

Lois Caswell Howison Letters

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Biography

Lois Caswell Howison was born on August 14, 1837 to Alvarus and Ann White Sampson Caswell. She was the wife of George Holmes Howison, a Marietta College Alumnus (Class of 1852; Lane Seminary, 1855). They were married on November 25, 1863. Lois Howison died on February 14, 1931. For many years, George Howison was Professor of Philosophy at Berkeley, University of California. He was a well-known philosopher of his day.

See also: George Holmes Howison biographical file.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of approximately 120 documents, 96 of which are dated. Most of the documents are letters (1883 – 1910) written by Lois Caswell Howison to her sister, Serena Caswell Lane (b. 10 December, 1827). The letters concern family and domestic matters.

Statement of Arrangement

This collection is arranged in chronological order from 1883 – 1910.

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1/Folder 1: 1883 – 1889

1. Lois Howison, letter to Serena Caswell Lane. Writes about “summering” a distance from San Francisco and possibly building a “shanty” for vacations. However, roughing it does not appeal to George. They will return home on the 25th to entertain Jim [James] Angell and Professor Palmer. The weather had been better than expected without the extreme heat. July 14, 1883.
2. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena Caswell Lane. Talks about dropping old activities but still not having enough time; George’s hay fever had “annoying hay fever” due to the prolonged drought; she covered a chair using Italian curtains from Aunt Mary and saved \$20.00; her new lenses will help her see much better; discusses issues with the new dogs; the new Professor of Music at U[niversity] of C[alifornia] and has already tackled a performance of the Messiah; the new young minister, John Howland Lathrop, who the “flirting girls who crowd to hear him and fill the pews” to hear him; Mrs. Lee is taking care of her second granddaughter. October 4, 1885.

3. Lois Howison, letter to "Dear M.A." [Mary Ann Caswell?]. Writes about being "in the doldrums and just crawling about;" she compares the details of her new house with her old one; describes in detail, the plants and flowers. May 21, 1887.
4. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena Caswell Lane. Writes regarding Ned's illness, regrets being ignorant of Uncle Alexis' grandchildren; Naome [Byriner] reports that Jammie wants to go to England for the summer and Ned wants to join him and Professor [Benjamin N.] Watson who has a house provided by Harvard College on the grounds of the Bussey Institute. April 17, 1887.
5. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena Caswell Lane. Writes about a visit from Mrs. Collar and husband and how she has little time to write; discusses sewing clothes; she was glad that Annie Caswell has something to live on that her father had not lost all the money. May 16, 1887.
6. Lois Howison, Byron Hot Springs, letter to Mary--. Writes about being at the "Springs" being a "god-forsaken place as regards soil and vegetation; the hotel is comfortably furnished however, the residents left a lot to be desired; Lois is working on their Coat of Arms; the winds have died down but "millions and millions" of mosquitoes have moved in. August 1, 1887.
7. Mary Lois Lane, Lottsburgh, letter to "Dear Auntie" [Lois Howison?]. Writes about the [Holley] school and the challenges of having 35 scholars in the same room and having them at 4 different reading and arithmetic levels; talks about Miss. [Sallie] H. [Holley] and Miss [Caroline R.] P. [Putnam]; and mice running around in her bedroom. November 24, [1888]
8. Lois Howison, letter to [Mary Lois Lane] Writes advice about not quitting a job for Miss [Caroline R.] Putnam [1829-1917] and Miss [Sallie] Holley [1818-1893] and the "young person" should "think twice before letting any small discouragement decided you." Includes advice on grammar usage of "to" as a preposition and "too" as an adverb. Did not send the letter since she "copied what I want." [November, 1888?]
9. Lois Howison, to unknown. Handwritten grammar quiz. [Probably related to the letter above]
10. Mary Lois Lane, letter to "Dear Folks" [her parents, Serena King [Caswell] and Frederic T. Lane?] Writes that she is not "greatly delighted with teaching especially so many classes" nor does she "detest it." Miss H[olley] makes many demands and if she stays she "shall be made to feel they have paid me to[o] much. Diary of events from October 13-15, 17-18, 20, 23 and 27. [November, 1888]
11. Nellie J. Edwards, Chicago, letter to Serena Caswell Lane. Writes about leaving the Arctic Soda Water Apparatus to take a position as book-keeper in a manufactory of parlor furniture. She has some concerns about leaving her current job but considers book-keeping experience would be worth more than any amount of soda correspondence. The soda company offered her only \$12.00 a week and planned to work her into the legal department with added responsibilities that would be well worth \$16.00. January 26, 1889.
12. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to M.A. Writes about the weather and the upcoming commencement ceremony. George [Howison] hires a caterer and feeds 150 people at his "fandango" at a cost of around \$200.00. By July 1st, George will be off for Harbin Springs [Middletown, CA]. Lois has sewing to do if she can decide on the fashion. Sing will stay at the house for \$8.00 a month to water the grass and keep things aired out. He has been very sleepy lately and she suspects it is the opium. Lois has gone into the "peanut cure" for sleeplessness and purchased a sack of peanuts at a wholesale. Eating the peanuts before bedtime keeps her from waking up in the middle of the night. She believes that as a family, they need oils or fats in some form to lubricate their insides. "Better to be fat and health than the reverse!" She complains that we have cut off fat from their diet for 20 years and believes that is a bad idea. June 16, 1889.

