters, poems and articles, printed and in manuscript, and materials relating to the various formats of America the Beautiful. in verse and music. Other holdings in the Bates Collection at the Society include plans for various memorials to Katharine, including scrapbooks, articles, and clippings.

Titles authored or edited by Katharine Lee Bates as well as holdings from her personal Library are part of the holdings of the Falmouth Historical Society Archives Library.



### **Biographical Data**

*Autobiography in Brief of Katharine Lee Bates*. Privately printed, c1930, Reprinted with additions, 1958. 8pgs.

Homestead pictures and background material.

*Bates Genealogy* by Harriet Quimby with additions from Richard Krebs, 2002

School Reports: Falmouth Primary School, 1867-68

Needham High School, 1872; Newton High School, 1875

School Papers of K.L. Bates and friends

### **Correspondence:**

Letters from K.L. Bates to:

Postcard, 1908, Dec. 28 to Harriet L. Gifford, Falmouth, Mass. re: thank you, new years well wishes.

Letter, 1916, May 15, to Harriet L. Gifford, Falmouth, Mass. Scarab, Wellesley, Mass. re: visiting Falmouth, remembering Hattie's mother, visiting Cedar Hill Cemetery, Newark, Ohio.

Letter, 1917, Sept 17, to Arthur (Bates) (copy) typescript. Re: Cemetery lot, Middlebury and Bates Family Lot, includes inscriptions for Abby Bates, d.1849 and Maria S (Latimer) Bates, d.1855.

Letter, 1920, Aug. 10 to "my dear old playmate" re: book "Mary-Marie by Mrs. Eleanor Porter, plans to tour Buzzards Bay with Miss Hazard, staying at Tabitha Inn in Fairhaven.

Postcard, 1921, May 4, to Harriet L. Gifford re: Abigail and Rebecca classmates.

Letter 1926, Dec. 21, Wellesley, Mass to Henry Herbert Smythe (Falmouth, Mass.) 1 leaf, 18cm, Typescript signed. Re: response to his request for copy of *America the Beautiful*.

Letter, 1928, April 11, Wellesley, Mass. to "Katie Jones" (Falmouth, Mass) 1p. 17X26cm.fold to 17X13cm. Typescript signed. Re: relates to death of mutual friend Molly.

Letter (fragment) n. d., hand script, re: Hamlet (dog) of advanced age, interrupting afternoon graduate classes at Wellesley College.

Other Letters:

Letter from Arthur L. Bates, 1930, May 9, Portland, Maine to Rev. Henry H. Smythe, Falmouth 1p. 28cm Typescript signed. Re: gifts of Katharine Lee Bates memorabilia to Falmouth Historical Society.

Letter from Arthur L. Bates , 1930,May 14,Portland,Maine,to Rev. Henry H. Smythe, Falmouth. 1p. 28cm. Typescript signed. Re: photograph of Katharine Lee Bates to be framed and sent to Falmouth Historical Society.

Letter from Arthur Lee Bates, 1930, Sept 16, Portland, Maine to Sylvia Donaldson,

Brockton, Mass. 1p. 28cm, typescript signed. Re: sends copy of "Selected poems" of Katharine Lee Bates".

Letter from Dorothy Wayman, 1930 to Arthur Lee Bates.

Letter from Harriet Gifford to Kate Watson re: K.L. Bates's note to Abraham Lincoln.

Letter from Lilla Weed, 1930 to Rev. H.H. Smythe.



**Writings by K.L. Bates:**

*America the Beautiful*

*America The Beautiful*: an account of the writing and public reception. of the poem. not dated..

*America the Beautiful* music adapted from Oneida Indian melody, not dated.

*America the Beautiful*, Author's edition set to music by Clarence G. Hamilton, William Arms Fisher, John Carroll Randolph & W. Sleeper, 1913.

*America the Beautiful* music by Fearis, Hamilton, McFarland & Sleeper, 1913.

*America the Beautiful* Sheet music, words by Katharine Lee Bates, music by Will C. MacFarlane, 1913.

*America the Beautiful* Sheet music, words by Katharine Lee Bates, music by Parkes W. Hewins, 1917.

*America the Beautiful* choral setting by William Arms Fisher, 1913, 1917

*America the Beautiful* music by Wm. L. Glover, 1918, Emma Willard School, Troy, N.Y.

*America the Beautiful* National Federation of Music Clubs Contest (clipping), 1926.

*America the Beautiful* music by Luther E. Sibley, 1925  
*America the Beautiful* music by Robert Lowe Fletcher 1927  
*America the Beautiful* music by A.R. Taylor, not dated  
*America the Beautiful* music composed by Samuel Augustus Ward (plus his biography)  
*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America the Beautiful*. (clippings)  
*America the Beautiful Centennial Programs*  
*Colorado Centennial Programs*  
*America the Beautiful: Wellesley's Centennial Celebration*  
Proposals to make *America the Beautiful* the National Anthem.

### **Poems:**

*America the Beautiful* printed with signature.  
*Blind Boy of Bethlehem* 3 p. reprint  
*Christmas Before and After*. Reprinted from the Virginia Quarterly Review, 18p.  
*Class Day Poem "Vulcan and Venus"* 8p  
*Dawn at Lexington*  
*Day Lincoln Died*  
*The Debt* signed by K.L. Bates 3p. *Wellesley Poems*, Merrythought Press, 1924  
*Falmouth by the Sea*  
*Falmouth Bell*  
*Kings of the East Are Riding* words by K.L. Bates, music by Clarence Hamilton.  
*Marchpane for Christmas* reprinted by permission of *Virginia Quarterly Review*, N.Y.: William E. Rudes Sons, Christmas, 1946, unpagged.  
*Rainy Days* reprint 2p.  
*Sprig of laurel for Katharine Lee Bates* by W.P.G. from the Wellesley Alumnae Quarterly .

### **Other Writings:**

Critical notes by Katharine Lee Bates commenting on "Anthology of modern verse" submitted by Wellesley student Gwen B.Hensen, not dated

Articles, Criticism, Appreciations on Katharine Lee Bates:

*Centenary of Katharine Lee Bates*, Falmouth Enterprise supplement, 1959  
*Katharine Lee Bates Centennial*. Auspices of Falmouth Historical Society, Aug. 12, 1959. Program.  
Dudley Hallett, President Falmouth Historical Society, talk at Unitarian Fellowship.  
Arizona Highways (Dec. 1984) with articles devoted to "America the Beautiful"  
*"Falmouth's Gift To America"* by Marion Vuilleumier, Cape Cod Life, Summer 1986

*"Hawthorne Critic and Scholar"* by M.M. Ponder, 1990 printed.  
Sermon by Rev. Douglas Showalter, First Congregational Church, Falmouth,  
Mass., 1993.

*"Katharine Lee Bates"* by Vida D. Scudder.

Article by Nardi Reeder Campion from N.Y. Times, not dated.

Newspaper Clipping Collection 1955-1975

Falmouth Historical Society, Essay Contest on K.L. Bates, 1968

Obituaries, 1929.

*Scrapbook*, Friends of Katharine Lee Bates, detailing America the Beautiful  
Centennial, 1993.

Birthplace of K.L. Bates: acquisition and costs.

**Ephemera:**

Wellesley College, 1889 Commencement Week

Commencement Exercises, June 25, 1889 Admit: Miss Gifford

Wellesley Calendar, 1911

*In Memoriam*, Wellesley, 1929