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BFH = Bertha Forbes Herring, daughter of Stephen A. Forbes
EFS = Ethel Forbes Scott, daughter of Stephen A. Forbes
Forbes = Richard M. Forbes, grandson of Stephen A. Forbes

I. Correspondence

Box 1

- A. Family, mother, brother, and sisters
 - 1. Agnes Forbes, 1863-1865 [BFH]
 - 2. Nettie Forbes Snyder, 1862-1893
 - 1. 1862-1870 [BFH]
 - 2. 1872-1879 [BFH and Forbes]
 - 3. 1880-1893 [BFH and Forbes]
 - 4. Letters of Stephen Forbes to Nettie Forbes, 1861-1865 [EFS]
 - 3. Henry Forbes, 1865, 1874-1875, 1887, 1901
 - 4. Flavilla Forbes Bliss, 1866-1888, 1905
 - 1. 1866-1870
 - 2. 1875-1888, 1905

5. Other Family Correspondence of This Generation
 1. Ira B. Forbes, 1905-1924
 2. Jennie Gorham, 1878, 1910
 3. Cornelia Emmert and Flavilla Forbes Bliss, 1883, 1886
 4. Frances Lyman, 1903
 5. Mary and J.C. Winslow, circa 1849
 6. James W. Ellis, 1886-1887

Box 2

- B. Family, wife and children
 1. Clara Gaston Forbes, 1872-1928
 1. 1872, 1877-1879
 2. 1880-1881
 3. 1883-1889 [BFH and Forbes]
 4. 1890-1891
 5. 1892-1899
 6. 1900-1910
 7. 1911-1912
 8. 1913-1920
 9. 1921-1925
 10. 1926-1928
 2. Bertha Forbes Herring, 1883-1884, 1896-1930, undated [BFH and Forbes]

Box 3

3. Ethel Forbes Scott, 1889-1930
 1. 1889-1905
 2. 1906-1915
 3. 1916-1926
 4. 1927-1928
 5. 1929-1930
4. Winifred Forbes, 1890-1930
 1. 1890-1909 [BFH and Forbes]
 2. 1910-1930 [BFH and Forbes]
5. Ernest Forbes, Bertha and Winifred, 1955
6. Other family correspondence of this generation
 1. "The Girls," 1890, 1900, 1910 [BFH]
 2. Stephen A. Forbes II, 1928
 3. Karl F. Snyder, 1919
 4. Robert H. Forbes, 1917-1918
 5. Georgie D. Forbes, 1918, 1930
 6. Orleau Estelle Forbes, 1910
 7. Uncle James Andrew, undated
 8. Mrs. W.J. Barbour, 1914
 9. Franklin W. Scott, 1917-1918, 1926
- C. Clara Gaston Forbes
 1. Bertha Forbes Herring, 1908
 2. Ethel Forbes Scott, 1903, 1920-1921
 3. Winifred Forbes, 1903, 1911, 1919, 1922, 1929 [BFH and Forbes]

4. Other Family Members
 1. "Children," 1918, 1920
 2. Flavilla Forbes Bliss, 1881
 3. Mother, 1865, 1893
 4. Mary, undated
- D. Stephen A. and Clara Gaston Forbes to Family during European Trip, 1912
- E. Miscellaneous Family Correspondence
 1. Mrs. Katharine Aiken to Ethel Forbes Scott, 1935
 2. Ernest Forbes to Ethel Forbes Scott, 1930
 3. Mary Scott Forbes to Bertha Forbes Herring, undated
- F. Non-Family, Business, or Other
 1. George Vasey, 1868, 1870, 1872
 2. David Jordan, 1884-1889, 1927
 3. Edmund J. James, 1883-1884, 1917
 4. William LeBaron, 1872
 5. Other, 1869-1916, 1924, 1927
 - Col. Fred C. Pierce, July 22, 1889
 - Col. Fred C. Pierce, August 26, 1889
 - S.B. Miad, March 19, 1872
 - James M. Pace, May 16, 1872
 - A.H. Worthen, March 12, 1873
 - Newton Bateman, December 2, 1874
 - Parker Earle, March 14, 1884
 - R. Peary, June, 1890
 - M.C. 1st District of Illinois to President William McKinley, May 11, 1897
 - Lotta W. Prescott, October 25, 1905
 - John W. Cook, January 29, 1908
 - Rev. Samuel Elliot, May 23, 1916
 - David Felmley, September 3, 1916
 - James Brown Scott, June 29, 1924
 - Thomas Arkle Clark, January, 1927

