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**SARAH T. BOLTON
LETTER, 5 NOVEMBER 1888**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sarah Tittle Bolton was born to Jonathan Belcher and Esther Pendleton Barrett in Newport, Kentucky on 18 December, 1814. As a child, she moved with her parents to Madison, Indiana. She began writing poetry at an early age and had her work published in the Madison newspaper. Shortly after she married the Editor of the newspaper, Nathaniel Bolton, they relocated to Indianapolis. She continued writing for newspapers and the *Home Journal*.

During the 1840s and 1850s she was named Poet Laureate of Indiana. Her involvement in politics is evidenced by the assistance she provided to Robert Dale Owen in his campaign for women's property rights. About five years after Nathaniel died in 1858, Sarah married Judge Addison Reese of Missouri, though she used the Reese name only for business purposes. Sarah Bolton died in Indianapolis on August 4, 1893. By the time of her death, three books of her poetry and songs had been published.

Sources: Banta, R.E. *Indiana authors and their Books, 1816–1916: Biographical sketches of authors who published during the first century of Indiana statehood, with lists of their books*. Indiana: Wabash College, 1949

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The letter dated 5, November, 1988 was written by Sarah T. Bolton to Mrs. Chapin C. Foster, address unknown. Mrs. Foster (Margret) was born in Illinois circa 1870 and married Chapin C. Foster circa 1888. The short letter asks forgiveness for a misspelling in some previous correspondence and mentions Sarah Bolton's poor health. A second page contains a poem with no title written by Sarah T. Bolton.

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