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Box 1

Perkins Family

Joseph Perkins

Financial papers, 1754, 1804

John Perkins (son of Joseph Perkins)

Financial papers, 1829-1839

Thomas Perkins (son of John Perkins)

Copy about 1810, when ten years old, of the Lord's Prayer Letter from "Cousin" Rufus Choate (1799-1859), on feeling the "blues" and on choosing an academy for the following school year, May 15, 1815

Letter from Choate seeking information concerning Benjamin F. Putnam and the firm of B.F. and J.H. Putnam, in a legal matter, March 25, 1833

Letter to father regarding farm matters and family news, January 3, 1853

Financial papers

Correspondence, 1833

Promissory notes and bills of sale, 1830-1837

Daybook of accounts, 1836-1853

Real estate papers, 1820, 1829, 1844, 1847 [flat storage]

Elizabeth Perkins (wife of Thomas Perkins)

Obituary (clipping)

Estate Papers, 1881

Francis "Frank" B. Perkins (1841-1937, son of Thomas Perkins)

Biographical material

Correspondence, 1891, 1924, 1931, 1936

Correspondents include Mary Downs (niece) and Georgiana Robinson of the Daughters of the American Colonists. Subjects include family news, church, and the fiction writing of Mary Downs.

Artwork

Drawings, etchings, paintings of landscapes and buildings, including the old Choate House, Essex, Massachusetts (1725), the first house in Elgin, Illinois (1836), and the Perkins neighborhood school (1846) and the Perkins cabin, Barrington, Illinois.

Education papers

Compositions

Elgin Academy, circa 1856-1860

Beloit College, 1861

Diplomas [flat storage]

Elgin Academy [honorary], 1903

Elgin Academy Veterans of the Civil War, Records and Reunions, circa 1908

Estate papers

Legal documents and related papers, 1937-1938

Financial papers

Loan Receipts, Promissory Notes, 1887-1889, 1897

Military service

Orders and Special Orders, 1861

Newspaper Clippings, 1933

U.S. Army, Honorable Discharge certificate, 1864

Organizations

Sons of the Revolution certificate, 1908 [flat storage]

Grand Army of the Republic certificate, 1935 [flat storage]

Real estate papers, 1881-1898

Thomas E. Perkins (1872-1938, son of Francis B. Perkins)

Biographical material

Compositions [flat storage]

Includes "A Grecian Frieze," both sketches in pencil and a full score in ink, the parts of which depict a "procession of children in happy mood...", "a pine forest...a poet sits by singing," and "a dance scene," and a "Prelude (for a Solemn Festival)."

Correspondence. Clippings and Letters of Reference, 1912, 1926, 1985; letter from Charles L. Morgan regarding sacred music and the tradition of singing in church, August 21, 1920

Education [flat storage]

Metropolitan College of Music, New York City, diploma, 1897

Estate papers

Legal documents and related papers, 1938-1940

Financial papers

Accounts and stock papers, 1905, 1926

Military Service

Illinois National Guard Honorable Discharges, 1919, 1921

Organizations

Sons of the Revolution Membership Certificate, 1908

[flat storage]

Real estate papers, 1926

Speech regarding the Elgin, Illinois, YMCA

Wedding Book, 1910

Alfred J. Perkins (1912-2002, son of Thomas E. Perkins)

Biographical material

Vita

Correspondence (general), regarding genealogy, 1945, 1960, 1976,
1983, 1986-1987, 1991

Artwork

Photographs [see Box 4]

Education papers

Diplomas [flat storage]

Elgin High School, 1929

Kenyon College, 1933

Johns Hopkins University, 1937

Elgin High School

Commencement program, 1929

Class reunions news, 1989, 1996-1997

Kenyon College

Transcript, 1929-1933 (1954)

"Electrical Measurements" notebook, 1932-1933

Campus photograph, circa 1940s

Johns Hopkins University

Transcript, 1933-1937 (1954)

Estate papers, 1920, 1927

Farm papers (copies, 1844-1845)

Financial and real estate papers

Correspondence, 1942, 1949, 1955

Legal documents and related papers, 1927-1977

Honors and awards, 1935-1984

Local history papers

Elgin history material

Newspaper clippings on Elgin Congregational Church

Military Service

Correspondence, 1943-1952

Administrative file

Travel vouchers, Per Diem details, itineraries, 1945-
1957

Certificates of Individual Performance, 1950-1953

Chemical Warfare Services Technical Command, Formulas, 1945

Honorable Discharge certificates, 1945, 1954

Identification cards and permits, 1940-1947

Information bulletins, 1950

Meeting notices, 1950

Notes on research and meetings, circa 1940s

Officers' clearance papers, 1945-1951

Orders, 1942-1953

Personnel rosters

Officers at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas, 1942-1946
5008th OR. Research and Development Unit, Navy Pier,
Chicago, 1950

Project outlines, 1949

Project reports, 1949-1952

Promotions and citations, 1945-1947

Radiological Training School lectures, 1950

Reports (drafts), circa 1940s

Retirement benefits papers, 1949-1952

Special orders, 1945

Organizations

Columbia Yacht Club

Correspondence, 1963, 1983

Midwest Open Racing Fleet

Constitution and bylaws, membership rosters, event
programs and results, photographs, 1970-1975