Box 8

- Letters from Stephen A. Forbes, 1860s-1890s, 1910s, 1923
 (Topics include life during Civil War, the Lincoln-Douglas debate in Freeport, Illinois, family life, and work)
 Letter from Alfred O. Gross (Brunswick, Maine) to E. B. Forbes, 1958

Box 4

II. Speeches, Papers, and Articles,

A. Scientific

1. Applied Zoology, undated
2. Economic Entomology, undated
3. On the Present Status of the Doctrine of Evolution Among Men of Science, undated
4. Midsummer at the Biological Station, undated
5. Place of Science in a Liberal Education, undated
6. Congress of Zoologists, newspaper article, circa 1892

7. *Studies on the Cinch Bug*, 1885-1889
8. "University of Illinois Biological Station," *The Illini*, 1896
9. Early Contributions to Economic Ornithology, circa 1931 [Forbes]
(Includes 2 items of correspondence which explain the item)
10. "List of More Important Scientific Publications," circa 1917 [EFS]

B. Occasional

1. Dignity of Reason (Beloit Academy), 1860
2. Do Noble Things (Beloit Academy), 1860
3. Alumni Dinner Address, 1876
4. Gui Anee Song, 1889, 1896 [EFS]
(Includes song, drafts of article on, article, and plate for printing music. The plate is located in group XI.)
5. University Club Address, 1894
6. Address to Mass-Meeting of Prohibition Party, 1895
7. University Club Address, 1897
8. "The Old Soldiers of the Civil War . . .," 1913
9. Colonel Nodine Post Memorial Service, 1914
10. Washington as a Young Man, 1924
11. Memorial Day Addresses, 1905, 1919-1920
12. Attitude Toward Young Women, undated
13. Presentation of Fechet Memorial to the University of Illinois, undated
14. On Dr. B.F. Johnson, undated
15. On the University of Illinois, undated

Box 8 (cont.)

- University of Illinois Articles, 1911, 1987
(Includes Stephen A. Forbes, "War as an Education," *The Illinois Magazine*, 1911; and "A bit of UI history bites the dust for progress," *Illinois Alumni News*, 1987)
- Illinois Natural History Survey Publications, 1960, 1988-1989
- Anne M. Forbes, "Stephen A. Forbes: Scientist, Citizen, and Philosopher," 51st Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference, 1989

Boxes 10 and 11

- Irene Hansen's paper on Stephen A. Forbes, 1991-1992 (6 folders; 1-4 in Box 10, 5-6 in Box 11)
(Includes transcriptions from *Forbes Family Letters and Journals of Stephen Alfred Forbes, 1847-1870*)

Box 4 (cont.)

III. Other Writings

- A. Poetry, undated
- "The Proletariat and the Bourgeoisie"
 - "The Clan Muster"
 - "Men Told Me Lord" (by David Jordan, sent to Stephen A. Forbes)

"Tis the Heavenly October"
 "Across a Continent"
 "Dawn"
 "Snowflakes"
 "Death-in-Life"
 "I Met My Lover..." (3 pieces)
 "A Failing Light"
 "He is not old ..."
 "A Boating Serenade"
 "Urbana, A Nonsense Rhyme"
 "Pourquoi Taut au Francais?"

