

Guide to the Ross Family Letters, 1854-1903

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Dear Ones at Home, Ross Family Letters, 1854-1903

Provenance

The letters were saved by Ross family members, and were in the estate of Warren and Annie (Ross) Pearl of Grand Isle, VT. Laurel (Pearl) Earle, great-granddaughter of William Ross Sr., acquired the letters and did some transcripts of the letters. After Laurel's death, Martha (Earle) Sattler, daughter of Laurel Earle, gave the letters to Ellen (Pearl) Saunders, sister of Laurel, with the understanding that the letters be given to a college or library when other family members had completed the transcripts. Ellen Saunders passed the collection on to her daughter, Nancy (Saunders) Brantley, and her cousin, Lucille (Barrett) Campbell so they could do the transcripts. The major portion of the collection was donated to Special Collections, Benjamin F. Feinberg Library in August 2007 according to the wishes of the Ross descendants.

Collection Summary

Letters from Fort Edward, New York, 1854-1855 - James Ross
Letters from Montpelier, Vermont, 1859 -1860 - William Ross
Letters from Montreal, Quebec, 1860 - William Ross, James Ross
Letters from Virginia, 1863 - George Hale Nichols
Letters from Hartford, Connecticut, 1863-1864 - William Ross Sr. and
William Ross, Jr.
Letters from Montreal, Quebec, 1867-1873 - Allan, Wynn and
Ferguson families

Letters from Brooklyn, New York, 1870-1886 - William Ross, Jr., John Ross, Mattie Ross, Leslie Ross
 Letters from Forestdale, Vermont, 1872 - William Ross, Sr.
 Letters from South Deerfield, Massachusetts, 1872 - Annie Ross
 Letters from Lowell, Massachusetts, 1878-1879 - Annie Ross Letters from Malone, New York, 1880-1903 - Jessie Ross
 School Compositions - James Ross
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 "James Allan and His Descendants"

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Names Mentioned in the Letters

Alexis, Grand Duke of Russia

Allan

Ann
Elizabeth
Ellen
James
Margaret

Angell

A. B.
Allen M.
Angelo
Charlie
Ellen
Elias
Emma
Frank
Len
John
Marshall

Arms, Charles

Armstrong, Mattie (Amanda)

Bailey, Mr.

Baker, David

Bedell, M. J.

Benedict

John
Walter

Blake, John

Bowen

Rev.
S. P.
Susan

Branch, Chauncy

Brand, A. P.

Brown, Samuel A.

Bruso, Milton

Carlisle, William

Carr, Philetus G.

DeCora, Bertha

DeForris, Dr. Truman

Ellenwood, Judson

Farber, Josephus

Farnham, S. T.

Ferguson, Patrick
Fisk, James
Gale, Charles
Gamble,
 Addie M.
 Arthur
 Sperry
Gates, Mr.
Gibson, Grace
Gilmore, Eliza
Goss, Marion
Gridley, Obed
Hewitt, Mr.
Hooker, General Joseph
Hyde, Fanny
Jenkins
 Charity
 Noah
Khloss/Klohs, Charlotte
LaLime, Ola
Leahy, William
Lunt
 Henry
 John Henry
Lynde, John W.
McClary, M. E.
McGregor, Elisabeth
Morgan, Rose S.
Nichols
 Edward P.
 Eric L.
 George H.
Ober
 Ada
 Bertha
 Charlie
 Clara
 Etta
 Frank
 Helen
 Henrietta
 Ida
 Jeranthum
 Louise
 P. X.
 Sylvester

Paddock
 Bertha L.
 Stephen
Palmer
 Belle McDougall
 George
 Hattie
 Willie
Pearl,
 Alexander Stephen
 Marion
 Ross
 Warren
Platts, Moss
Prince of Wales
Pugh, William
Reed, Cass
Rich, C. W.
Roder, Henry
Rogers, James
Ross
 Alexander
 Ann
 Annie
 Archibald
 Catherine
 James
 Jessie I.
 John
 John F.
 Leslie
 Maggie (Margaret)
 Mary
 Mattie (Amanda)
 Robert
 Truman D.
 William
 William Jr.
 Willie
Scott, Margaret
Shepard
 Alice
 Fred
 Jennie
Sherwood, Sybil
Shortle, James

Signor

Irena

Myra

Philip

Stafford, Bailey

Stetson, Francis Lynde

Stokes, Edward

Stoneman, Gen. George

Sumner, Susan

Talford, Robert

Taylor, Joseph W.

Thorne, Thomas N.

Thrombley, Fannie

Tobey, H. A.

Torrey, Mr.

Warfield, Henry

Waterhouse, Sam

Weightman, Henry

Weston

Emma

Jennie

Wilbur

Josephine

Mortimer

Williams,

Andrew

Sarah

Wilson, Barney

Wilson, Elizabeth

Winchester, Mary

Witt, Mary

Wynn

Elizabeth

James

Margaret

Robert

Places Mentioned in the Letters

Angellville, New York

Arlington Heights, Virginia

Beekmantown, New York

Brooklyn, New York

Buckland, Massachusetts

Camp Jackson

Cromarty, Scotland

Culpeper (Culpepper), Virginia
Denver, Colorado
East Berlin, Connecticut
East Hartford, Connecticut
Falmouth, Virginia
Fisherville, New Hampshire
Forestdale, Vermont
Fort Edward, New York
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Grand Isle, Vermont
Greenpoint, New York
Griffinton/Griffintown, Montreal, Quebec
Hartford, Connecticut
 Haverill, Massachusetts
 Keeseville, New York
Lamont, Michigan

Lowell, Massachusetts
Malone, New York
Mendon, Vermont
Mitchell's Station, Virginia
 Montpelier, Vermont
Montreal, Quebec
Moores, New York
New Rochelle, New York
Norwood, Michigan
Ober's Corners, New York
Ogdensburgh, New York
Peru, New York
Plattsburgh, New York
Potsdam, New York
Russell, New York
Sayville, New York
Sciota, New York
Sharpsburgh, Maryland
South Deerfield, Massachusetts
Troy, New York
Uptons Hill, Virginia
West Troy, New York
Williamsburgh, New York

Subjects Mentioned in the Letters

American Phrenological Journal
Army of the Potomac
Brandon (Vt.) Paint Co.

Castleton Normal School
Christmas
Churches - Connecticut
 New York
Civil War
Colt's Armory
Cooper Institute, New York City
Coopers' International Union
Decoration Day
District #10 School, Sciota, New York
Dragon District School
Evergreens' Cemetery
Fort Edward Collegiate Institute
14th New York Regiment
Franklin Academy
Havemeyer & Elder
Lawrence Corporation
Lyman, Clare & Co.
Missionary Society, Plattsburgh
Murder of Bailey
Newton & Thompson
Nichols & Lynde
Orange riots, New York City
Orangemen
Paring bee
Plattsburgh Academy
Produce and Commodities - Prices
Riverside Cemetery
Robinson & Co.
Sciota Manufacturing Co.
Trial of Torrey
Vermont Central Railroad
Women's Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.)

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Coopers
Teachers

Composition Topics

Biography
Fruit Trees
Kane, Elisha Kent
Luther, Martin
Nurseryman
Oration
Pizarro, Francisco

Prosperity
Raspberry
Spring Weather
Thanksgiving
Winter