Box 1/Folder 2: 1890 - 1891

1. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to M.A. [Mary Ann Caswell?]. Writes about problems with the mail service since the removal of Dr. [A. B.] Merrill as Post Master. "Old Geen" is "goodness itself and cooks wonderfully well" except for cakes and breads. Naome, Ned

- [Byriner] and Professor [Benjamin N.] Watson of the Bussey Institute will be staying at a house in Forest Hills. August 21, [1890].
2. Serena Caswell Lane [?], letter to her mother, Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about not having much to say because she just sent a letter. Also writes about the irregular mail service and the fact that Miss H[olley] makes better bread than and Miss Putnam]; concerned that she has not received the photographs taken on October 6 from her grandfather (Alvarus Caswell?) October 27, [1890].
 3. Mary W. Leonard, West Bridgewater [MA] to My dear cousin [Serena Caswell?]. Talks about trying to sell a woodland to Sumner Williams who is willing to pay \$400 or \$50 an acre for 8 acres and the rest of the land being meadow land is not much value. Elihu [Leonard] will be sending the deed for her signature as well as her father's signature. Serena forwards the letter to L. Lois? with annotations that so many people own the property it is difficult to pay the taxes. The proceeds from the grandfather's property would be about \$65 to each cousin. Concludes with family status of family visits. December 4, 1890.
 4. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to "Dear Sister" [Mary Ann Caswell]. Writes about a deed for Mary Ann and Serena regarding the sale of the land and how they must go before the Justice of the Peace to complete the deed transfers. Also writes about the weather, Soc, the dog, getting old and their mother who is not getting enough strong nourishing food. December 21, 1890.
 5. Mary Lois Lane [?], Lottsburgh [VA], to Dear Auntie [Lois Howison]. Writes that all her fears and worries about teaching at the school were groundless. She is discouraged about teaching the students who only come occasionally and does the best she could. The Christmas barrel from Wellesley Hills arrived with all kinds of presents for the children. There were 70 present at the celebration and they spoke pieces and sang and 23 scholars representing the presidents presented a program. She shares the hardships of her students and their families as well as and a visit to a former slave's home. She describes Lottsburgh and some of the homes. December 26, 1890.
 6. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena Caswell Lane. Writes about the new house plans; building it, and the purchase of a dozen or so Oriental rugs at an auction. Also talks about the mild and balmy weather and George (her husband) had a very bad bronchial cold and she is suffering from indigestion. January 3, 1891.
 7. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to "Dear Sister" [Serena King (Caswell) Lane?]. Writes that George is ill with a cold for a week. Mr. [William R.] Alger is visiting and went to George's Philosophical Union but was disappointed that he had to speak instead of listening to George. She received a letter from M[ary] Lois who is more cheerful since Miss Holley migrated north. January 10, 1891.
 8. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to "Dear Sister" [Serena King (Caswell) Lane?]. Writes about the early rains possibly delaying on building the house because the builder has not worked on it for 17 days. They are digging out the hedge around the lot since it takes up the good soil, harbors dampness and bugs and costs a lot to keep trimmed. Discusses the closing of their friend's "Companionship-finding" business. September 20, 1891.
 9. Lois Howison, Aetna Springs, California, letter to unknown person. Writes about the extreme hot weather and her concern about leaving the house when there is a threat of fire from the dry conditions. The building of the house is still plagued by contractors and delays. The baths are from the mineral springs and the water temperature is 96 degrees and can be made hot with steam. She writes about the bathing ritual and the cottage where they are staying. August 17, 1891.
 10. Lois Howison, letter to Mary A[nn Caswell]. Writes about Thanksgiving plans and the problems with unpacking in the new house while trying to cook a dinner. Writes about her fall down the stairs in the barn. Copy of a letter, probably copied by Mary A. November 25, 1891.

Box 1/Folder 3: 1892 – 1903

1. Sarah L. C[aswell] Angell, Ann Arbor, Michigan, letter to Mary Ann [Caswell?]. Reminisces about memories from childhood. April 24, 1892.
2. Lois Howison, St. Helena, letter to “Dear Sister” [Serena Caswell Lane?]. Writes that she and George had colds for three weeks. Discusses the various remedies that were tried especially mustard poultices for her vocal chords and bronchi. The weather has been mostly rain and dampness. George has a chance to spend next year at Harvard. He would be substituting for Professor Palmer who will be in Europe on sabbatical. However, there are two drawbacks: if he takes the year off, they would never get another year off for Europe and they would have to contend with the bitter cold. December 1, 1894.
3. Mary Lois Lane, Jackson, N.H., letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about staying in the mountains and how Arthur (her husband) would rather go to the shore. June 29, 1895.
4. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena [King Caswell] Lane. Writes about studying St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans; George [Howison] is constantly interrupted even at home; new cook, Quong, who tries hard to please but does not cook as well as Sing did; describes her Buddhist dinner with Mr. Dharmapala, Dr. Joe Le Conte, Mr. [William R.] Alger, and a Theosophical lady were guests; the menu is described; and a recipe for aspic jelly is included. March 22, 1897.
5. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about having the dressmaker make her a new suit; had a terrifying earthquake but did not cause any damage in the neighborhood beyond fright; surprise visit by Carrie Angell Collier; Spanish-American War has begun; James Angell in Chicago is about to become a father; she wants to decline the trip to southern California “as we are having an unprecedented drought-year;” Mrs. Hearst is having a great garden party for the University at her estate by the bay and has provided a special train to transport guests. [April 28, 1898]
6. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about having a bad memory regarding if she communicated some events, a garden party put on a few hours away with Spanish architecture. May 15, 1898.
7. Lois Howison, Oxford, letter to “Dear Remie.” [A niece of Lois.] Writes about a trip to Hudders field, upcoming plans, etc. October 25, 1899.
8. Lois Howison, Chicago Park, Nevada Co[unty], California, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about leaving home for a trip to Chicago Park to stay at a ranch. Talks about the pioneering spirit of Mr. [Joseph] Burkhardt and his wife [Annie] and others who moved from Chicago [IL] to settle the area. Attended a Sunday “meetin’” and heard a sermon in German and met half the women in the church. May 25, 1900.
9. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about glasses and eye problems; describes the visit of the “Taft Party” and the Secretary [Howard William] Taft on his passage to the Philippines; complains about her lack of energy. [June, 1900]
10. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about sending a Christmas box to Serena’s family and hope they find something useful. All her time, strength and money goes to the oculist in San Francisco. Discusses the remaining male cousins and other issues of genealogy. [Letter marked “Xmas ’00.] December 25, 1900.
11. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about hopefully having free time for more letters and current events. George is suffering from “puffy feet” which he fears means dropsy and heart-sickness or kidney disease. January 13, 1901.
12. Lois Howison, Dunsmuir, Siskiyou, Co[unty], California, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about going north in California and the beauty of Mount Shasta near the head waters of the Sacramento River. She appreciates having leggings to keep her from the cold. Describes the flowers and bushes in the woods. Writes that many were disappointed in [President] McKinley’s visit. There were great preparations but the President was unable to leave the bedside of Mrs. McKinley. May 28, 1901.

13. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the difficulties of correspondence due to severe eye problems and just recently was allowed by her oculist to use her reading glasses. She has given up going to dinners and parties and keeps healthy by spending much time outside and walking as well as sleeping well. She relates the day-to-day activities that keep her occupied. They spent Christmas in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Sing [Chinese servant] will soon be celebrating the "China New Year" with all the traditions. John Lockwood is suffering from some disease of the cheek bone which requires daily attendance from the doctor. January 22, 1903.
14. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about having a siege of the grippe for three weeks which included 10 days in bed. The "meanest winter on record" was followed by a meaner spring. Jim [James] Angell will be teaching in the Summer Session. Andrew McLaughlin had a call to Carnegie Institute and will try it for a year. Mrs. Hearst is giving "monster" dinner parties, receptions and concerts every week and works harder than any poor woman in Berkeley. March 16, 1903.
15. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about her illness again, and how she still doesn't feel like herself. Attended the speech by [President Theodore] Roosevelt [May 14, 1903] at the end of the term. Her eye has improved slightly. Their vacation to Shasta Springs was upset due to the raise in price to \$18.00 a week apiece. George has a sore throat due to the doctor's treatment. There has been a succession of deaths and one suicide this spring. Mrs. Kellogg's adopted daughter whose mind had become unbalanced, took carbolic and died a few weeks ago. Mrs. K has not been in the best of health because of heart disease. Her roses this year were the best ever. May 17, 1903.
16. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about cleaning up things collected in the house for the last four years. Jimmy [James] Angell had a break-down teaching during the Summer Session and was ordered to a sanitarium while his pregnant wife stayed in Chicago. They are losing the most valuable tenant for barn – he goes to be President of the University of Arizona [Kendric Charles Babcock]. August 19, 1903.
17. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes that she has a cold which prevented her from attending the "Great Dedication of the Hearst Amphitheater" but hopes to attend the performance of "Twelfth Night" the next day. Her oculist is abroad and very ill so she is choosing a new one. Sarah L. C[aswell] Angell is active and cheerful except when she is reminded of her memory loss. Talks about the death of several friends including the former President Kellogg. The rains have not started and the water supply is very low. They have been boiling all their water and they have been so far safe from typhoid fever. September 25, 1903.
18. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about her eye treatments for the past 4 months that cost fifty dollars. She has not yet noticed an improvement. Her social obligations have been cut back especially since Sing cannot handle more than six people at dinner. Discusses the changes in her landscape plans. The porch has been postponed because of the high price the carpenters demanded and by the fact that most of that price must be divided and put into her eye. Complains about the high taxes. Complains about getting old and people having operations and frightful medical bills. Gives an update on family members and friends November 3, 1903.
19. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about death of Sarah [Caswell] Angell on December 17, 1903. Lydia Barstow has also died of pneumonia and the university lost their French professor after a long illness. After a seven year investigation, it was found that Secretary W. A. McKowen, secretary of the board of regents confessed to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler that he stole \$20,000 or more of college money which he lost "playing the races." It was the hardest blow the university has had. George has had a cold for two weeks December 23, 1903.