- B. Family Related Reminiscences
1. Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
 2. Transcripts of fiftieth wedding anniversary
 3. Notes on Stephen A. Forbes' Recollections [BFH]

Box 12

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, 1923
 Mixed Correspondence and Writing, undated

Box 5

IV. Civil War Material

A. Correspondence

Wm. McCausland, December 2, 1863
 Wm. McCausland, January 20, 1864
 Wm. McCausland, March 3, 1864
 E. Wigley, April 9, 1864
 I.K. Parks, January 12, 1865
 Wm. McCausland, February 15, 1865
 Wilfred M. Sturdevants, February 25, 1865
 Arnett O. Gregory, February, 1865
 J.V.C. O'Kane to Wm. McCausland, March 7, 1865
 E. Wigley, April 23, 1865
 C. Bentley on behalf of Mary M. Tuelang, April 28, 1865
 C. Bentley, July 3, 1865
 Henry Titus, August 10, 1865
 Illegible, August, 1865
 Marshall D. Herrington, October 26, 1865
 Mrs. Charles W. Brown, date illegible

B. Diaries and Letterbooks

1. 1861
2. 1862
3. 1864-1865
4. Above volumes, pre-war letters, 1863 correspondence, the story of Grierson's Raid, and 1866-1870 letters, 1 reel microfilm

C. Army Orders, Citations and Related Documents [Oversize]

Muster-in-Roll, October 30, 1861
 Commission, October 1, 1863
 Commission as Acting Regimental Quartermaster, September 24, 1864

Appointment to Command, February 5, 1865
 Notification of Relief from Duty as Acting Regimental
 Quartermaster, March 19, 1865
 Commission as Captain, March 28, 1865
 Circular concerning carbine inspection, April 2, 1865
 Assignment to Duty, April 17, 1865
 Muster-out-Roll, April 18, 1865
 Muster-in-Roll, April 18, 1865
 General Orders concerning carbine inspection, April 24,
 1865
 Certificate of Non-Indebtedness, April 12, 1872
 Notification of Non-Indebtedness, May 6, 1872
 Statement of Forbes' Service, January 21, 1889
 Letter concerning the transmittal of balance due for pay
 and allowance, including 2 discharges, February 9, 1864,
 and November 4, 1865, July 30, 1889
 Notification of Claim Settlement, April 10, 1890
 Pension Certificate, June 9, 1913
 Loyal Legion information on Forbes, March 18, 1930
 Seventh Illinois Cavalry Roster, undated (2 copies)

D. Grierson's Raid

1. Correspondence Concerning the Raid

William Sooy Smith, November 10, 1905 [EFS]
 William Sooy Smith, November 10, 1905 [EFS]
 B.H. Grierson, November 29, 1905
 William Sooy Smith, March 3, 1907
 T.W. Lippincott, March 18, 1907
 T.W. Lippincott, April 7, 1907
 William Sooy Smith, May 4, 1907
 William Sooy Smith, May 4, 1907 [EFS]
 William Sooy Smith, May 8, 1907 [EFS]
 T.W. Lippincott, January 3, 1908
 J.W. Garvey, November 24, 1908
 John W. Cook, November 24, 1908
 Paul Selby, November 24, 1908
 William Sooy Smith, November 25, 1908
 R.H. Forbes, November 26, 1908
 Ira B. Forbes, November 27, 1908
 Marjorie, November 28, 1908
 George A. Root, November 30, 1908
 Fred L. Hatch, December 1, 1908
 Nettie, December 5, circa 1908
 John W.M. Appleton, December 5, 1908
 Mrs. B.H. Grierson, December 6, 1908
 T.W. Lippincott, December 20, 1908
 James G. Elwood, January 9, 1909
 John W. Cook, January 13, 1909
 Isaac N. Phillips, January 27, 1909
 Roswell H. Mason, February 7, 1909
 T.W. Lippincott, February 20, 1909 [EFS]
 John W. Cook, February 23, 1909
 Edmund J. James, March 16, 1909

