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## ARCHIVES

Marion E. Ayres Green  
Poetry Collection

2001.21

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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : Marion E. Ayres Green was a Worcester poetess with many works published in

several serials from the 1890s to the 1950s. Mrs. Green died in 1975 at the age of 94.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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Provenance : Gift of Norman E. Green (son), May 2001.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Poets, American – Massachusetts – Worcester.  
Poetry – Women authors.  
Children's poetry.  
Religion in poetry.  
Worcester (Mass.) – Poetry.  
Ayes, Lella M. – Travel.  
Worcester poets. – local

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Marion Elizabeth (Ayres) Green was born in Worcester in 1881 and graduated from English High School in 1899. She began writing poetry in High School, with many pieces published in school and Sunday school serials, and continued through the 1950s with occasional later pieces. In addition she also wrote a few short stories which are included with the poetry collection. Many of her works were apparently unpublished. The bulk of publication occurred between the 1910s and the 1930s. Mrs. Green died in 1975 at the age of 94.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises poetry written from 1897 to 1965, (bulk 1897-1930s) with a small number of later adaptations of other works. Included are a few short stories, mostly written during the early years of her writing. Arrangement is chronological.

### **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Poetry/Prose. Includes published works, typescripts, and manuscripts from 1890s to 1950 with a later adaptation of an existing work.

Series 2: Miscellaneous. Includes comments on a writing aptitude test (1931), obituary, etc., and a diary of a European trip made by Mrs. Green's sister Lella M. Ayers in 1931.

Series 1, Poetry/Prose

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2001.21.1.1	[untitled poem] "One little maid ...", written February 21, 1896, on hearing of the death of Marion Maynard : typescript. (Written at age 15)
1	1	2001.21.1.2	<i>A Christmas story</i> , short story published in "The High School Sentinel" (English High School), January 2, 1899.
1	1	2001.21.1.3	Class song, English High School Class of 1899, in graduation program of English High School, June 23, 1899.
1	1	2001.21.1.4	Class song, English High School Class of 1899, manuscript.
1	1	2001.21.1.5	<i>The home side</i> , short story : typescript. (2 p.)
1	1	2001.21.1.6	<i>Baby's first shoes</i> , written as a high school composition, published September 3, 1916 in "The Picture World."
1	1	2001.21.1.7	<i>My fairy playmate</i> , short story written June 1896, published in "The Picture World" June 20, 1915.
1	1	2001.21.1.8	<i>Betty's best dress</i> , short story written in 1898 as a high school composition, published in "The Picture World" May 9, 1915.
1	1	2001.21.1.9	<i>Grandpa's mistake</i> , poem written as a high school composition, published in "The Picture World" January 27, 1918.
1	1	2001.21.1.10	Class song, Junior Epworth League, Trinity Methodist Church, in graduation program, October 21, 1897.

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1	2	2001.21.1.11	<i>Fir lodge</i> , poem written July 1902 while on vacation at Bailey Island, Maine : typescript.
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| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.12 | <i>The first New England Thanksgiving</i> , poem written November 1902 and read at Trinity Epworth League Social as part of Thanksgiving program : typescript. (2 p.)               |
| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.13 | <i>Welcome at a Christmas Concert</i> , written December 1902 for Zelida (sister) to give as a welcome at a Christmas concert in Trinity Church : typescript.                       |
| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.14 | [no title], poem written June 1903 on flyleaf of an original cookbook made up of receipts contributed by several girls and given as a wedding gift to Florence Warden : typescript. |
| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.15 | [no title], poem written January 1904 for reunion banquet of English High School Class of 1899 : typescript. (4 p.)   |
| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.16 | <i>Birthday greetings!</i> , poem written for Mrs. Harrison, founder of Wesley Church King's Heralds (band) : typescript.   |
| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.17 | [no title], poem written in 1904 to be used by Mrs. Harrison in one of King's Heralds programs : typescript.  |
| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.18 | <i>A bit of child-play</i> , poem written spring 1907 as an experiment in tone-endings of lines : typescript.   |
| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.19 | <i>The bond of mother-love</i> , poem written June 1907, "a true incident" : typescript.  |
| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.20 | [no title], poem written July 1907 for prize contest (awarded first prize) : typescript.  |

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| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.21 | <i>From the first little light bearer</i> , poem written October 1907 for Zelida (sister) to give to Mrs. Harrison on the occasion of her removal from Worcester : typescript. |
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| 1 | 2 | 2001.21.1.22 | <i>Look up, Lift up!</i> , poem written for Epworth league banquet at Trinity Church, October 19, 1908 : typescript. (2 p.)           |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.23 | [no title], poem written spring 1911 for cousin, Annie Mark, on her return from Birmingham, Alabama : typescript.                     |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.24 | [no title], poem written January 1912 as letter to nieces : typescript.   |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.25 | [no title], poem written August 1913 as letter to Mrs. Ide : typescript.  |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.26 | [no titles], two poems written May 1914 for Charles Hunt, and June 1914 for use in Mothers' Sunday in the Sunday School : typescript. |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.27 | [no title], poem written December 1915 for friend in California : typescript.   |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.28 | <i>The bedtime game</i> , poem written 1910s about her son Earle : clipping from unknown publication.                                 |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.29 | <i>Straight down to China</i> , poem written 1915, published in "The Picture World" July 1917 with picture of son Earle, age 5.       |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.30 | <i>The oil of life</i> , poem written April 1916 while in Hahnemann Hospital typescript.  |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.31 | <i>The afterglow</i> , poem written April 1916 while in Hahnemann Hospital with Norman (son) : typescript.                            |