1. Lois Howison, letter to unknown [Serena King [Caswell] Lane?]. Writes about getting very little done since her eyesight makes it difficult to read or sew. She has cut off teas and receptions and only visits the sick or bereaved or the aged who are house-bound. James [Burrill] Angell and his sister, Carrie, are coming to visit. During the Chinese New Year, Sing, [the cook], was away for 2 days. They added gas heating in 3 places as well as a gas plate in the kitchen although she won't cook with gas because it causes too much steam and the moisture will cause her to take a cold. She "longs to see electric cooking." The oculist fitted her with two new pair of glasses – near and far and she has suspended "treatment" for a while. George [Howison] has been invited to deliver an address in St. Louis on September 19. He is eager to do it but Lois is holding back because of "hot, crowded, malarial mosquitoes – St. Louis. Nay!" February 20 [21?] 1904.
2. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes that it has rained torrentially for a month and was the wettest March for 55 years according to the paper. Her visitor, James [Burrill] Angell, is florid and stout but "well-preserved" man for 74. He is undecided about resigning from the presidency [University of Michigan]. His sister, Carrie, has a disease of the throat and is not well and cannot manage the President's house with five servants, a pair of horses and a coachman. They stayed a week and it was a good visit. She is grateful for the gas heaters since it has been a very cold spring. March 31, 1904.
3. Lois Howison, Dutch Hat, California, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about being in the mountains trying to get rested. Old Sing left the household on April 18 after nearly 20 years of service. Sing had developed a serious opium addiction and was unable to fulfill his kitchen duties. They received news of the shocking death of a young UC instructor. He fell trying to board a train and severed both legs and died a few days later. May 30 1904.
4. Lois Howison, Dutch Hat, California, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the great weather but she has lack of vigor due to either age or altitude. She mourns the loss of Starr King's [Universalist minister] widow who married William Norris who left her a rich widow. She is worried about ants in the house since she forgot to fill the tray around her jelly jars with water. July 10, 1904.
5. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to unknown [Serena King [Caswell] Lane?]. Writes about Serena [?] and Anne possibly coming for a visit. Covers the problems of trying to find a replacement for Sing [the Chinese cool] and having to pay \$35-\$40 a month to the new person. Henry Henshaw from the Sandwich Islands where he has been photographing and doing odd jobs for the last nine years stopped by for a visit. August 1, 1904.
6. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes wondering how Serena is getting along without Remie. The University has started the term with a "Freshmen class of six hundred odd." She comments that she doesn't know the students nor half the faculty since the university has grown. A new line of electric cars comes within a half-block of the house. She has had no luck with hiring a new servant. John Lockwood, an agent for societies that have Indian Reservations. She laments the number of suicides including the son of a friend, Mary Hardisty (wife of Governor of CA, George Stoneman). Worries that George's luncheon party for 20 is costing \$30-\$40 at the University Club in San Francisco. August 24, 1904.
7. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about being tied down with housework because she has not hired anyone including Sing who wanted his job back. She had lunch with Mrs. Pennoyer, Aunt Lizzie's niece. Discussed the good meats she buys from the Woman's Exchange. September 11, 1904.
8. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about hiring a New England Irish woman, Kate Green, who knew the Caswell family in Providence, RI. John Lockwood came to visit but did not stay with them but in a hotel in San Francisco. October 16, 1904.
9. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about her new cook who can make all the delicious New England dishes. Carpenters and plumbers are putting in a bay

window in the kitchen. She has no luck with the dressmaker. New \$18,000 bleachers have been built for the football games. She may go to San Francisco to escape the crowds. Her eyes work a little at a time, November 11, 1904.

10. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about an outdoor parlor where she hangs plants and put the old Wellesley Hall parlor rug. She still has not found a dressmaker to please her. Stanford won the football game 18 to 0 with 1600 people paying \$2.50 for a seat. November 13, 1904.
11. Serena K[ing] Lane, letter to "Dear Towers" [?]. Writes about having two Thanksgiving dinners and describing the menu. Letter also includes another letter to Mrs. Ballou. Writes a thank you note for a Thanksgiving dinner. Dated respectively: November 28, 1904 and November 24, 1904.

Box 1/Folder 5: 1905

1. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes hoping Serena is feeling better and how she wishes Serena could be there, breathing in the fresh California air. She talks about her servant, Doxy," who speaks like an American – no brogue whatsoever - and looks and is a self-respecting independent working woman." Naome is trying to buy a farm in Peterboro. Mrs. Probert accompanied her to hear Burton Holms and see his wonderful pictures and bioscopes but the "glitter" affected her eyes. She does "confess these modern electrical miracles are kind of awesome. January 16, 1905.
2. Lois Howison, letter to unknown [Serena King [Caswell] Lane?]. Writes about wanting to know the health of the family and discusses her very bad cold. Talks about her father teaching her to play the organ. January 31, 1905.
3. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Mary Lois Lane. Writes to her niece about various chores. Tells about a 32 year old woman whose joints are "solidifying." The doctors tell her the process will continue as long as she lives. Speaking of tragedies, a young widow who has been totally blind for several years from a boney growth behind her eye-balls. She had endured painful surgeries and was found dead in her bed with the gas open, which they believed to be an accident. Berkeley has been a terrible place for tragedies. They have new pups. April 11, 1905.
4. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Rena? [Serena King [Caswell] Lane?]. Writes about starting vacation but not planning any trips. She will stay home and George will go to the Sanitarium for "treatment." There was a big reception for Charles Bakewell who is leaving for Yale as full professor and head of the Philosophy Department. John Stratton left for Johns Hopkins University in the fall [of 1904]. Her eye has slowly gotten a little better. George has been in bed with "a disturbance of stomach and bowels." He has been fretting over the new rule that the Board of Regents and the President made concerning "Emeriting" professors who are 70 years old and who have been at the university for 20 years. They were to be docked in salary, title, and privileges, do less work. George is fighting the arrangement and has stirred up such a commotion that he got the rule suspended in his case and got his salary raised by \$500. He will have year's leave of absence next year at full pay. May 23, 1905.
5. [Unknown], Arlington, Massachusetts, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about Serena's trip with Marion to Europe the year before and Ms. Mason's cancer. August 3, 1905.
6. Lois Howison, Paraiso Springs, California, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about being in the mountains. Talks about a 60 year man and a 22 year old rich Irish lad and their addiction to morphine. The only jolly people there are a lot of Catholic priests who go hunting. December 28, 1905.

