Guide to the Everett Family Papers
90.2

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Biographical Note

The Everett Collection was a 1990 gift from the family of Earl H. Everett (1897-1990) and Ruth Hunter Everett (1901-1988) of Peru, New York. Together they owned and operated a very successful dairy farm and apple orchard as well as the Champlain Valley Apple Storage, Inc. Joined on the farm in 1948 by their son David and in later years by two grandsons, the Everett family farm received a New York State citation in 1987 for being one of the oldest continuous family farms in the state. In 1987, Everett Orchards, Ltd. comprised 215 acres of orchard, 185 acres of woodland, and a 33,000 bushel apple storage facility.

Mr. Everett was involved for more than fifty years with the U.S. government’s volunteer weather observation program. Ruth Everett was an active member in the rural farm women’s community and for many years participated in the Cooperative Extension’s Home Bureau program.

The principal collector of these documents, however, was Mrs. Everett’s mother, Anna Eells Hunter (1880-1951). A descendant of the Eells Family (with both Mayflower and Revolutionary War connections), Anna Hunter’s lifelong passion was family history and genealogy. In the course of her lifetime she actively sought information through research and correspondence. Mrs. Hunter was also a freelance writer of primarily rhyming verse. Her papers include some of her original writings as well as inspirational pieces she clipped or copied.

Both the Hunter and Everett families were members of the Peru Methodist Church, and later, the Peru Community Church. Early family members had connections with the Quaker community as well.

Also related to the Everett family were Daniel Thew (1792-1870) and his wife Betsey Lobdell Thew (1810-1897) of Peru, N.Y. Daniel had nine children by two previous marriages and the only child of his marriage with Betsey was a daughter Kate (1850-1917). She remained home and never married.
Scope of the Collection

The collection is divided into eight series and is housed in 21 Hollinger boxes. More specific information follows in the introduction to each separate series.

It includes a rich collection of primary source material on the history of the Peru and Keeseville area. Many early manuscripts and printed items deal with the genealogy of thirteen families, the bulk of which are about the Eells family.

Also in this collection is information about the Everett Farm, the apple industry, Earl Everett’s involvement in the U.S. Government Volunteer Weather Observer Program, and several local churches and schools. Of note is an early record of the stone schoolhouse in Peru.

Worthy of separate mention are 86 items (mostly letters) related to Daniel and Betsey Thew (See also the Thew Family Letters, Collection # 61.1.) and Betsey Lobdell’s family bible adds some new genealogical information. Letters home from Daniel’s children form the bulk of the correspondence. Western travels and participation in the Civil War are recurring topics. Kate Thew left correspondence, memorabilia, and some interesting notes on death and dying.

Of possible interest in the final category, Miscellaneous, are several items. A very detailed map of Peru, 1903, was prepared as an aid to rural mail carriers and therefore shows all dwellings as well as public buildings. A folder marked: Judith Mills / Helen Mills Winslow, contains a letter detailing the poverty and hardship of a teacher’s life in the nineteenth century. Also included is a photograph of each and some verse written by Helen.
Organization and Series Listing

The Everett Collection is organized in eight series defined as follows:

Series 1: Eells Family History
  Subseries:
    A: Eells genealogical material
    B: Eells Family Association
    C: Correspondence
    D: Early documents
    E: Folders on related families
    F: Bibles, scrapbooks

Series 2: Anna Eells Hunter
  Subseries:
    A: Original writings
    B: Related materials
    C: Miscellaneous

Series 3: Ruth Hunter Everett
  Subseries:
    A: Home Bureau, Cooperative Extension material
    B: Miscellaneous

Series 4: Earl Everett
  Subseries:
    A: Everett Farm/Apple Industry
    B: U. S. Government Volunteer Weather Observer
    C: Miscellaneous

Series 5: Local Churches
  Subseries
    A: Peru Community Church
    B: Peru Methodist Episcopal Church
    C: Peru First Congregational Church
    D: Quaker
    E: Other Area Churches

