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Description

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CLEVELAND - PERKINS FAMILY PAPERS

Biography:

The Cleveland and Perkins families were upper class 19th cen. Boston families known in social, literary and political circles. The Cleveland-Perkins families trace their origins back to England. The Clevelands arrived in America c.1635, the Perkins c.1700.

The Cleveland-Perkins families were united through the marriage of Sarah Paine Perkins (1819-1893) to Henry Cleveland (died 1843) in 1838.

Sarah Paine (Perkins) Cleveland was the daughter of James Perkins (1794-1828), a merchant and Eliza Greene Callahan (1789-1812). Her parents were cousins once removed. James Perkins was the grandson of Sarah Chandler Paine and Eliza Greene Callahan was the grand-daughter of Sarah Chandler Paine's eldest sister Mary Chandler Greene.

According to family recollections, Eliza (Callahan) Perkins remarried George Washington Doane, after the death of her first husband James Perkins. Doane became the first Bishop of New Jersey. She left her children with her parents when she moved to New Jersey. From Perkins-Doane marriage, there were two sons William (Bishop) and George.

Henry Cleveland (d.1843), the son of Richard G. Cleveland,^{WKO} was a sea captain and later consul at Havana, Cuba. Cleveland spent several years abroad in Europe, during which he was Secretary for the Lafayette Committee for the Relief of Poland c.1835. Afterwards he taught school. ~~From his marriage to Sarah Paine Perkins (also known as Sally and Saade), there was one daughter Eliza Callahan Cleveland,~~

Eliza Callahan Cleveland (c.1839-1914) was known as Lilly or Lillie.

It is known that she travelled in western Europe with her mother, relatives and friends. Cleveland's correspondence indicates that she kept close contact with her relatives and friends. She did not marry.

The siblings of Sarah Paine (Perkins) Cleveland achieved both prominence and notoriety. Charles Callahan Perkins (1823-1886) was an eminent writer on sculptor and paintings. His education includes being a Harvard graduate in 1843. Perkins became the first American elected to the French Academy in the section of inscription and lettres. Published works include: Tuscan Sculptors (1864); Italian Sculptors (1867) and a biography and critical essay "Raphael & Michael Angelo (1878). Perkins died in 1886 after a tragic carriage accident which also injured his in-law Senator William M. Evarts of New York, Perkins son married Evarts daughter. He left a widow and several children.

Edward Newton Paine Perkins (c.1827-1899), is also believed to have been a Harvard graduate. Perkins accompanied his sister Sarah and her daughter Lilly to Europe to meet their brother Charles in 1844. While in Europe, Perkins married Mary Spring (known as Ava) in 1846. Perkins died at the age of 79 at the home of his niece Eliza C. Cleveland; Perkins was a long time resident of Jamaica Plain, Boston.

James Henry Perkins (1825-185-) known as Hal did not fare as well as his brothers. He was expelled from Harvard in October 1842. It was also reported that Perkins had a "severe drinking problem". The Perkins family attempted to help him; his mother and step-father Doane tried to turn him into a farmer. Unfortunately, Perkins died young in his 20's,

DESCRIPTION

The Cleveland-Perkins Family Papers, 1831-1915, documents the Cleveland-Perkins families of Boston, Massachusetts especially Henry Russell Cleveland (d.1843), Sarah Paine (Perkins) Cleveland ((1819-1893) and their daughter Eliza Callahan Cleveland (c.1839-1914).

The papers were passed down from Eliza Callahan Cleveland via her will to her first cousin Eliza Greene (Doane) Gardiner (Mrs. James Terry Gardiner) of New York. When Gardiner died in 1912, the papers were passed down to her four daughters; Margaret Doane (Gardiner) Fayerweather (Mrs. Charles S. Fayerweather), one of the daughters, sold the papers to the New York Public Library:Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundation in 1961. The Rare Books and Manuscripts Division received the bulk of the papers and the Berg Collection (room 320) took possession of letters by literary figures. The letters are by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (20 letters); C.W. Holmes (5 letters); George Hillard (18 letters); Charles Felton (13 letters); Charles Sumner (41 letters); Fanny Alexander, Ruskin's protégé (85 letters); Fanny Kemble (99 letters), and a few letters from N.P. Willis, Park Benjamin, William Prescott, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Daniel Webster, J.R. Lowell, T.W. Higginson, John Ruskin, Edith Wharton, Henry James, G.W. Curtis, etc. Note: The Berg Collection should be consulted for the correct citations.

The collection in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Division contains letters, documents, writings, maps and photographs of the Cleveland-Perkins family. The bulk of the letters are from and to Henry Russell Cleveland, Sarah Paine (Perkins) Cleveland and their daughter Eliza Callahan Cleveland "Lillie".

Correspondents also include the siblings of Henry and his wife Sarah (Perkins) Cleveland, her half brothers and her grandmother Sarah Perkins (d. 1841). The correspondence gives evidence of their daily activities, family concerns, events, travels in Europe, etc., including an incident in Perugia, Italy (1859) where members of the Perkins family were almost killed during an uprising but were saved by a soldier. Some of the correspondence touches upon the United States Civil War, 1861-1865.

