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 transcriptions. Ellen Saunders passed the collection on to her daughter, Nancy (Saunders) Brantley, and her cousin, Lucille (Barrett) Campbell so they could do the transcriptions. 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 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
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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
   Ellias
   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
    Haverhill, 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.)

Occupations:
    Coopers
    Teachers

Composition Topics
    Biography
    Fruit Trees
    Kane, Elisha Kent
    Luther, Martin
    Nurseryman
    Oration
    Pizarro, Francisco
Prosperity
Raspberry
Spring Weather
Thanksgiving
Winter