

The Marriage of Harriett Gold and Elias Boudinot: A Glimpse into a 19th Century Love Story



To Marry an Indian: The Marriage of Harriett Gold and Elias Boudinot in Letters, 1823-1839

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In the annals of history, love stories have often been relegated to the sidelines, their intricacies and emotions fading with time. However, in the case of Harriett Gold and Elias Boudinot, their remarkable marriage has been preserved through a treasure trove of letters, offering us a captivating glimpse into their love, challenges, and enduring bond.

Elias Boudinot, a prominent American statesman and philanthropist, was known for his contributions to the American Revolution and his unwavering support for education. Harriett Gold, a daughter of a wealthy Jewish merchant, was a woman of intelligence, wit, and unwavering faith.

Their paths crossed in 1823, and their initial correspondence reveals a whirlwind romance. Elias's letters overflowed with admiration for Harriett's intellect, kindness, and unwavering spirit. Harriett, in turn, was captivated by Elias's charm, wisdom, and unwavering devotion to his beliefs.

In 1824, they exchanged vows in a Jewish ceremony, marking the beginning of their extraordinary journey together. Their love letters, penned with eloquence and passion, offer a glimpse into their intimate world. Elias's letters are filled with heartfelt expressions of affection, while Harriett's responses brim with love, admiration, and the occasional teasing remark.

Their marriage was not without its challenges. Elias's political career often kept him away from home, and Harriett faced the societal prejudices of the time as a Jewish woman married to a Protestant man. Yet, amidst these obstacles, their love remained unwavering.

Through their letters, we witness their shared joys, such as the birth of their children and Elias's election as President of the American Bible Society. We also share their sorrows, such as the loss of loved ones and the challenges of raising a family in a rapidly changing world.

What sets their love story apart is its longevity. In an era where marriages often ended in separation or divorce, Harriett and Elias's bond grew stronger with each passing year. Their letters reveal the profound respect,

understanding, and unwavering support that characterized their partnership.

In 1839, tragedy struck when Elias passed away from an infection. Harriett was devastated, but she found solace in the letters they had exchanged over the years. These cherished documents served as a testament to their enduring love and the extraordinary bond they had shared.

Over a century later, their love letters were discovered and published, inviting us to step into the intimate world of Harriett Gold and Elias Boudinot. Through their heartfelt words, we are reminded of the power of love to transcend time, challenges, and societal norms.

The Marriage of Harriett Gold and Elias Boudinot in Letters 1823-1839 is more than just a historical document. It is a testament to the enduring power of love, the resilience of the human spirit, and the invaluable insights that can be gleaned from the past. As we delve into their correspondence, we are not only transported back in time but also inspired by the extraordinary love story that unfolded between Harriett Gold and Elias Boudinot.



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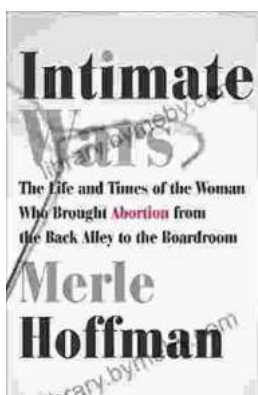
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