Series 6: Local Schools
  Subseries:
    A: Peru High School
    B: Other Area Schools

Series 7: Daniel and Betsey Thew
  Subseries:
    A: Correspondence
    B: Legal: Deeds, Wills
    C: Kate Thew
    D: Miscellaneous

Series 8: Miscellaneous
Container List

Series 1: Eell’s Family History

Anna Eells Hunter was born in Peru, N.Y. on November 7, 1880. On October 17, 1900 she married William Worden Hunter of Schuyler Falls. Her lifelong interest was the history and genealogy of the Eells family. She was an active member of the Eells Family Association and for several years in the 1940’s served as editor of the organization’s newsletter.

Subseries 1A: Eells Genealogical Material

Box 1

1/1-2 Ancestors of Captain Waterman Eells
1/3-5 Records of John Eells
1/6 Part of Bradford History of Plymouth Plantation
1/7-8 Eells Family Records
1/9-24 Eells Family History, typed notes (in “as found” order)
1/25 Eells Genealogy Charts
1/26-27 Eells Genealogy, hand-written notes

Box 2

2/28-31 Eells Genealogy, miscellaneous
2/32 Genealogical Advertising and Aids

Subseries 1B: Eells Family Association

Items from this organization collected by Anna Hunter include Bulletins (1941-1977) as well as information on membership and annual meetings.

2/33-44 Bulletins, 1941-1977
2/45 Annual Meetings
2/46 Membership
2/47-48 Miscellaneous

Subseries 1C: Correspondence

Subseries 1D: Early Documents: Wills, Deeds, Correspondence, Receipts

This section contains some early manuscript material collected by Anna Hunter including deeds, wills, correspondence, and some receipts. Also included are some family photographs. Several items in Folder 72, Miscellaneous, are of particular interest. One item is an 1820 inventory of goods to settle an estate. An item of the commissioner of highways refuting claims of damages. A doctor’s letter (1840) urging draft exemption for Samuel Eells. Also of note is the correspondence between G. Eells and E. Griffin (of Burlington, VT) concerning a disagreement over one year’s wages to be paid for the services of Miss Eveline Devlin. Mr. Griffin was her guardian.

Box 4

4/65  Correspondence, 1855-1908

October 14, 1855  from Horace Eells, Wacousta, WI to his father.  
Describes journey and arrival, family news.  Has plans to buy land, quote prices.

November 26, 1855  from Horace Eells, Wacousta, WI to his brother.  
Brief letter asking for $100 toward land purchase.

January 27, 1857  from J.D. Woodward, Washington, D.C. to Nathan Eells  
Requesting proof that Eell’s father served in the Revolutionary War.

February 7, 1859  from Rebecca Hillyard, Schuyler Falls, N.Y.  
Sworn statement in reference to the above.

June 10, 1888  from Mary Osborn to Mr. and Mrs. Eells  
Invites them to visit, family news.

February 17, 1895  from Meranda (Mrs. James) Mead, Glen, N.H. to her sister  
(Mrs. Lillis Eells)  
Family News.

June 13, 1899  from Eveline Jacque, Schuyler Falls, N.Y. to Miss Fannie Eells  
Chatty, girlish news.

April 30, 1891  from Elizabeth Eells, Wampum, WI to Aunt Lillis Eells  
Family news, weather, health concerns.

December 7, 1891  from B.S. Turner, Malone, N.Y. to Cousin Cyrus Eells  
Sending him a verse written by Cyrus’ father, Nathan, on the death of his
Mother.

December 30, 1900 from Prudie A. Danson, Aurora to Aunt and Uncle
Passing on word of her mother’s death and other family news.

December 19, 1902 from Herman Eells, Wampum, WI to Uncle Cyrus Eells
Family and farm news.

December 28, 1902 from Meranda (Mrs. James Mead, Glen, N.H. to her sister
(Mrs. Lillis Eells)
Family news.

March 13, 1904 from Herman Eells, Wampum, WI to Uncle Cyrus Eells
Has built new house, family news, crops and weather

May 17, 1908 from Herman Eells, Brandon, WI to Uncle Cyrus Eells
Encouraging them to visit, family and farm news.

