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 - o "Howe's Commencement: The Most Successful Since the Foundation of the School Forty-Eight Years Ago," *Mount Pleasant Journal*, June 11, 1891
 - o "The 'Old Mill': A Last and Long Farewell, Prof. Warrington P. Howe," *Mount Pleasant Journal?*, May 10?, 1900
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 - o "Marker At Site of "Old Mill" Is Dedicated," *Mt. Pleasant News*, September 12, 1931
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 - o "Howe's Academy Picnic Held at Saunders Park," *Mt. Pleasant News*, September 13, 1937
 - o "Howe's Academy Picnic to be Held Saturday," *The Winfield Beacon*, September 12, 1938
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- Journal Articles and Histories
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 - o "Howe and Denmark Academies vs. The Modern High School," Prof. C.W. Cruikshank, *Historical Address delivered at Annual Reunion and Picnic of the Howe's Academy Association* (September 1938) published in *Mt. Pleasant News*, December 31, 1938
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Future Research

Biographical Sketches

- *Babb Families of America*, Jean Sargent (Babb Family Association – might have her papers?)
- *Who Was Who in America 1897-1942*
- *Cambridge Dictionary of American Biography*, J.S. Bowman, ed. (1995)
- *20th Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans*, vol. 3, Daughters of America; or Women of the Century Ch. 21: Women Lawyers
- *Herringshaw’s Encyclopedia of American Biography of the Nineteenth Century*
- *Her Heritage: A Biographical Encyclopedia of Famous American Women* (1995)
- *Encyclopedia Britannica*
- *United States Biographical Dictionary for Iowa*

Suffrage and Women’s Rights

- *Herstory: A Woman’s View of American History*, June Sochen (1974)
 - o Green Library - HQ1410 .S64
- *Herstory: A Record of the American Woman’s Past*, June Sochen (1981)
 - o Green Library – HQ1410 .S64 1981
- *Beyond Her Sphere: Women and the Professions in American History*, Barbara J. Harris (1978)
 - o Green/Education Library – HQ1410 .H37
- *Schoolwomen of the Prairies and Plains: Personal Narratives from Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska*, Mary Hurlbut Cordier (1992)
 - o SAL - LB2837 .C66 1992
- *The Suffragette Movement: An Intimate Account of Persons and Ideals*, E. Sylvia Pankhurst (1931) at 347
 - o SAL 324.3 .P195
- *Burlington Hawkeye* review of Belle’s April 1872 “What Women Should Do” speech – the Mount Pleasant Journal republished the Hawkeye review, or at least part of it - there’s a chance the Hawkeye covered the speech in more depth than did the Mount Pleasant Journal
- *Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal*, Oct. 1881 – published report of AWSA meeting, incl. full reports by state aux. orgs (Iowa might be one)
- *New York Standard*, June or July 1870 - reported on Mount Pleasant IWSA convention
- Iowa Woman Suffrage Collection at State Historical Society of Iowa
- Iowa Suffrage Memorial Commission – check web
- Progressive Men of Iowa – check web
- Dissertations or law review articles on Woman Suffrage – check Lexis and Westlaw

Bar Admission

- *New York Express*
 - Published a generally favorable opinion on Belle's admission sometime between June 15 and July 8, 1869
 - Green library has the *Evening Express* but it didn't seem to have this article (or it was a very very brief mention)
- *Proceedings of the Pioneer Law Makers' Association*, vol. 1-16
 - Law Library - PH BJ PP
- "The Woman Lawyer," Grace Ballantyne, *Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Iowa State Bar Association* (1905) at 81-83, 85-86
 - Law Library – PH BJ IR
- "Barred From the Bar: Women and Legal Education in the United States 1870-1890," Dr. Kelly Weisberg, 28 *J.Legal Educ.* 485, 494-95 (1977)
- "The Early History of the College of Law, State University of Iowa: 1865-1884," Hanson, 30 *Iowa Law Review* 31 (1944)
- Iowa Supreme Court/Iowa Judicial Branch – check web
- American Bar Association – check web
- Iowa State Bar Association (Legal Heritage Committee) – check web