Box 1/Folder 6: 1906

1. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about sending money to her niece, Mary Lois Lane for her son, Charles [Standish Scribner]. The record lack of rain in February has people worried about water in the summer months. University is planning six

- symphony concerts in the Greek Theatre which will bring crowds and make the town a pandemonium. The new Professor of Music is making things hum. February 12, 1906.
2. Lois Howison, letter to "Dear Folks." Writes in detail about the California earthquake of April 18, 1906. April 22, 1906.
 3. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about her disorganized house and people who have lost theirs in the earthquake; describes the aftermath of the earthquake on Berkeley and the University. April 29, 1906. [letter date is 1806]
 4. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the effect and damage to houses, business and the economy by the San Francisco Earthquake (April 18). May 14, [1906]
 5. Lois Howison, Nevada City, California, letter to Mary Lois [Lane] Scribner. Writes that Mrs. Palmer is with her at the National Hotel while George and the dog are sojourning in Sanitarium St. Helena for "treatment." She talks about the repairs to the house from the damage of the earthquake and preparing the house for the renters. Is sorrowful to hear the illness of her sister, Serena. June 8, 1906.
 6. Lois Howison, St. Helena Sanitarium, letter to Remie ["Rena" – Serena Caswell Lane?] Writes about Mrs. Palmer receiving news that the "Great [Hugo] De Vries (1848-1935) was to arrive at Berkeley; their settling in at the sanitarium was delayed because of the "holy Time" when no work could be performed; George's coffee ritual; describes their tent lodgings and the rain which is unusual weather for June. She sends money for her sister, Serena. June 25, 1906.
 7. Lois Howison, [St. Helena] Sanitarium, letter to unknown [Serena King [Caswell] Lane?] Compliments Serena's "fine hand" without glasses and notes her importance to the family; concern for Lois [Caswell Scribner]'s problems with her eyesight and need for glasses and worries that the doctor prescribed atropine for astigmatism; heard of a report in a paper that reported George was in "mental decline" which was untrue; George's deafness may contribute to the fact that he isn't aware of all things; Naome Byriner is in France for the summer and her nephew, Roger Ernst [1903 graduate of Harvard] joins a law firm in Boston after his trip to France; Harry Overstreet's mother had an operation. July 19, 1906.
 8. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about Miss Pack, who lives in a neighboring tent who is suffering from a mental illness. Doctors now want their surgical patients out on their "wheeled couches just as soon as possible;" George is getting better. August 12, 1906.
 9. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about being home; discusses her new Chinese cook coming tomorrow and the woes of finding good help; and "some" people are advising her to sell their house because of the high property values. August 26, 1906.
 10. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about people sleeping outdoors for health reasons. She is still "cookless," and the servant question is more hopeless than ever because the earthquake dislodged many servants and "they left the region by the hundreds, or they are living in relief camps on the charity of the public." She will have to pay the help \$40 a month and that is nearly half as much as many of the young instructors at UC receive. She visited the U.S. Naval Training School on Goat Island where Captain Charles Perkins, Commandant, was one of her former pupils at Salem High School. She describes the ship, the *Pensacola*, and its luxuries. September 19, 1906.
 11. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about interviewing people of various ethnicities, and hiring a Japanese man at \$37.50 for kitchen duties who is well trained and has his own professional cooking tools. Mr. [William Ernest] Hocking in the Philosophy Department and his wife [Agnes] O'Reilly are very attractive young people who have a baby and are moving to a small cottage "way up the hill with a "glorious view." Harry O[verstreet] and his fiancée [Elsie Burr] visited, stayed to dinner and announced their marriage in May and wish to build a house and hope to live "the simple life" While making her bed, Lois was struck with an attack of "lumbago." She had a visit from a youngish woman who suffered from dyspepsia but within a

year, she has been relieved by an expert doctor who told her that her trouble all came from milk. He cut off milk, cream, butter, cheese and any bread mixed with milk and she is well. October 3, 1906.

12. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about an Irish woman she hired to be a cook and who was soon replaced by Alma Johnson, a Swede, for \$28.00 a month; relates the successful catered reception for the Hockings and how charming Mrs. [Elsie] Hocking was. Talks about the illness of Sally [Pickett] Harris who married Prof. [Charles Mills] Gayley; issues with the house chimney possibly damaged by the April earthquake; Sanford beat UC in football. November 12, 1906.
13. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the cold weather, her "comfortable" Swedish cook, and Thanksgiving dinner that included Alden Sampson, cousin from Duxbury, graduate of Harvard University [1877], and a big game hunter. She made a dozen napkins for the Church bazaar. November 26, 1906.

Box 1/Folder7: 1907

1. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about injuring her right ankle and walking with a cane. The carpenters and painters are at the house and the carpet has not been laid nor pictures hung. George is not well and drops off into a deep sleep after eating and is very forgetful. She fears she is getting very forgetful also. Their rich friends are always inviting them to parties. Judge [John] Garber [1833-1908] loves to entertain in hearty Virginia fashion. The Hockings last baby lived only two days and the matrons say Mrs. Hocking was too active and sociable. However, it was the second baby in the neighborhood that has had an untimely and inexplicable end. She mentions correspondence from Mary Zee and seeing Mrs. Lee. January 17, 1907.
2. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the coldest weather California has known as well as a shortage of fuel; her plans with Mrs. Palmer to visit the City [San Francisco] and comments on the problems of the city since the earthquake; the University [of California, Berkeley] President announced that the losses of UC were much heavier than first supposed and they are facing a budget cut which will cut 1/6 of their regular income; George [Howison] is considering retirement; mentions George's falling asleep; "My Old Sing" is creating problems for Mrs. [Kate] Kellogg during the Chinese New Year; received a letter from John Lockwood; the Relief Fund has four millions to get rid of and they can't figure out how to do it; mentions Mrs. Lee returning from Georgia; received a letter from George Noyes now at Harvard; Harriet Stevens, who taught Latin and Algebra until she died at the age of 80. January 18, 1907.
3. Tuscinius [?], Annapolis, Maryland, letter to "My dear Lola" [Lois Howison?] Writes about the death of Kate Edwards, mentioned in a letter sent by Lola [Lois?] and talks about old friends, Roxann and Rebeckah Cushing, and Louise Robinson, January 24, 1907.
4. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the terrible weather, fog and heavy rains that have rotted her rose buds and "reduced the streets of San Francisco to a slough of impassable mud - the sewers are not mended yet to any extent;" and daily activities. [January, 1907?]
5. John Cole [1836-1912] Cole Bros. Lightning Rod Company, St. Louis, Missouri, letter to Lois Howison. Writes that he wanted to write sooner about Mrs. [Molly] Cole's illness and request her reply. February 25, 1907.
6. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the winter storm and Alma [servant] trying to get the washing done with Fels-Naptha soap instead of boiling the clothes and having to dry the clothes in the kitchen and on the porch. Complains of suffering back-head-aches and "dumb grippe." The last term of the year started with more than the usual activities including concerts, lectures and social affairs. Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Cole's letter. She