4/66-67 Deeds, Land Transfers, 1807-1948

4/66  1807  Eli and Deborah Brumley to W. Ells (sic)
1812  Waterman Eells to Nathan Eells
1815  Obed and Lynda Hilyard to Waterman Eells
1838  Nathan Eells and others to Daniel Eells
1838  Nemiah and Susannah White to Nathan Eells
1838  John Eells to Nathan Eells
1854  Thomas and Anna Felton to Samuel Eells
1855  Nathan Eells to Cyrus Eells
1855  Cyrus Eells to Nathan Eells (lease)
1864  Ahar and Elizabeth Hays to Samuel Eells
1864  Luther Sibley to Cyrus Eells

4/67  1865  Luther Sibley to Adelia Eells
1867  Franklin and Harriet Elmore to Samuel Eells
1871  Albert and Martha Turner to Cyrus Eells
1873  Anselin and Miranda Brand to Cyrus Eells
1875  Herman Eells to Samuel Eells
1878  Cyrus Eells to Elsor Wells (land contract)
1897  Calista Spencer to Cyrus Eells (quit claim deed)
1911  Cyrus Eells to Warden (sic) Hunter and Anna Hunter
N.D.  Appears to be handwritten title search
1948  File cards indicating sale by land contract
      Worden and Anna Hunter to Norman and Olive Eccles

4/68  Legal, Wills 1838-1918

1838  Notice for appraisal, Waterman Eells’ estate
1838  Citation for appearance to Waterman Eells’ widow and heirs
1838  Abigail Eells, Last Will and Testament
      Token bequests to five children, farm and property to Samuel Eells,
youngest son
1838 Same as above, copy
1838 Nathan Eells and others to Abigail Eells. Assignment of dower agreement
1846 Abigail Eells and Samuel Eells, Arbitration
   Divides the Waterman Eells Estate between his widow and son. Very
   Specific in detailing her rights to the property, the crops, and even which
   Part of the house she may use.
1856 Citation for appearance for Abigail Eells’ heirs.
1856 Same as above, copy
1858 John Eells from Samuel Eells. Notice of intent to litigate if property
   fencing responsibilities are not carried out.
1895 Citation for appearance to Adelia Eells’ heirs
1895 Same as above, copy
1895 To Cyrus Eells, letters of administration for Adelia Eells estate.
1910 Cyrus Eells, Last Will and Testament
   Use of house and $300 to Evelina Denton for her lifetime. Balance to
   Brother Horace’s children.
1913 Citation for appearance to Franklin Eells’ heirs.

4/69 Rewards of Merit, Early receipts
4/70 Insurance Policies, Misc. Receipts
4/71 Insurance Policies
4/72 Miscellaneous

Box 5
   Photographs
   Marriage Certificates

Subseries 1E: Related Families

Substantial information was included on the following area families: Everest, Everett, Moore,
In the Everest family folders are some records of the Everest Store in Schuyler Falls and a
series of contracts and invoices between Mrs. Jennett Everest and a building contractor. The
Everest Store appears on the Schuyler Falls inset of the Peru map in the 1869 Beer’s Clinton
County Atlas.

Box 6

6/73-74 Everest Genealogy, typed notes
6/75 Everest Genealogy, handwritten notes
6/76 Everest Genealogy, charts
6/77 Invoices, H.H. Everest store, 1852-57
6/78 Everest miscellany, 1836-1896
6/79 Arthur Genealogy
6/80-83 Sibley Genealogy, typed notes
6/84 Sibley Genealogy, typed notes and miscellaneous
6/85 Arnold Genealogy
6/86 Moore Genealogy
Subseries 1F: Bibles and Scrapbooks

Besides possessing several bibles with important family records, Anna Hunter also clipped and collected newspaper items about her family, friends, and neighbors and then arranged them in scrapbook form. Clippings rarely have dates but appear to be largely from the 1920’s through the 1950’s.