F.T. Demingway, May 7, 1910 [EFS]
 Mrs. B.H. Grierson, October 30, 1910
 Mrs. B.H. Grierson, November 8, 1910
 Henry Elsey, November 18, 1915
 Charles E. Cross, January 17, 1926
 Charles E. Cross, September 14, 1926

2. Speeches, Talks, and Accounts of the Raid
 1. Stephen A. Forbes, "Grierson's Cavalry Raid"
 (Includes 1 bundle drafts and notes, 3 final versions)
 2. Stephen A. Forbes [EFS and Forbes]
 (Includes 3 speeches on the Raid)
 3. Henry C. Forbes, "Grierson's Raid"
 4. T.W. Lippincott, "Grierson's Raid" and "General B.H. Grierson: Biography and Sketch of the Famous Raid" [EFS]
 5. William Sooy Smith, "The Unremembered Soldier," "During the first two years...", and sketch of Smith taken from the January 2, 1904 issue of *Engineering Record*
3. Newspaper articles Concerning the Raid
 1. "The Yankee Raid in Mississippi," *Republic*, circa April-May 1863
 2. 4 typed pages of extracts from various papers, April-May, 1863
 3. Report from Paulding, Mississippi, *Clarion*, undated
 4. "The Romance of the War," *New York Times*, May 18, 1863
 5. 1 page of extracts from the *Tribune*, 1866
 6. 1 page letter to the editor of the *Tribune*, October 13, 1866
 7. T.W. Lippincott, "Grierson a Military Genius," *Interocean*, June 16, 1909 [EFS]
 8. Henry Elsey, "The Grierson Raid," article and typescript, undated [EFS]
 9. D. Alexander Brown, *Grierson's Raid*, clippings about the book, 1954
- E. Extracts from Diaries and Letters Concerning the Civil War, 1862-1864

Box 12 (cont.)

Grierson's Raid, 1905, 1907, 1909, undated
 "Extract from Charleston -- Mercury," 1863

Box 6

V. University of Illinois

A. Correspondence

T.J. Burrill, March 10, 1884
 S.H. Peabody, May 13, 1884
 E. Snyder, June 18, 1884
 S.H. Peabody, June 19, 1884

- W.L. Pillsbury, July 3, 1895
- William McKinley to the President, May 1, 1897
- Edmund J. James, January 16, 1905
- B. Resignation of Stephen A. Forbes
 - Burrill's remarks at the time of Forbes' Resignation
- C. Material on T.J. Burrill
 - 1. Correspondence
 - Editor, *Daily Illini*, April 15, 1916
 - Not addressed, April 28, 1916
 - John W. Cook, May 20, 1916
 - Manfred Holmes, May 20, 1916
 - 2. "Thomas Jonathan Burrill," *Alumni Quarterly and Fortnightly Notes*, 1916
- D. Petition of Pupils, undated

VI. Papers Relating to the Deaths of Stephen A. Forbes and Clara G. Forbes

- A. Clara Gaston Forbes, 1930
- B. Stephen A. Forbes, 1930
 - 1. "Memorial Record" and programs for memorial service
 - 2. List of organizations and friends who sent flowers
 - 3. Correspondence
 - 4. Resolutions passed at time of death
 - 5. Published memorials and obituaries
 - 6. Newspaper clippings [Oversize]
- C. Estate Settlements
 - 1. Correspondence, 1930-1932
 - 2. Legal Papers Concerning the Estate
 - 1. Inventory of Clara G. Forbes' Estate, 1930
 - 2. Inventories and Reports on Stephen A. Forbes' Estate, 1930-1931
 - 3. Miscellaneous papers, 1931
 - (Includes trusteeship papers for Winifred Forbes, note, and an Agency and Custodian Agreement of Bertha Forbes Herring)

Box 12 (cont.)