M.E. Church

- *Articles of Incorporation of Main St. M.E. Church*, Art. of Inc. Book A at 61
 - Henry County Records Office
- *Articles of Incorporation of Henry St. M.E. Church*, Art. of Inc. Book A at 48
 - Henry County Records Office
- *Articles of Incorporation of First M.E. Church of MP*, Art. of Inc. Book A at 145
 - Henry County Records Office
- In general – see IWC and Henry County histories and biographical albums

Family

- John Mansfield
 - *IWU 1864 Commencement Program* – lists John Mansfield as "in the army"
 - Iowa Wesleyan College archives
 - *Mount Pleasant Journal*, June 13, 1878 – Baldwin Univ. in Berea, OH conferred honorary degree on June 6
 - *IWC Minutes of Board of Trustees*, January 8, 1876 – resignation letter of John Mansfield dated November 1875: "Having served you wholly, day and night for eleven years, neglecting even thought of my private affairs and devoted to you the flower of my life, I now resign my place in the University, and thank you for the many favors received..."
 - Iowa Wesleyan college archives
- W.I. Babb
 - "A Notable Death: W.I. Babb" *Annals of Iowa*, vol. 15 at 395
 - Green F616 .A6

- Alice Bird Babb
 - *P.E.O. Record*, March 1969 at 30 – article by Katherine Holton Jones (her great grand-niece)
 - Mount Pleasant Public Library
 - *The Palimpsest*, vol. 11 (1930) at 440 – reference to work of Alice Bird Babb
 - State Historical Society of Iowa
 - Contact PEO Executive Office in Des Moines Iowa - historical files contain numerous letters written by Alice Bird Babb to Winona Evans Reeves
- Check with Des Moines County Historical Society and Des Moines County Courthouse and Recorder’s Office for Babb family records

IWC Activities

- *The Iowa Wesleyan*, November 1890 at 59 – mentions Belle somehow
 - “A Pioneer Law School – Iowa Wesleyan University,” Edward R. Hayes, *Drake Law Review*, Vol. X, No. 2 (May 1961) at 108-9
- Iowa Wesleyan College archives
 - Faculty minutes
 - Minutes of Board of Trustees
 - *The Iowa Wesleyan* – I got some articles here from references in other sources but didn’t look through them myself
 - *The Iowa Classic* – I got some articles here from references in other sources but didn’t look through them myself

DePauw Activities

- “The Ten Presidents of DePauw University,” *Western Christian Advocate*, March 17, 1909
- Cites from Karlene English’s paper (see above under biographical sketches)
- *Baird’s Manual of American College Fraternities*, Charles Starr Loshier, ed., 16th ed. (1957) at 182-84
- Check Greencastle/Indianapolis historical societies and local libraries

Temperance

- *Address Before the Second Biennial Convention of the World’s Woman’s Christian Temperance Union and the Twentieth Annual Convention of the National Women’s Christian Temperance Union*, Frances E. Willard, World’s Columbian Exposition, Chicago (October 1893)
 - Library of Congress Website (www.loc.gov) - American Memory Project

Obituaries

- *Greencastle Herald*, August 2, 1911 at 1
- *Greencastle Herald*, August 3, 1911 at 1
- *Henry County Free Press*, August 3, 1911 – I saw this (it’s a very minor mention)