mentions two more deaths as the earthquake hasn't ceased to claim lives. The Hockings will be leaving for Yale next year. James Angell had an operation for a growth on his forehead which was successful. She has a Scratch wig to cover her waning hair; . March 6, 1907.

7. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about our "dreadful anniversary" [of the San Francisco earthquake] and the current state of the city; her housekeeper, Alma gave one week notice before her marriage and was replaced by Eva from Finland, who "understands English with great difficulty;" attended a performance of "Eumenides" in Greek at the Greek Theatre; her friend, Virginia Pennoyer, will take her driving; was woken at 3:00 a.m. by students yelling and shouting at a rally [Freshmen Sophomore Brawl?]; her "Mrs. Cleveland rose" is blooming. April 20, 1907.
8. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes that their Berkeley home is sold for \$21,000 minus \$600 fee for the real estate agent. It was purchased by Mr. Nickerson, a lumber dealer [Clark-Nickerson Lumber Company] from the State of Washington. July 3, 1907.
9. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes that the neighbors are "upset and disgruntled" about the sale of the house. She "resents the tyranny of things [possessions]." "All the world is playing Puss in the Corner" as people are willing to move "up the hills and pioneer." "Finnish Eva" has agreed to stay a while longer. July 23, 1907.
10. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about suffering for 6 days with lumbago; has been "the coldest, foggiest, gloomiest summer that anybody can remember." The "little Noyes" [George Rapall Noyes and Florence Augusta Paine Noyes] returned from a vacation among the Mormons. He is working on a new edition of Dryden to be published by Houghton-Mifflin. July 29, 1907.
11. Lois Howison, letter to "Remie Lane" [Serena Caswell Lane?]. Writes asking her to run downtown and buy rucking and she will send a money order for it. She talks about the problems with "Labor," unions, and strikes. [August, 1907?]
12. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes that the rucking has been received and she is enclosing a check. They are cleaning the house in anticipation of moving to the new house. She has nagged George to look through boxes of his papers and pamphlets stored in the attic. They have been looked at a dozen houses and George inspects the basements, attics, and chimneys "to see how the quake affected them" before they begin to consider if the house is workable. Eva is still with the family. August 17, [1907?].
13. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about buying a new house with an unfinished second floor and two other substantial buildings, a small wood house and a garage. It was built 2 years ago by a rich lumber man. House address is 2631 Piedmont Way. George is showing his age by falling sound asleep after lunch and dinner. She mentions that the summer has been the darkest and foggiest summer. August 30, 1907.
14. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about her trips to the Free Market because of the high cost of fruit and vegetables in the local stores. Three large tomatoes are ten cents and a big, big bunch of grapes was but five cents. According to Prof. Pleher, tax and finance expert, food stuff had risen 40 per cent in ten years. She suggests that people "go back to the land and eat their own potatoes." She is worried about the move to the new house. The "Ladies of the Faculty" chipped in for a reception for Mrs. Wheeler after her husband [President Benjamin Ide Wheeler] decided to stay at UC. They bought her a lace bertha (collar) for \$55.00. September 7, 1907.
15. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about moving from her old home, sorting things into different lots for gifts, for sale, for the Salvation Army, for the Infirmary, for the Junk-man, and one for the Nickersons, the new owners. Relates having the dinner at the Overstreets in little house in the hills. She mentions the "shakes" in the last week caused no damage but scares. October 7, 1907.
16. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about selling things to Second-Hand dealers who don't itemize but offer a lump sum. She is tired and cross since she

doesn't know whether she wants to sell a given article or keep it until she knows what she can get for it. Amy Collier and her new bride groom were on their wedding trip visited and stayed for dinner only. She relates the story of Amy's wedding veil that was handed down from Lizzie Barstow to Sarah Angell and loaned to Amy. October 17, 1907.

17. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the chaos of the move into the new house on October 31 and November 1. Book cases are being built and yard work is being done including the removal of the eucalyptus tree in the back yard. November 9, 1907.
18. Lois Howison, 2631 Piedmont Way, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes in response to Serena's letter; responds to her eye troubles and losing faith in doctors, talks about the new house; discusses maintenance of the many flowers and plants in the backyard. She reports on the new neighbors. George Noyes and his "pretty and capable little wife," called. November 16, 1907.