Professional papers

Argonne National Laboratory

Correspondence, 1961-1970

Administrative file, 1960-1970

Report of Foreign Travel, 1972

Research designs, 1968-1969

DuPont

Employment contract, 1936

Box 2

University of Illinois College of Pharmacy

Correspondence, 1940-1978

Employment contracts, 1946-1975

Letters of recommendation, 1960-1975

Sabbatical Year at University of Bristol

Correspondence and related papers, 1967-1969

Professional certificates, 1946

Publications (reprints, offprints, manuscripts) [includes related
correspondence]

Claudia Perkins (daughter of Alfred J. Perkins)

Commencement program, Evanston Township High School, 1968

Perkins Genealogy

Perkins family history

George A. Perkins, *The Family of John Perkins of Ipswich,
Massachusetts*, 1882

D.W. Perkins, *Perkins Families in the United States in 1790*, 1911

J. Montgomery Seaver, *Perkins Family History*, 1929

Kane County Federal Land Grant records (copies)

Burlington Township Cemeteries, Kane County (Illinois), 1978

Ephemera (etchings, prints, paintings of churches, animals)

Mann FamilyWilliam Mann

Military service

Revolutionary War records (copies), circa 1782-1783

James Mann (1794-1898, son of William Mann)

Real estate papers, 1849, 1860-1861, 1866 [flat storage]

Franklin Mann (1816-1881, son of James Mann)

Biographical material

Estate papers, 1881-1883

Electa Mann (1816-1888, wife of Franklin Mann)

Estate papers, 1888

Sylvester "S. S." Mann (1827-1885, son of James Mann)

Biographical material

Estate papers, 1885-1888

Alfred J. Mann (1835-1907, son of James Mann)

Biographical material

Correspondence, 1882, 1886, 1889, 1891, 1893

Correspondents include Lovina Baker (cousin), Franklin Mann (brother), Albert B. Sherman (cousin), and Dan [Sherman] (nephew). Subjects include family news. Dan Sherman (March 7, 1891) discusses the U.S. cotton and linen business and describes his experiences in Millville, New Jersey.

Estate papers, 1909-1911, 1921-1922

Financial papers

Tax receipts and promissory notes, 1885-1897

Legal papers

Elgin Butter Co., 1897-1902

Organizations

Masonic Benevolent Association of Central Illinois, membership certificate, 1884 [flat storage]

Real estate papers

Personal real estate, 1863-1905

Citizens of Elgin, Illinois, circa 1840s-1910s [flat storage]

Elsie J. Mann (1835-1920, wife of Alfred J. Mann)

[Alfred J. and Elsie J. Mann's daughter Effie Clare married Thomas E. Perkins in 1910, linking the families.]

Biographical material

Correspondence, 1886-1887, 1913

Correspondents include Alice Howe (friend), Mary O'Connor (niece), Florence [?] (niece), and Gertrude [?] (niece), regarding family news.

Real estate papers, 1912

Effie Clare Mann Perkins (1875-1912, daughter of Alfred J. Mann)

Education papers

Diplomas [flat storage]

Elgin High School, 1894

University of Michigan, 1899

Organizations [flat storage]

Daughters of the American Revolution certificates (2), 1901

Real estate papers, 1910

James F. Mann (1866-?, son of Alfred J. Mann)

Correspondence from R.P. Brackett (fiancé), regarding family news, 1886

Mann Genealogy

Mann family history

Sherman-Mann genealogy

Manns in County Histories

Manns in Burlington, Illinois

Related families**Campbell Family**Harriet S. Campbell

Scrapbook, circa 1880s-1920s

Downs FamilyMary Downs (niece of Frank B. Perkins)

Correspondence, 1891, 1896, 1911

Correspondents include Frank B. Perkins, regarding family news.

Raymond FamilyAugustine Raymond (1802-1857, father of Mary Raymond Perkins)

Correspondence with his wife Nancy, 1837-1838, 1842

Augustine Raymond, originally of Albany County, New York, began working as superintendent of canal repairs on the Chenango Canal, at

Sherburne, New York, in 1837. That same year he began corresponding with his future wife Nancy, widow of his friend Henry Williams, of Knoxville (now Knox), Albany County. The couple's first letters, from June 1837 until their marriage in February 1838, reveal the passion and longing they felt for each other, intensified by Augustine's move to Sherburne, 90 miles from home. Their philosophical, beautifully written letters discuss religion, nature, love and death, politics, social interactions, and family life. (Nancy had a young son, Henry, Jr.)

The distance between Sherburne and Knoxville forced Augustine to court Nancy through his letters, and through their exchanges we learn that Augustine was in love with Nancy even when her husband was alive; that he believed he would never have Nancy, and had resigned himself to the life of a bachelor; and that Nancy loved both her dead husband and Augustine, who eventually came to terms with her feelings.