General Research

- *Annals of Iowa*: Series 1: vol. 1-12 (1863-73); Series 2: vol. 1-3 (1882-84); Series 3: vol. 1-59 (1895-2000)
 - o Location: most volumes are available at Green (F616 .A6); the ones that aren't in Green are available through the State Historical Society of Iowa in Des Moines
 - o Volumes 1-50 have periodical separate indexes, after vol. 50 the indexes are contained within each volume
 - o Suggestion 1: I found various articles in here through references in other sources, but didn't do a systematic search of the index for Belle-related items (e.g. Mansfield, Mount Pleasant, Woman Suffrage)
 - o Suggestion 2: W.I. Babb contributed some articles at some point – look through author's index and see what comes up
- *The Palimpsest*: vol. 1-76 (1920-1995)
 - o Location: Green has vol. 19-76 (1939-1995) at F616 .P2; vol. 1-18 are probably in State Historical Society of Iowa collection
 - o Volumes 1-20 have a cumulative index (at Green); after that each volume has its own index
 - o Suggestion: I found various articles in here through references in other sources but didn't do a systematic search of the index for Belle-related items
- *Iowa Heritage Illustrated* (formerly *Palimpsest*): vol. 77+ (1996+)
 - o Location: Green has vol. 77-78 (1996-1997) at F616 .P2; the rest are probably in State Historical Society of Iowa collection
 - o Each year has its own index
 - o Suggestion: look through the index for Belle-related items
- *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*
 - o Try State Historical Society of Iowa collection
- Local organization records (orgs Belle belonged to or was associated with in MP) I'm not sure where'd you find any primary materials since they weren't in MP Public Library, Henry County Courthouse or Recorder's Office (other than already indicated) and the State Historical Society of Iowa says they don't have any, but maybe some information will turn up in indexes above, or at the State Historical Society of Iowa; for ME church records check the existing MP churches
 - o Ladies' Reading Circle/Club (1872)
 - o Ladies Lecture/Library Association (1872 or 1874)
 - o Henry County Woman Suffrage Association (August 1870)
 - o Iowa Woman Suffrage Association (June 1870)
 - o Iowa Peace Society (June 1870)
 - o Henry County Teachers'/Normal Institute (Aug. 1871)
 - o White/Red/Blue Ribbon Club
 - o Women's Temperance League of Mount Pleasant (by 1875)
 - o HC/MP Women's Christian Temperance Union? (1880)
 - o Women's Foreign Missionary Society (M.E. Church)
 - o Bluff Park Camp Meeting (M.E. Church)
 - o Henry County Sabbath Day Association
 - o Henry County Sabbath School Association
 - o Main Street and Asbury M.E. Churches

Newspapers

- In addition to the specific articles mentioned elsewhere, the following papers may reveal all kinds of good information on Belle and/or suffrage, etc.
- Belle's local papers
 - *Mount Pleasant Journal* - Republican newspaper, edited by Frank Hatton (later Postmaster and editor of Washington Post)
 - I looked through 1869-1878 pretty thoroughly and printed a big huge stack of articles having to do with all kinds of Belle's activities in MP during those years; I've copied the suffrage articles for the law library file, but anyone who wants the others should feel free to contact me
 - The years before 1869 and after 1878 should yield lots of info (see cites in Haselmayer's article for starting place)
 - *Henry County Press/The Free Press* – Democratic newspaper, edited by D.W. Robinson
 - August 10, 1905 – Belle's family visit to Mt. Pleasant
 - *Mount Pleasant Daily News* – this is the successor paper to the *MPJ*
 - See cites in Haselmayer's article for a starting place
 - July 7, 1900 – family visit in Mt. Pleasant
 - July 8, 1901 – family visit in Mt. Pleasant
 - June 30, 1902 – family visit in Mt. Pleasant
 - July 10, 1903 – no visit to Mt. Pleasant
 - July 18, 1904 – family visit to Mt. Pleasant
 - *Mount Pleasant Republican*
 - State Historical Society of Iowa doesn't have this
 - *Des Moines Register*
 - Indianola papers
 - *Greencastle Banner*
 - *Greencastle Herald*
 - *Putnam (County) Republican Banner*
 - Indianapolis papers – one of the them contains an article by Belle c. 1900 by on suffrage (women's status in Europe v. US)
- Suffrage or pro-suffrage papers
 - *Burlington Hawkeye* - edited by staunch woman's rights advocate Charles Beardsley from 1865-1874
 - I found a few articles by reference to other sources, but didn't look through it extensively
 - *The Fort Dodge Republican*, later *The Northwestern* - leading advocate of Republicanism, Temperance and Woman's Suffrage in northwest IA under BF Gue from 1862/3-1872 or so
 - *The Iowa Homestead* – another paper run by B.F. Gue (I think in Des Moines)
 - Known as leading paper of practical thought on public questions under Gue from 1872ish to long after 1880
 - Editorial page was powerful factor in the discussion of social, education and economic questions
 - *Buchanan County Bulletin* – most ardent suffrage paper in the state from 1865-69, under John L. Loomis