- Tributes to Stephen A. Forbes, 1930

Box 7

VII. Biographical and Autobiographical Material

- A. Autobiographical Material
 - Letter to Dr. C.B. Johnson, March 27, 1917
 - Letter to Mr. Aubrey Cribb, December 19, 1923
 - Letter to Mr. Hewins, March 20, 1925
 - Scientific Monthly* article, May, 1930

B. Biographical Articles and Sketches

1. Typescripts and Articles

Bulletin for the 1894-1895 Lecture Course at the First Unitarian Church includes a biographical sketch of Forbes

University of Illinois Press Bulletin, 1905

"Stephen Alfred Forbes, His Ancestry, Education and Character. By His Son, Ernest Browning Forbes"

(Includes a June 14, 1930 letter to Ernest Forbes from Thomas Arkle Clark)

Biographical notes by Ernest Forbes to be used by L.O. Howard for a National Academy of Sciences piece on Forbes, copied and sent to Ethel Forbes Scott with an October 20, 1930 letter

Letter from Theodore H. Frison to Ernest Forbes, 1931

"Recollections" by Ethel Forbes Scott, 1958

Harlow B. Mills, "Stephen Alfred Forbes, May 29, 1844-March 13, 1930," 1960

(Includes letter to Ethel Forbes Scott, 1961)

Chronology of Forbes' life and two biographical sketches, undated

2. Newspaper Clippings

"Birds, Fishes, and Insects," Illinois State Journal, 1881

"Prof. S.A. Forbes," Bloomington *Pantagraph*, 1884

"Stephen A. Forbes Tenders Resignation," *Daily Illini* (?), 1909

"Forbes Saw Illinois Grow Up 36-Fold," *Daily Illini*, circa 1920

"Professor Studied in Prison Camp," 1923

"Stephen A. Forbes Starts on 53rd Year as State Employee," *News-Gazette*, circa 1925

"Natural History Survey 35 Years Old Tuesday," *Courier*, 1952

"Illinois Natural History Survey Rounds out Century of Research," *Courier*, 1958

(Includes letter from Alfred O. Gross to Ernest B. Forbes, 1958)

"State Natural History Survey Marks Century of Service," *News-Gazette*, 1958

"Recalls Life of Noted U I Scientist," *News-Gazette*, 1960

"Mills Lauds Dr. Forbes at Zoology Meet," *Courier* (?), 1960

"Dr. Forbes Elected to High Honor," undated

"No Vacation, The State Entomologist is a Busy Man," *Champaign County Gazette*, 1897

VIII. Genealogical and Ancestral Materials

A. Family Legal Papers, 1842, 1844, 1861, 1870, 1873, 1877
[Oversize]

(Listing available with the folder)

B. Genealogical Material

1. Notes and Correspondence

Ernest Forbes' copies of family records from John Forbes Bible (2 copies)

Ernest Forbes' notes on dates given in John Forbes Bible (2 copies)

Copy of 1830 letter of Stephen Van Rensellaer Forbes to wife

"Capture by Indians and Escape of Captain Isaac Sawyer"

(Note by Ethel Forbes Scott indicates that he was the great-grandfather of Stephen A. Forbes)

2 pages of "comments and questions," Ethel Forbes Scott and Ernest B. Forbes

Obituaries of Henry Clinton Forbes, Mr. W. Foster, and Mr. John VanHoesen

J.N. Johnson Family information from Paul to Ethel Forbes Scott

Ernest B. Forbes to Ethel Forbes Scott on Garret VanHoesen Forbes, 1958

Portion of letter from Ernest B. Forbes to Ethel Forbes Scott on the connection between the VanHoesen and Forbes families

Miscellaneous notes

Ethel Forbes Scott's Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) applications

2. Newspaper clippings on Riverside, Illinois, circa 1936
(Stephen Van Rensellaer Forbes was an early-settler in this community)Box 9*Forbes Family Letters and Journals of Stephen Alfred Forbes, 1847-1870*, compiled by Ethel Forbes Scott, 1936
Photocopies of *Forbes Family Letters and Journals of Stephen Alfred Forbes, 1847-1870*, undated (2 folders)Box 12 (cont.)Forbes Family Recollections, 1958, undated
(Written by Marjorie Forbes Wilson [Stephen's niece] and Ethel Forbes Scott [Stephen's daughter])Box 7 (cont.)