Box 1/Folder 8: 1908 – 1909

1. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about breakfasts in bed and her illness. George is working on an attic room with the laborers. They are ready for the visit from the Rat-Inspector because the Coast is in a panic with fear of "Bubonic plague." Measures to clean up included putting all garbage in metal receptacles and emptied, no manure heaps allowed, no piles of lumber or refuse. Towns are more afraid of "quarantine" than the plague. The towns are holding mass meetings finding ways to raise money for the costly cleanup. Eva is still with them. The weather is glorious and the roses from the new bushes are doing well. February 17, 1908.
2. Lois Howison, Raymond's Ranch, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about going to the ranch to regain her health and rest before she loses her temper with the carpenter charging \$5.00 a day and never seems to be done. She also describes the landscape, people, and atmosphere of the ranch especially "Mrs. R[aymond]" is a "born and past master cook" who accomplishes her "exquisite cooking" with her "pious friends" and no servants. Mrs. Palmer was to accompany her but her rheumatism and could not take the cold mountain air. The Mills have been invited by the President to his official luncheon. Discussed beautiful women she has seen. March 27, 1908.
3. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about how busy she is with things that "must be settled right way;" looking for new help since Eva departed in July due to ill health; George staying at the Sanitarium "to get braced up for the new term;" and the arrival of Mr. [George Plimpton] Adams [1882-1961] and his new bride. August 9, 1908.
4. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about making meals in her Fireless Cooker since Eva has left and her replacement lasted only a month; discusses buying cooked meats and ten cents of Saratoga potatoes cheaper than making them herself; Carrie Collier is close to death after two operations; discusses the tragedy of a professor's son who committed suicide by laying down on the train tracks. Asks about a first class osteopathist in Lawrence since George thinks that "R's" trouble comes from something pressing on a nerve in the spine. She will help pay for the osteopathist. September 16, [1908].
5. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about her "happenings" being primarily domestic. She never seems to leave the kitchen since she fired the latest help and hopes her newest maid, Sophie Nordman, a Finn, will stay. George is feeling tired and slow, has a cough and congestion in his Eustachian tubes and has been quite deaf. The "College Teas," held in Hearst Hall, for "ladies connected with the faculty" have begun and include some two hundred and fifty women. She is now the "oldest woman of the faculty. The young married women in UC have to keep up their position and make ends meet since President [Benjamin Ide] Wheeler is "down on slouchiness" and consider good looks – in all senses - to be a very valuable asset,

- however the young faculty members make only one-tenth of the Wheeler's \$10,000 a year salary. October 11, 1908.
6. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about Christmas presents still on the table because she hasn't had a chance to really examine them. A "tortoise-kit[ten]" has adopted them and is terrorizing the dog. The weather has been extremely cold. George is suffering from a hernia and must wear a truss; [second letter continues] remarks that the streets are "absolutely dangerous for old ladies with stiff ankles and game eyes." She depends on her telephone. George is down to 153 pounds and misses his friend Judge [John] Garber [1833-1908]. December 27, 1908.
 7. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about packing things [for the trip to Europe]. George Howison received a check for \$1200 for their trip from D[arius] O[gden] Mills. She describes the small dinner for 16 at Millbrae with Mrs. [Elisabeth] Whitelaw Reid and Mrs. Parrott in diamonds and pearls in attendance. A visit by Becky Skinner who was wrapped in "genuine" lace and a balayouse. [April/May 1909].
 8. Lois Howison, Dresden, [Germany], letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the "Leipsic [Leipzig, Germany] 'Scape" which was fine and fatiguing and included dining with royalty; arriving in Dresden with Mrs. D'Ooge [wife of Martin Luther D'Ooge, 1839-1915]. They went shopping for fine china but Lois would have preferred the "plain, solid German furniture" to take back to Berkeley. She caught a cold but George is ready for more sight-seeing; remarks on how much Dresden has changes since their last visit in 1880 mostly because of the electric street cars. They hope to be in Rome in November. [This seems to be the first letter from abroad.] August 6, 1909.
 9. Lois Howison, Jena, [Germany?], letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about Dresden and her bad cold. Jena is an old, old university town but has electric lights. The feather-bed coverlet is too much for the. The Jena City Hall dates back to the 1400's. George was exalted about his meeting with Professor [Rudolf Christoph] Eucken [1846-1926]. She purchased a silk coat for \$20 and a hand-knit sweater for \$4. The droschkies" [droshkies] rotate the well-fed horses so they do not tire pulling the carriages. Harry Overstreet has tonsillitis that has affected his heart. August 22, 1909.
 10. Marion [?], Hotel Habsburg Munchen, Munich, Germany, letter to Miss Lane [Serena Caswell Lane?]. Writes about her travels through London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Paris, Belgium, Holland, Dresden, Vienna, and Munich. Document is damaged. August 26, 1909.
 11. Lois Howison, Eisenach, Germany, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about dining and sight-seeing in Eisenach, especially the Wartburg Castle including the spot where Saint Elizabeth had her Rose Miracle. Discusses the food and beer. Electric car fares are cheap all over Germany charging two and half cents for "a long stretch." August 30, 1909.
 12. Lois Howison, Hotel Englischer Hof, Munich, Germany, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about traveling from Augsburg and the rainy colder weather. The hotel bedroom is small and very noisy since the door to the street is left open and there is a lot of traffic. The beginning of the October-fest which is opened by the Prince-Regent and the young highnesses. September 26, 1909.
 13. Lois Howison, Munich, Germany, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about her concern for her great-niece's bad eyesight based on her problems with her vision problems; having to move from a hotel that was too noisy and too expensive to a Pension that was excellent but had been reserved only for one week instead of two and the third abode that was very attractive and had steam-heat and an "automatic elevator;" purchasing a warm coat for "rough work" for \$10; being 20 pennies short to pay for her lunch but at least tipped the waiter. October 9, 1909.
 14. Lois Howison, Meran, [Italy], letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the hotel which was the best they have stayed and the staff which is extremely well trained and efficient. October 27, 1909.

15. Lois Howison, Rome, Italy, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the hotels and weather; received sad news from Beckley concerning the death of Professor [Washington Irving] Stringham [1847-1909] on the operating table. The doctors thought it was gall stones but during the operation they discovered that his lover was cancerous or tubercular. He left a wife and three children. Sue Lockwood has been working on a book of photos of Old Masters and writing notes for each picture. November 13, 1909.
16. Lois Howison, Rome, Italy, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the rainy but temperate weather in Rome; describes Paune Halperd, her "Polish table-neighbor" who speaks many languages, is quite a character George had a bowel-attack and is still dieting. At seventy-five they are "getting well along." December 9, 1909.