Box 7

Bible: First page inscribed “Anna Eells Hunter”
Polyglott Bible, 1834.
Note inside: “This bible belonged to Nathan Eells….”

Bible: First page inscribed “The family bible of John Eells 2nd) Bot (sic) Sept. 10, 1834
Polyglott Bible, 1834. Family Record inside

Bible: First page inscribed “Mrs. Margaret Everett”
American Bible Society, 1868
Some family record inside

Bible: First page inscribed “Susie M. Eells by Hiram W. Eells, August 5, 1888”
Globe Bible Publishing Co., 1886
Family record inside through Anna Eells Hunter and Ruth Hunter Everett

Bible: First page inscribed “Mrs. Hiram Eells from her sister Judith, September 29, 1892, Schuyler Falls, New York.”
American Bible Society, 1889
Some family record inside

Scrapbook: Pasted over pages of a memorial book for Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Clippings from Plattsburgh area newspapers, ca. 1920’s-30’s

Scrapbook: Pasted over pages of a 1915 Yearbook
Clippings from Plattsburgh area newspapers, ca. 1920’s-30’s

Scrapbook: Small 3-ring binder.
Contains area newspaper clippings ca. 1940’s
Series 2: Anna Eells Hunter

In addition to her work as a genealogist and historian, Anna Eells Hunter was also an amateur writer, primarily of rhyming verse. Her work was occasionally published by popular magazines. Related to her writing, she kept copies and clippings of verse that interested her. She was a freelance member of the National Writer’s Club, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and also was active in church and community work.

Subseries 2A: Original Writings

Box 10

10/97-100 Original Writings

Subseries 2B: Related Materials

Box 10

10/101 Copied, collected, French Canadian Dialect
10/102 Copied, collected, Patriotic, Political
10/103 Copied, collected, Racist, and Anti-Catholic
10/104 Copied, collected, Nineteenth Century
10/105-110 Copied, collected, Miscellaneous

Subseries 2C: Miscellaneous

Includes membership cards and a few ephemeral pieces belonging to her husband, William Worden Hunter.

Box 10

10/111 Ephemera, Quaint Epitaphs
10/112 Ephemera, Publishing
10/113 Ephemera, Worden and Anna Hunter

Series 3: Ruth Hunter Everett

Ruth Hunter Everett was the wife of Earl H. Everett, an orchardist in Peru, N.Y. She was an active member of the rural farm women’s community. A member, officer, and project leader of the Harkness Home Bureau unit of the Clinton County Cooperative Extension., Mrs. Everett demonstrated interest and commitment to farm and home. Besides the obvious emphasis on
household economy and the domestic arts, the collected materials show evidence of attention to education, health care, community service, and citizenship as well. For those interested in further information, the Clinton County Cooperative Extension archives have a variety of related material available.

**Subseries 3A: Home Bureau, Cooperative Extension Material**

Contains monthly newsletters (1938-1952, not complete), material specific to food preparation and gardening, and meeting notes.

**Box 11**

11/114-117 Cooperative Extension Newsletters, 1938-1952  
11/118 Cooperative Extension, Food, Recipes  
11/119-120 Cooperative Extension, Chair caning  
11/121 Cooperative Extension, Notes, Chair caning  
11/122 Cooperative Extension, Gardening  
11/123 Cooperative Extension, Miscellaneous

**Subseries 3B: Miscellaneous**

Beginning in November 1927, Ruth Hunter kept a small personal journal of her monthly expenses. Though not complete, entries go up to 1941. Also included in this subseries are correspondence, inspirational religious clippings, and certificates and awards.