IX. Awards and Citations

1. Certificate of Qualification, Perry County, Illinois, 1868
2. Statement that Stephen A. Forbes was principal of the Union Public Schools for two terms, 1871
3. Certification of examination, 1871

4. Certificate stating that Forbes was a student at Normal University, 1871
5. Appointment as State Entomologist, 1882 [Oversize]
- 6, 7. Award from the Societe Nationale D'Acclimation de France, 1886 [Oversize]
8. Appointment as Special Agent, U.S. Fish Commission at the World's Columbian Exposition, 1892
9. Letter from the office of Exhibits of the Government of the U.S. to Stephen A. Forbes about monetary increase
10. Letter from Societe Entomologique de France, 1900 [Oversize]
11. Membership certificate from the Societe Entomologique, 1900 [Oversize]
12. Program for Complimentary to Dean Stephen A. Forbes, PH.D. by the Members of the Faculty of the College of Science, University of Illinois, 1905
13. Certificate of Election as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1908 [Oversize]
14. Certificate of Membership in the University of Illinois chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 1910
15. Program for reception for Stephen A. Forbes upon his election to the National Academy of Sciences, 1918 [Oversize]
16. Notification of election to the American Philosophical Society, 1919 [Oversize]
17. Notification to Forbes that he was elected President of the University of Illinois Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 1921
18. Certificate stating that Forbes was a member and past-president of the American Association of Economic Entomologists, 1921 [Oversize]
- 19, 20. Notice and formal notice of election to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, 1923 [Oversize]
21. Membership certificate for the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1923
22. Notification of membership in the Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1923
23. "Stephen A. Forbes: An Appreciation," *Audubon Bulletin*, spring and summer, 1926
24. An Appreciation, Urbana Association of Commerce, 1928
25. Election as an honorary member of the International Congresses of Entomology, 1928
26. Resolution by the Champaign County Board of Supervisors, 1928 [Oversize]
27. Bulletin and 2 articles on the naming of Forbes Hall, 1958
28. Honorary booklet by the Social Club, undated
29. Sir William M. Ramsay to President James on Forbes, undated
30. Notice in an alumni bulletin(?) about Forbes' honorary degree in 1909, undated

Box 8 (cont.)

X. Photographs

1. Stephen Alfred Forbes, 1890, 1909, 1915, undated
2. Clara Gaston Forbes, 1921
3. Forbes home, undated
4. Forbes Memorial Service, 1930

Box 9 (cont.)

- Forbes Family, 1862, 1864 circa 1900s-1920s
 Stephen Alfred Forbes, circa 1862

Box 8 (cont.)

XI. Memorabilia

- Box of Medals, containing Loyal Legion, Colonel Nodine Post No. 140, GAR; Riverside Centennial medals; Phi Beta Kappa pin; two University of Illinois pins; and four cufflinks or studs covered in red, white, and blue cloth
 GAR sash
 (The plate to print music from Section II-B-4 is housed with this group of materials)

XII. Miscellaneous

1. "The Normal University as Seen January, 1871," by Clara Gaston
2. "Stuart Sherman in Dunewood," F.W. Scott, 1926
3. Table on the "Growth of Agricultural College and Experiment Station, University of Illinois," undated
4. *Illinois Alumni News*, 1930
5. University of Illinois advertisement, undated
6. Photocopy of the Coxsacki Declaration of Independence, 1775
7. Newspaper clippings
 - "State Biological Station," Peoria paper, 1895
 - Obituary of W.O. Davis, Bloomington *Pantagraph*, 1911
 - "Seeks to Take Tin from Silk Frocks," undated
 - "Lincoln and Douglas," undated
8. Rush Medical College, Admission Tickets, 1866-1867