Box 1/ Folder 9: 1910

1. Lois Howison, Rome, Italy, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about Mary's [her niece's] children; mentions her old friend, Sarah Cole, who is also in Rome; talks about her February cold which followed her January cold. Mentions the "flocks of Americans are here, rich and poor." George is hard at work writing an article to be published. February 13, 1910.
2. Lois Howison, Rome, Italy, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes in response to Serena's last letter concerning the woes of worsening eyesight; Mary Zee, [secretary to the President of University of California] has also arrived in Rome by herself. March 13, 1910.
3. Lois Howison, Milan, Italy, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about leaving Rome and visiting Siena, Ravenna, and Milan; visited the Castello [Sforzesco] in Milan that houses the Government's collections of sculptures, paintings, arms, coins, porcelains, glass, furniture and costumes. April 10, 1910.
4. Lois Howison, London, England, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about attending the funeral of King Edward [VII] and the great crowds of people gathered in the streets to watch the funeral procession. Letter is full of details of their experience. May 16, 1910.
5. Lois Howison, Miss Loxley's, Oxford, [England], letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about staying at the Loxley house, remembering her way around Oxford, and dreading all the visiting that is required; looking forward to traveling to Cambridge where they know fewer people; visited Hampton Court and took the long boat ride home – a four hour trip. June 5, 1910.
6. Lois Howison, Ilfracombe-Devon letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about their current itinerary including Wells, Taunton, Exeter, and Glastonbury. They stayed in a curious little home built 500-600 years ago for the Singing Vicars which is now occupied by theological students. The Wells Cathedral [Somerset] had many elaborate church services; and the Castle in Taunton where she found a Caswell, some Samsons, Aldens, Kings, and lots of Williamses. They went to Exeter which has a little darling Cathedral. July 18, 1910.
7. Lois Howison, The Feathers Hotel, Ludlow [South Shropshire], letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about preparing to catch the boat in Liverpool; will visit Serena in Lawrence [Massachusetts] around August 28, visiting Lawrence and Boston and finally returning to Berkeley. August 12, 1910.
8. Lois Howison, Boston – Victoria [Hotel, Massachusetts], letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about her experiences in Boston including the family's cemetery lot. September 10, 1910.
9. Lois Howison, Hotel Victoria, Boston, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about the Brown family that "kill you with kindness and attentions and continuous devices to entertain;" spent the time visiting with old friends and relatives in the cities of Salem, Lynn, Wellesley; and that Rachel was a descendant of a slave owned by the Caswell family. [September, 1910?]
10. Serena Caswell Lane, letter to her mother, Serena King [Caswell] Lane, Lawrence Massachusetts. Writes about delaying her visit home. September 13, 1910.
11. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to "Dear Remie." Writes in response to Remie's previous letter about her illness. Also writes about a trip from Seattle to Berkeley. She was happy that their

- house was clean and everything was in good condition as well as their luggage had all arrived. Discussed Remie's trip to Raynham to see the old homestead. October 9, 1910.
12. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to "Dear folks." Writes about the "whirligig" of activity required to "getting hold of the reins of housekeeping once more" after their return from Europe and Boston. George is deciding what type of water heater to install as the rival makers tell horror stories about explosions of the other's product. While lunching with Mrs. Kellogg, old Sing "still presides over her kitchen." "He is a better cook than Eva but he isn't a quarter as clean." Harry Overstreet and his wife [Elsie] who is expecting their second child have moved to [City College of] New York. October 23, [1910?]
 13. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to unknown [Serena King [Caswell] Lane?] Writes about interruption while trying to settle back in as well as George's "slow puttering." A new "instantaneous" water heater has been installed but she fears the gas and water bills will be high. Discusses home improvements. November 15, 1910.

Box 1/Folder10 [1923-1924]

1. Serena King [Caswell] Lane, to "My dearly loved friends." Writes saying farewell to her family. Envelope is included. [1923 or 1924?]

Box 1/Folder 11: Undated

1. Lois Howison, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about Serena's cold and about the deaths of Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Dunham, and the wife of George Henshaw who died in confinement with her first child. She quotes passages from a book [The Ills of Indigestion (1896)] by Dr. [Herman] Partsch concerning dyspepsia that might be Serena's husband's problem. February 21 [n.d.]
2. Poem, unknown author. Titled "A Poem (Classical)."
3. Serena Caswell Lane letter to her mother, Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about her delayed writing because of a house fire which ruined many of her paintings; her train trip to the Eau Claire Theater.
4. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes in support of female students. November 23.
5. Tuscinius [?], letter to "Dear Lola" [Lois Howison?]. Writes about sending a Christmas card to update her on what he had been doing for the past year. Mentions Rosalie and James [Rowland Angell?], Toxaway Inn and lake, and the Clifton Springs Sanitarium [New York]. December 20.
6. Lois Howison, letter to Mary Ann Caswell. Writes about various neighbors bringing her fruit; George's problems with the house and his many visits to San Francisco; George wants to return to Harbin Hot Springs which she considers "hot, hateful place; Naome and Ned Byriner had a hard time in Nassau.
7. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about nothing new happening in the household. The plans for the new house and isn't thrilled about the new house. January 18.
8. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about Cousin Tom; trying to get her new suit "built" in San Francisco; and comments on her neighbor who sits on her porch all day. October 9.
9. Lois Howison, Berkeley, letter to Serena King [Caswell] Lane. Writes about rheumatism and rubbing her feet with hamamelis [witch-hazel] and soaking them in hot water; complains about Sing shirking his cleaning duties. May 24.