- o *The Lily*, Amelia Bloomer, ed.
 - June 15, 1855 at 93 - “Editorial Correspondence,” on urging women to IA to take advantage of property laws in W. Iowa
- o *Woman’s Standard* - IWSA monthly magazine)
 - The State Historical Society of Iowa only has 1886-1911
 - It’s not in Stanford libraries
- o *The Agitator* – reports on AWSA (I think its an Iowa paper)
- o *Woman’s Journal* - the AWSA journal
 - Established Jan. 1870
 - As of November 1870 merged with *Woman’s Advocate* (Ohio paper)
- o *The Revolution* – the NWSA journal
 - Green Library Media/Mtxt has 1868-72 in *Papers of ECS and SBA* - MFILM N.S. 10655 roll 1-3
- Legal publications (these go back to 1870’s)
 - o *The Western Jurist* – a monthly legal magazine published in Des Moines, includes lawyers from around the state
 - o *Nineteenth Iowa Reports*
 - o *Iowa State Gazetteer*

Dead Ends

Bar Admission

- *Law Student’s Helper*, vol. 1-23 – 1890’s has articles on early women lawyers but I couldn’t find one on Belle
 - o Law Library – PB LG PA
- *Women Lawyers Journal* (1911 to present) – early years had stories on first woman lawyer of each state but I couldn’t find any on Belle
 - o Law Library – PB WV XK
- *New York Tribune* – published unfavorable opinion on Belle’s admission sometime between June 15 and July 8, 1869 – I couldn’t find the article/blurb; might be worth another try
 - o Green Library – microfiche
- *Chicago Legal News*, February 9, 1876 – story about Belle’s admission (I didn’t find this on the roll)
- *The Independent* – in “Home Town P.E.O.” Haselmayer says that this was MP’s nonparty paper, edited by C.L. Morehouse and that it sponsored the woman suffrage, peace and temperance movements, but neither the State Historical Society of Iowa nor the Mount Pleasant Public Library have it, and Sonia Moss can’t find any library that has it
- Henry County Courthouse:
 - o W.I. Babb’s Ambler & Babb Supreme Court cases (see above) are in the HC Courthouse in Mt. Pleasant, but they are so brittle and the script so illegible that they are almost impossible to use; I looked through them somewhat and didn’t see any reference to Belle having assisted on the cases
 - o No will for Belle on file

- HC Recorders Office:
 - o Very limited organizational records pertaining to Belle, just articles of Inc. for various Library Associations and M.E. Churches
 - o Family History files contains an file for Mansfield, but it's just a couple of letters from 1966 by a writer inquiring about Belle

Suffrage and Women's Rights

- Iowa Women's Archives Website (<http://sdr.lib.uiowa.edu/iwa>) - University of Iowa Libraries
 - o No files on Belle
 - o BUT maybe see the Iowa Suffrage Memorial Commission Records, 1906-1941. 3 linear inches - commemorates the efforts of pioneer suffragists and the enfranchisement of women
- *New York Independent*, Theodore Tilton, ed. – Belle was supposedly writing for the paper in October 1870, but I couldn't find anything that seemed to be by her around that time; it might be worth another look; the paper might also be of interest regarding Tilton's stance on suffrage questions
 - o Green Library - American Periodical Series on microfiche – set 2: 051.5 reels 1429-32

Archives

Iowa Wesleyan College (<http://chadwick.iwc.edu/chadwick/archives.htm>)

Main Address: 601 North Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641/1-800-582-2383

Chadwick Library Archives: 107 West Broad Street/(319) 285-6317 (iwcarch@iwc.edu)

Collection:

- Loads of stuff on Belle and family members in archives
- Has a special room in the library with some of Belle's personal effects
- Has local newspapers on microfilm, incl. *Mount Pleasant Journal*
 - Including July 1873-July 1874?
- Has IWC and Henry County histories
- The Iowa Classic* (journal: 1870-75)
- The Iowa Wesleyan* (newspaper)
- Faculty Minutes and Minutes of Board of Trustees

Simpson College (<http://www.simpson.edu>)

Dunn Library Archives, Director: (515) 961-1519 (viewing by appt only)

DePauw University (<http://www.depauw.edu/library/archives/inventories/archives.htm>)

Archives: (765) 658-4406 (archives@depauw.edu)

Belle Mansfield File

Series 5: Photographs – DC 2290 – Belle Mansfield Exhibit

DePauw University Alumna Register of 1900 (Belle's article on History of DePauw)

Mansfield, Belle Aurelia, Reports to the Board of Trustees 1886-1898 (10 documents in DePauw Vault)