**Box 11**

11/124 Expense Journal  
11/125 Inspirational Clippings  
11/126 Certificates and Awards  
11/127 Miscellaneous  

**Box 12**

Certificates and Awards, rolled

**Series 4: Earl Everett**

In partnership with his son David, Earl Everett ran a successful, innovative dairy farm and apple orchard, but had a lifelong avocation as well. He began work as an official weather observer in Peru, N.Y. on March 1, 1938. Co-operative observers in the weather bureau’s climatological program were volunteers in largely rural areas of the United States. They kept detailed daily statistics for the U.S. Weather Service. Among these amateur meteorologists longevity of service was quite common. Mr. Everett kept daily records until December of 1988, exceeding by several months the 50 year mark. Not all of his record books and forms survive, but there is documentation in some form covering the entire period.
Subseries 4A: Everett Farm/Apple Industry

This category contains some “New York State Bulletins” on apple growing, the Peru Grange, the Champlain Valley Fruit Growers' Association, and miscellaneous material related to farming. Also included are certificates and awards and newspaper articles about the Everett Farm.

Box 13

13/128-133 “New York State Bulletins,” 1908-1932
13/134 Newspaper Clippings, Everett Farm
13/135 Champlain Valley Fruit Growers' Association
13/136 Miscellaneous Farming Bulletins
13/137 Peru Grange material

Subseries 4B: U.S. Government Volunteer Weather Observer

In the more than 50 years that Mr. Everett kept a volunteer weather observation station, he completed daily records and submitted monthly summary reports to Washington, D.C. Record books for both procedures are included in this subseries, as are related publications, manuals, and correspondence.

Box 14

Monthly Summary Reports, 1938-1984

Box 15

15/138-147 Climatological Data, 1940-1951

Box 16

16/148-153 Climatological Data, 1952-1954
16/154 Newsletters, 1950-1954
16/155 Instructional Booklets
16/156 Listing of Observers, 1951
16/157 Return Envelopes
16/158 Miscellaneous

Subseries 4C: Miscellaneous

Box 13

13/159 Miscellaneous

Box 12

Certificates and Awards. Rolled
Series 5: Local Churches

Both the Hunter and Everett families were active members in community religious organizations. The bulk of the material relates to the Peru Community Church, though there is also some material from the Peru Methodist Episcopal Church, the Peru First Congregational Church, the Harkness Methodist Church, the Schuyler Falls Methodist Church, and the Schuyler Falls Methodist Episcopal Church, and a small amount of Quaker information.

Subseries 5A: Peru Community Church

This subseries contains a variety of publications, including bulletins, by-laws, and building plans, a pamphlet which was prepared celebrating the union that created the church, and several newspaper clippings.

Box 17

17/160 Bulletins, Booklets, 1930’s-1950’s
17/161 Business, clippings, misc.

Subseries 5B: Peru Methodist Episcopal Church

This includes notes, a brief history of the church by Anna Hunter, and some copied church records.

Box 17

17/162 History and Records

Subseries 5C: Peru First Congregational Church

This subseries contains a 1922 Centennial pamphlet, two items from the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor, a handwritten memorial, and notes on a brief history by Anna Hunter.

Box 17

17/163 History and Ephemera

Subseries 5D: Quaker

This subseries consists mainly of copies collected by Anna Hunter of various kinds of information on Quaker history and customs as well as a map of the Quaker Union and a cemetery listing.

Box 17

17/164 Articles, maps
Subseries 5E: Other Area Churches

Included in this subseries is a souvenir program for the centennial of the Harkness Methodist Church in 1952: Georgia Harkness, featured speaker. It also includes a history of the M.E. Church of Schuyler Falls, apparently written by Anna Hunter, and a sheet of repair costs for the Schuyler Falls Methodist Church accompanied by a request for funds. Of special interest is an early handwritten document which lists names and appears to be an attendance record for days of fasting and prayer.

Box 17

17/165  Miscellaneous Ephemera
17/166  Early Attendance Record

Series 6: Local Schools

The bulk of this subseries contains early twentieth century material from the Peru High School: certificates, commencement invitations and programs, report cards, and school publications. A smaller number of similar items are from other area schools (Keeseville, Plattsburgh) and colleges in the state (Potsdam, Hamilton). Of some interest is an 1861 letter home asking for money (from Franklin Eells, a student at the Fort Edward Institute), two photographs of the 1915 reunion at the old schoolhouse on the Peru-Schuyler Falls road, and an 1856 record from the old stone schoolhouse.