Following the couple's marriage on February 8, 1838 (Augustine was 36, Nancy in her early 20s), their letters became less romantic, and more practical. Although a few of Nancy's letters contain serious discussions of religion and her struggles between godly love and carnal love, Nancy mostly discusses the couple's mortgage and expresses anxiety about her brother's upcoming trip to New York City (where he will surely be exposed to temptation and vice). Augustine's letters discuss a smallpox outbreak in Sherburne, Nancy and Henry, Jr.'s plan to move to Sherburne in June 1838, and an encounter with a Portland, Maine, man, bound for Alton, Illinois, who lost his fortune in the Panic of 1837.

In the sole letter from 1842, Nancy discusses her brother's excitement about moving to Illinois, and suggests that her entire family will eventually move west. By 1847, Augustine and Nancy's family had settled in Elgin.

Letters

Augustine Raymond to J.T. Gifford, March 19, 1838 (printed)
Augustus Adams to Augustine Raymond, July 30, 1847,
regarding issues at the 1847 Illinois Constitutional
Convention (tax, judicial, and naturalization provisions,
the last leading to a duel)

Receipts for Burial Plots, Elgin, Illinois, 1846

Circular (by V. Ten Eyck, Chief Clerk), regarding the Chenango
Canal Fund, 1841

New York State Barge Canal Planning and Development Board, *Canal
Laws, Rate of Toll, Regulations, and Names of the
Principal Places...*, 1841

[Augustine and Nancy Raymond's daughter, Mary, married Francis "Frank"
B. Perkins, linking the families.]

Harvey Raymond (brother of Augustine Raymond)

Correspondence with Augustine and Nancy Raymond, 1837-1838

Harvey Raymond's letters to his brother and sister-in-law describe: the "Eden-like" Rock River Valley, which Harvey considers ideal for steamboat navigation; the fine furniture, libraries, and fashions he did not expect to find on the frontier; the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal (Harvey Raymond worked on the canal at Lockport, Ill.); pork, beef, flour, oats, potato, corn, and butter prices; land rights in Northern Illinois; his distaste over squatters on the frontier; moral and social conditions of Illinois; lack of religious options in Illinois; and the quality of the people in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin. Raymond also recounts a story about a contractor named Mr. Brooks who shot an Irish laborer and then blew up the man's house with gun powder. This drew a Chicago militia to the scene and resulted in the arrest of 12 persons. Those arrested escaped, but were later re-captured.

Raymond's high opinion of Illinois is evident in his statement, "There is throughout this region an early and commendable attention manifested for laying the foundation of literary, moral, and religious institutions, that promise well for the future." Of the Rock River Valley, he writes, "It would seem that the Great Architect left the loveliest impress of his creative powers, and in relenting benevolence let the curse fall lightly on this favorite labor of his hands."

B.W. Raymond

Real estate papers

Abstract of title for B.W. Raymond Subdivision, Elgin, Kane County, Illinois, 1874

Mary A. C. Raymond

Real estate papers, 1880

Box 3Raymond Genealogy

Samuel Raymond, *Genealogies of the Raymond Families of New England, 1630-1 to 1886*, 1886

Earle F. and Elizabeth D. Johnson, *The Raymond Ancestry*, 1952-1959

Terwilliger Family

G.C. Terwilliger, Jr., "Terwilliger Genealogy," 1980-1981

Related materials

Wheeler FamilyAlijah Wheeler (great-great-grandfather of Frank B. Perkins)

Will, 1759

Box 4Perkins Family photographs

[See also flat storage]

Family scrapbook
 Three-ring binders
 Identified
 Mostly identified
 Mostly unidentified
 Large framed photographs

Box 5

Albums
 Loose photographs (mostly unidentified)
 Tintypes (unidentified)

Box 6**Personal Papers**

Notebook, undated

Publications

Newman's Rhetoric by Samuel P. Newman, 1846
Introduction to the Sciences edited by Meredith Reese, 1855
Elementary School Speller Part II by J. N. Hunt, 1916
A Second Course in Algebra by Marquis Newell and George Harper,
 1923
A German-English Dictionary for Chemists by Austin M. Patterson,
 1924
High School Chemistry by Charles Dull, 1925
The Chemistry of Powder and Explosives by Tenney L. Davis Ph.D.,
 1943
Quantitative Pharmaceutical Chemistry by Glenn Jenkins, John
 Christian, and George Hager Ph.D.'s, 1957
Infrared Absorption Spectroscopy by Koji Nakinishi, 1964
Lays of Ancient Rome by Lord Macaulay, undated

Box 7

The Holy Bible, H. & E. Phinney edition, 1842
The Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments, 1859
A Short Table of Integrals by B. O. Pierce, 1929

Box 8

The Holy Bible, William W. Harding, 1866 (gifted Mary E. Raymond
 by the Reformed Church of Knox)

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Prayer book, 1814

History of the United States by Emma Willard, 1844

Plymouth Collection of Hymns and Tunes, 1855

Early Poems by Russell Lowell, 1865

Hitchcock's New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible by

Reverend Roswell D. Hitchcock, 1869

The Book of the Common Prayer, undated