Student Accounts at Mansfield Hall 1890-1891 (in DePauw University Library Vault)
Letter from Eugene C. McCoid, Mount Pleasant, Iowa to Worth Tippy, September 3,
1952 (Archives)
Smith, Elizabeth M. "The DePauw University Art School 1891-1915" (1956) (Archives)
Alumni Directories – Belle contributed numerous biographies of professors from early
days of Indiana Asbury

Dr. John's papers (correspondence, clippings, miscellaneous data)
Faculty Minutes (complete from 1857; bi-monthly meetings after 1874)
University Catalogues (1839+)
Asbury Review (1866-68; 1873-76)
[Asbury/DePauw] Monthly (1878-1888: literary, humor and news magazine; published
faculty articles)
Adz (1888-1890: biweekly literary and news mag)
Bema (1890-1893: weekly newspaper)
Record (1890-1893: weekly newspaper)
DePauw Weekly (1893-1897: weekly, later bi-weekly, newspaper)
Palladium (1897-1904: weekly, later bi-weekly, newspaper)
The DePauw (1904-1907: weekly newspaper on campus news, a few articles)
DePauw Daily (1907-1920: daily newspaper; women not involved until 1913)
Mirror (1877 and 1884 yearbooks)
Mirage (1886+: annual yearbook – none for 1891, 1894, 1897, 1900, 1902-03, 1908)
Sombrero (1908 yearbook: dedicated to a woman, prof. Minna Kern)

Mount Pleasant Public Library

Address: 200 N. Main St, Mount Pleasant, IA/319-385-1490; Janie or others at Ref Desk
Hours: M-Th: 10-8; F: 10-5:30; Sat: 10-5

Collection:

Henry County historical collection
Local newspapers on microfilm:
Mount Pleasant Journal: after January 1894 until it becomes *MP News*
Mount Pleasant News
Henry County Free Press
Iowa Democrat/Freeman (Howe's paper)
P.E.O. Record complete volumes
Family files on community members
IWC and Henry County/Mount Pleasant histories and biographical albums

Henry County Courthouse and Recorder's Office, Mount Pleasant, IA

Address: 100 E. Washington St, Box 176, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641/319-385-2632

Hours: M-F: 8-4:30

Contact:

Clerk is Susie Que-en (top floor)
Judge Cynthia Danielson is very nice and helpful
Bernie is the person to see at the Recorder's Office

State Historical Society of Iowa (www.iowahistory.org)

Address:

Des Moines: 600 East Locust, Des Moines, IA 50319/515-281-6200 (Ellen Westafer is archivist: 515-281-3007)

Iowa City: 402 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City, IA 52240-1806/319-335-3916

Hours: Open 9am to 4:30 pm (Tues-Sat. – Sat by appt only before 12 prev. Fri.)

Some interlibrary loan is available

Collection:

Arabella (Babb) Mansfield File in Manuscript Collection at Des Moines (one folder 8 pp.)

Arabella (Babb) Mansfield, W.I. Babb and Alice Bird Babb portraits in AV Portrait Collection in Des Moines

Iowa Woman Suffrage collection

Newspapers on microfilm

Mount Pleasant Journal (in Des Moines office)

Some from 1860's

July 1870 - June 1873

July 1874 – April 1893

MP Evening Journal (in Des Moines office)

Dec. 1898 - Dec. 1899

1910 - ?

Burlington Hawkeye (in Iowa City branch)

Des Moines County Historical Society

Address: 1616 Dill Street, Burlington, IA 52601/(319) 753-2449

Henry County Historical Society

Rt.1, Box 224, New London, IA 52645 (mailing address)/(319) 367-5157

DISBANDED: spoke with Gwen Moore at above phone number (her home), former sec/treasurer, who said the materials have been distributed to other area libraries; she especially recommended Iowa Wesleyan and MP Public Library for Belle; also spoke with local historian Donald Young (got his contact info through Judge Danielson at the Henry County Courthouse) who said he thought the Mount Pleasant Public Library had thrown out a lot of old materials some years back – including perhaps HCWSA records - thinking no one was interested

Iowa Commission on the Status of Women/Iowa Women's Hall of Fame

<http://www.state.ia.us/government/dhr/sw/iafame.html>

Address: Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319/515-281-4461

Collection – see website

“Arabella Mansfield,” Biographical Notes

List of Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Inductees

They might have correspondence/application/nomination materials on Belle