Subseries 6A: Peru High School

Reflecting the education of several generations of Hunters and Everetts, the bulk of this material is from the 1890’s through the 1940’s. There are several issues (1914-1915) of “The Peruvian”, a monthly school magazine, and a reunion invitation with a list of graduates from 1916-1928.

Box 18

18/167  Commencement invitations, programs
18/168  Report cards, 1912-1937
18/169-170  The Peruvian, 1914-1915
18/171  The Owl, 1924
18/172  Reunion, School Board

Subseries 6B: Other Area Schools

This subseries contains a wide variety of materials from area high schools and several New York State colleges, and an 1856 document concerning the old stone schoolhouse.

Box 18

18/173  Plattsburgh, 1886-1921
18/174  Keeseville, 1882-1888
Series 7: Daniel and Betsey Thew

When Betsey Lobdell married Daniel Thew in 1849, she was 39 years old and Daniel's third wife. Daniel had, by previous marriages, nine children. Eight sons, by his first wife, Lecta Nichols (1792-1842), were grown and married. One daughter, by his second wife, Eunice Abel Smith (1792-1848), was eighteen years old and presumably living at home. Joining the Thew household with Betsey were her mother, Betsey Signor Lobdell (1768-1858) and her youngest brother Darius, then ten years old. Daniel and Betsey had one child, a daughter Kate (1850-1917), who never married. The location of the Thew homestead appears on the Peru map in the 1869 Beers Atlas of Clinton County.

Subseries 7A: Correspondence

All are letters to Daniel and Betsey, and later to Kate, from family members outside the area. See also the Thew Family Letters, Collection # 61.1. They are arranged chronologically.

Box 19

19/177-178 Correspondence 1850-1886

19/177 April 16, 1850 from Mary Rodee (niece), Chazy, N.Y.
Scolds aunt for using “medical (popular) doctor”. Alludes to family
Estrangement, misunderstanding, “we have got some good Thomsonian
folks here.”

May 22, 1855 from Eunice Jones (Betsey’s sister), Coral, Illinois
Addresses “Ever Dear Ones”, some family news, mentions getting 6
Miniatures in Danby, Vermont.

April 19, 1857 from A. G. Jones and Eunice, Marengo, Illinois
Describes farm and neighbors in Illinois, mentions the local newspaper.

February 22, 1858 from Cata Parris (Betsey’s Sister), Danby Vermont
Family news, added memorial verse.

May 23, 1858 from Eunice Jones, Marengo, Illinois
Longs to see family back east, speaks of many including Mary Rodee.

September 11, 1859 from Cata Parris, Pawlet, Vermont
Family news

November 8, 1859 from Cata Parris, Pawlet, Vermont
Family news

August 30, 1862 from Bettie Huston (niece), Coral, Illinois
Melancholy, homesick. Remembers Peru like a “daguerreotype”. Comments on the war, news from the front; severe tornados; describes Picking saffron to sell; mentions Mormons.

19/178 September 13, 1868 from Garrett and Mary, Potts-Dam (sic), N.Y.
Announces plans to visit.

November 8, 1868 from Mary Rodee (niece), Winooski Falls, VT
(added note to “Dear Aunt Betsey” from D. L. Rodee)
Has moved from Saranac to Winooski. Father gets twelve shillings a day;
Mentions election “ashamed of York State”.

February 27, 1874 from Mary Thew (granddaughter), Saranac, N.Y.
Wants to learn the “fate of my father”, presumably killed in the Civil War.
Is asking for details about his regiment, etc. (Father, Josephus Thew)

August 5, 1882 from mother (Betsey) visiting at Saranac, N.Y.
Note sent to her “girls”. Martha and Ben and a new baby girl are mentioned.

July 15, 1885 from Ella C. Hammond (Niece), Ellenburg Center, N.Y.
Family, farm news.

