

Box 11: Emma Bray Cohen: Letters to and from cousins Effie & Julie Loag

This collection of letters includes letters by Emma Bray TO her cousin Effie Loag from girlhood through marriage and adulthood, many were saved by Effie and returned to the Cohen family at Cohen Bray House after Effie's death. The collection also includes letters FROM Effie and Julia Loag to Emma. Dates range from 1876-1944

1. Letter dated 4 Feb 1895 about the death of Emma's father, Watson G Bray who died on 12 Jan 1895; original letter and typed transcription by Kate McAnaney 12/2025
2. 10 letters TO Emma from Julia Loag dated 1943-1944
3. 15 letters TO Emma from Julia Loag dated 1939-1941
4. 2 letters TO Emma from Effie dated May 17, 1937 and Nov 21, 1937
5. 2 letters Effie TO Emma 1936
6. 3 letters TO Emma from Julia Loag dated Dec 1936, Jan & May 1937
7. 2 letters TO Emma from Effie dated Jan 24, 1932 & Dec 29, 1934
8. Letter FROM Effie dated Jul 1886 describing her marriage to Harry Osborn
9. Letters TO Effie 1883-1919 11 letters; one letter to Emma from a friend following her visit to Fruitvale
10. Letter TO Effie from Emma about entering her last year of college at Mills 1876
11. Letter TO Effie from Emma apologizing for gap in writing due to busy schedule 1877
12. Letters TO Effie Apr-Dec 1882; 28 letters and 14 postcards
13. Letters TO Effie Aug-Nov 1879; 9 letters
 - “ Apr-Aug 1880; 4 letters
 - “ Feb-Sep 1881; 5 letters

14. 6 letters TO Effie in envelopes 1874, 1845, 1876
15. 18 cards from Europe FROM Effie to Emma, no dates, most of them blank

16. One letter with five picture postcards FROM Effie to Emma of locations in Canada; some have writing that is a continuation of the letter, some are blank

17. 1 letter from Carrie U Braynard to Emma informing her of Effie's serious illness, dated 22 Jun 1940; 1 letter from Annah Hurd, MD dated 15 Sep 1945 informing Emma after Effie and Julie's deaths that Emma was to receive a "moss agate breastpin set in rather old style setting. I think it may have belonged to Mrs Loag" [Effie and Julie's mother]

18. Letter TO Emma from Effie no date

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