The correspondents include: D.C. Cleveland, Horace W.S. Cleveland, Richard G. Cleveland, E.G. Doane, G.W. Doane, Charles C. Perkins, Sarah Perkins and the Sewall family.

Documents consists of passports and some other assorted documents. Writings consists of poems, notes and diaries especially regarding European travel during the mid 19th century. These diaries were kept by Henry R. Cleveland, Sarah (Perkins) Cleveland, Eliza C. Cleveland, Charles C. Perkins, and James Henry Perkins. Charles C. Perkins diaries, 1844-1845, are especially interesting because they are profusely illustrated with sketches and water colours of Europe especially Italy.

The maps are three pencil and ink sketches on tissue paper of land, probably owned by the Clevelands.

The photographs are pictures of the Cleveland-Perkins family, other non-family individuals, residences and scenic views of Scotland.

The artifacts include a piece of pennant from the "USS Kearsarge" which sank the Confederate ship "Albania" off the coast of Cherbourg, France. The remaining material consists of some sketches and printed material.

CLEVELAND < PERKINS FAMILY PAPERS

Container list

- Box 1. General Correspondence 1833-1907;n.d.
~~Copies of letters 1856-1893~~
2. Cleveland, Henry R. 1830-1843;n.d.
3. Writings
see also: Henry R. Cleveland Box 14
Richard G. Cleveland Box 9
Charles C. Perkins Box 9
- Cleveland, Sarah Paine (Perkins) 1831-1845
4. 1846-1867
5. 1873-1889
6. 1890-1892
EXTRACTS OF LETTERS 1840-4
see also: Sarah (Paine) Perkins Boxes 15-16
Richard G. Cleveland Box 9
John Forbes Box 9
Edward N.P. Perkins Box 9
Elizabeth Callahan Cleveland Boxes 7-8
George Perkins Box 10
Sarah Paine Perkins Box 10
Samuel E. Weller Box 10
7. Cleveland, Elizabeth 1844-1880
8. 1881-1915;n.d.
Diary
see also: Boxes 17-20
9. Cleveland, D.C. 1831-1843
Cleveland, Horace W.S. 1843-1882
see also: Henry R. Cleveland Box 2
Richard G. Cleveland Box 9
- Cleveland, Richard G. 1834-1851
see also: Henry R. Cleveland Box 2
Sarah Paine (Perkins) Cleveland Boxes 3-4
- Cleveland, William S. 1851

Box 9. Crowell, Rev. William 1832-1833
Doane, E.G. 1837-1855
Doane, G.W. N.D.
Forbes, E.P. 1843
 John M. 1831-1842
Perkins, Charles 1859-1885

see also: Boxes 21-24

Perkins, Edward N.P. 1836-1898

see also: Charles C. Perkins Box 9
 Eliza C. Perkins Boxes 7-8
 George Perkins Box 9
 Sarah (Perkins) Cleveland Boxes 3-6
 Samuel Eliot Weller Box 10
 Box: 25

10. Perkins, George 1852-1884
Perkins, James H.
Perkins, Sarah (Mrs.) 1831-1840

see also: Sarah Paine (Perkins) Cleveland Box 3
 James H. Perkins Box 10
 Charles C. Perkins Box 9

Sewall Family 1857-1880
Weller, Samuel Eliot 1845-1864

Accounts & receipts - assorted

Legal Documents:

 Henry R. Cleveland
 Sarah Perkins summary of will
 Edward N. P. Perkins
 Marriage certificate
 Passports see also : Box 25

11. Writings
 Biography & genealogy: Cleveland Perkins families
 Printed Material
12. Photographs
13. Assorted photos; sketches
 Artifacts: including a piece of the pennant from "USS Kearsarge
 which sanked the Confederate ship "Alabama" off the coast of
 Cherbourg.

- Box 14. Cleveland, Henry R.
 Diary & Notes. 1 vol.
 Lecture Notes. 1 vol. ; Poems 2 vols.
15. Cleveland, Sarah Paine (Perkins)
 Copies of letters including Elizabeth C. Cleveland; Sewalls 1 vol.
 Diary of an European trip 1844 1 vol.
16. Pictures of European trip 1 vol. (*flat box*)
17. Cleveland, Elizabeth C.
 Diaries 1856-1874 4 vols.
18. Diaries 1883-1901 3 vols.
 Sketch books 1872-1877 2 vols.
19. Scrapbook: pictures, sketches of European trips; poems 1856-1860,
 1 vol.
20. Commonplace Book 1 vol.
21. Perkins, Charles
 Diary: Carriage Books, Travels in Europe 1844 1 vol.
22. 1845 1 vol.
23. European Travels. Pictures, water colours 1844 1 vol.
24. 1844-1845 1 vol.
25. Perkins, Edward N. Passports 1841-1842
 Scrapbook 1 vol.* (photos removed to Box 12)
- Perkins, James Henry. Travel Diary 1857-1858 1 vol.
26. Doane, George W. Diary 1828-1833 1 vol.
 Memoirs of Dr. Barry 1 vol.
 John Henry Hobart to George W. Doane 1824-1829 1 vol.
27. Doane, George W. Commonplace book 1 vol.
 Songs by the Way 1 vol.
 Doane, Mary. Commonplace book 1830 1 vol.

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~~Map Case~~: Annex Pen and ink sketches of land holdings (3)