May 22, 1886 from Martha Thew White (Kate’s niece), Saranac, N.Y.
Family news.

May 30 from Gilbert Thew
Family news, mentions fall in prices for farm crops but still prefers Opportunities, attitudes in the west to those in Peru.

March 20, 1886 from Darius (D.J. Lobdell), Plum Grove, Illinois
Has severely burned hands. Otherwise, mostly family news. Speaks of Adda, Mertis, Charles, and Fred, his grown children.

March 1 from Cornelius (son-in-law?), Saranac, N.Y.
Addresses Betsey Thew as “Dear Mother”. News of his daughter, Belle, very ill with consumption.

Subseries 7B: Legal: Deeds and Wills

This subseries contains five deeds, all granting land to Daniel Thew from 1833-1866, and Daniel Thew’s will and material related to it.

Box 19

19/179 Legal Materials

Jacob and Sally White to Daniel Thew, 1833
Israel and Esther Irish to Daniel Thew, 1835
William and Phebe Griffin to Daniel Thew, 1836
Mary B. Huston to Daniel Thew, 1852
Winslow Watson and wife to Daniel Thew, 1860
Daniel Thew, Last Will and Testament, 1870
Court announcement of probate, 1870
Note from Kate Concerning title, undated

Subseries 7C: Kate Thew

This subseries contains a small collection of letters and ephemera saved by Miss Thew prior to her death in 1917, valentines, fabric and lace scraps, an unmounted cyanotype photo of a woman (Kate?) and a young boy holding a straw hat full of kittens, and receipts and statements. In a separate envelope is a group of notes written between 1895 and 1916 about death and dying. These are arranged in chronological order.

Box 19

19/180  Ephemera, notes
19/181  Early verse by cousin C. P.
19/182  Receipts, statements, 1895-1917

Subseries 7D: Miscellaneous

Betsey Lobdell’s Bible and marriage certificate.

Box 19

19/183  Marriage Certificate

Box 20

Betsey Lobdell’s Bible

Series 8: Miscellaneous

This subseries is an assortment of ephemera: wedding invitations, bus schedule, advice pamphlets, greeting cards, and magazine pages. Especially interesting are two folders (187 and 188) containing correspondence between sisters Judith Mills and Helen Mills (later Winslow) and verse written by Helen Mills. Both women appear to be teachers boarding with families. These letters discuss poverty and loneliness. Also in this subseries is a letter to Anna Hunter from Dan Tremblay of Redford, N.Y., Sept. 23, 1937, in which he quotes prices of antiques he has for sale, including Redford Glass window lights. Other material on antiques is included as well.

Box 21

21/184  Ephemera
21/185  Wedding Invitations
21/186 Social, political

21/187-188 Ephemera related to Judith Mills and Helen Mills Winslow, sisters

21/187 July 1855. Judith Mills, copy work, verse

July 1856. To Judith Mills from Sarah Ross, verse

August 1860. Judith Mills, copy work, “Creation”

Sept. 1860. Judith Mills, copy work, verses

March 1861. Judith Mills, copy work, “The Low Villages”


Sept. 1870. From Helen Mills, Bennington, VT to her sister Judith
Very long letter. Thanks her for sending photograph. Both appear to be Teachers. Describes hardships of boarding with families. Mentions their Plan to keep house together someday. Strong message of religious faith In the face of poverty. Some verse.

Jan. 1874. Judith Mills, copy work, verse

21/188 1880. Helen (Mills) Winslow, two page handwritten verse, religious theme

1880. Sam as above, copy

1880. Fragment of handwritten verse, signed Helen Winslow

No date. Helen G. Mills, two page handwritten verse for her sister. On the deaths of their mother (when they were infants) and their brother (Civil War). Religious theme.

Photograph. CDV of Judith Palmer Mills
Bronk’s Art Gallery, photographer
Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Photograph. Cabinet card of Helen Mills Winslow
T. J. Arnold, Photographer
Ballston Spa, N.Y.

21/189 1903 Peru postal map

21/190 Redford Glass

21/191 Antiques