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| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.32 | <i>Just one</i> , poem published in "The Zion's Herald" January 10, 1917; republished February 1917 in "The Junior Missionary Friend." |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.33 | <i>The difference</i> , poem written in 1917 : typescript.   |

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| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.34    | <i>To the lucky orphan</i> , poem written in 1917 : typescript.  |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.35    | <i>To Mr. Alden H. Sears on his ninety-fifth birthday. Greeting from Trinity</i> , written in summer 1917 for Mr. Sears, read at close of a prayer meeting in Trinity Church : typescript. |
| 1 | 3 | 2001.21.1.36    | [no title], poem written December 1919 and read at reception for Miss Gertrude Wheeler, new missionary to South America : typescript.  |
| 1 | 4 | 2001.21.1.37    | <i>Our best gift</i> , poem published in "The Picture World", October 1920.  |
| 1 | 4 | 2001.21.1.38    | <i>On the way</i> , poem written in 1920 : typescript.   |
| 1 | 4 | 2001.21.1.39    | <i>Some things we have – some things we may do</i> , poem published in "Picture Story Paper", February 27, 1921.   |
| 1 | 4 | 2001.21.1.40    | <i>Think twice</i> , poem written in 1921 : typescript.  |
| 1 | 4 | 2001.21.1.41    | <i>Doors and doors</i> , short story published in Zion's Herald, July 19, 1922.  |
| 1 | 4 | 2001.21.1.42a-b | <i>The quest fulfilled</i> , poem written in 1922 : typescript. 2 copies. (2 p. each)  |
| 1 | 4 | 2001.21.1.43    | Letter to Mrs. H. Edwin Green from Edith Lovel Thomas, Boston University, School of Religious Education, requesting permission to use poem "Just one" : manuscript.                        |

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| 1 | 5 | 2001.21.1.44 | <i>Decoration Day</i> , poem in memory of Comrade Charles R. Green, Post 10, G.A.R. : clipping from newspaper, n.d.<br>.44a aqp |
| 1 | 5 | 2001.21.1.45 | <i>They who sow</i> , poem written in 1930 : typescript.  |
| 1 | 5 | 2001.21.1.46 | <i>Riches</i> , poem written in June 1933 : typescript.   |



1	5	2001.21.1.47	<i>Two ways</i> , poem written in June 1933 : typescript.
1	5	2001.21.1.48	<i>Birthday greetings to Walter H. Newell</i> , presented with gift of alarm clock October 15, 1933.
1	6	2001.21.1.49	[no title], poem written November 17, 1940, during church service : typescript.
1	6	2001.21.1.50	[no title], poem written February 1944 for use at women's meeting : typescript.
1	6	2001.21.1.51	<i>The young soldier speaks</i> , poem written in 1945 : typescript.
1	6	2001.21.1.52	[no title], poem written June 10, 1949 : typescript.
1	6	2001.21.1.53	[no title], poem written in 1950 : typescript.
1	6	2001.21.1.54	<i>Wesley Church</i> , poem written September 30, 1965, sung to tune "Maryland my Maryland", used at pledge suppers : typescript.
1	7	2001.21.1.55	<i>When our baby goes to ride</i> , undated poem : typescript.
1	7	2001.21.1.56	[no title], undated manuscript poem.
1	7	2001.21.1.57	<i>Helping</i> , undated poem : typescript.
1	7	2001.21.1.58	<i>The home guard</i> , undated poem, published : clipping [S.l., s.n.]

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1	7	2001.21.1.59	<i>God's here!</i> , undated poem : typescript.
1	7	2001.21.1.60	<i>Ours to hold</i> , undated poem : typescript.
1	7	2001.21.1.61	<i>Welcome din</i> , undated poem : typescript.
1	7	2001.21.1.62	<i>November days</i> , undated poem : typescript.
1	7	2001.21.1.63	<i>If Jesus should come!</i> , undated poem : typescript.

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*A knightly boy*, undated poem, published in column  
“Boys and Girls” : clipping.

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 Series 2, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	8	2001.21.2.1	"Mrs. Green's song", article relating to song lyrics <i>Blow clarions, blow</i> , written by Marion E. Ayres Green : clipping, [S.l., s.n., n.d.]. Aqp
1	8	2001.21.2.2	Letter to Mrs. Green from Edith Lovell Thomas, relating to use of her verse, July 12, [no year]
1	8	2001.21.2.3	Copy desk memorandum, relating to writing aptitude test taken by marion E. Ayres Green, July 31, 1931.
1	8	2001.21.2.4	Obituary of Mrs. Marion Green, city poetess : clipping / Worcester Telegram, October 23, 1975. Aqp
1		2001.21.2.5	Binder, used for poetry, with notes on inside cover.
1	BV	2001.21.2.6	"My European tour, July 6 – August 27, 1931" / Lella M. Ayers, 337 May Street, Worcester. Manuscript.