

**POLLARD, MARIE ANTOINETTE  
NATHALIE GRANIER DOWELL.  
Marie Antoinette Nathalie Granier  
Dowell Pollard papers, 1865-1898**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Pollard, Marie Antoinette Nathalie Granier Dowell.  
**Title:** Marie Antoinette Nathalie Granier Dowell Pollard papers, 1865-1898  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 222  
**Extent:** .125 linear ft. (1 partial box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of poet, reader, and lecturer Marie Antoinette Nathalie Granier Dowell Pollard including correspondence, broadsides, and other material related to Pollard's lectures, personal life, and legal affairs.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Marie Antoinette Nathalie (Granier) Dowell Pollard, reader and lecturer active in the 1870's and 1880's, was born in Norfolk, Virginia, the daughter of a West Indian planter, Pierre Granier. Her birth date is not known. She was first married to James R. Dowell, by whom she had several children, but separated from him during the Civil War because of political differences. Mrs. Pollard supported the Union cause. In 1865 she divorced Dowell, and in 1867 married Edward Albert (or Alfred) Pollard (1828-1872), the Southern editor and author. After his death in 1872 Mrs. Pollard began her career as a lecturer and reader, playing in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, San Francisco, and other cities around the country. She was best known for her lectures on temperance, for her satires on social life in Washington, and a series on her travels through the West. She toured California on behalf of the Democratic Party ticket in 1876. In 1890 Pollard was the first woman to apply for a seat on the Consolidated Stock Exchange. Pollard died December 6, 1900 in a carriage accident in Paris. Biographical information was found in Appleton's *Cyclopedia of American Biography*, the *Dictionary of American Biography* (on E. A. Pollard), the *Library of Southern Literature* (XV, p. 349), and clippings in the papers.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of papers of Marie Antoinette Nathalie Granier Dowell Pollard from 1865-1898. The papers include correspondence concerning performance engagements, business, and legal matters, newspaper clippings, a marriage certificate from her marriage to Edward Albert Pollard, and broadsides and programs relating to her performances. Of particular interest is an 1878 letter from the French government concerning Pollard's title to land in the West Indies that mentions her divorce and the problems it causes. There is also some material relating to court cases in which Pollard was involved.

### Arrangement Note

Correspondence arranged in chronological order.

