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Box 1:

Perkins Family

Joseph Perkins

Financial Papers, 1754, 1804

John Perkins (son of Joseph Perkins)

Financial Papers, 1829-39

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, Mar. 25, 1833

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

Financial Papers

Correspondence, 1833

Promissory Notes and Bills of Sale, 1830-37

Daybook of Accounts, 1836-53

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, Mass. (1725), the first house in Elgin, Ill. (1836), and the Perkins neighborhood school (1846) and the Perkins cabin, Barrington, Ill.

Education Papers

Compositions

Elgin Academy, ca. 1856-60

Beloit College, 1861

Diplomas [flat storage]

Elgin Academy [honorary], 1903

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

Estate Papers

Legal Documents and Related Papers, 1937-38

Financial Papers

Loan Receipts, Promissory Notes, 1887-89, 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, 1881-98

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

Biographical Material

Compositions [flat storage], including "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, Aug. 21, 1920

Education [flat storage]
 Metropolitan College of Music, New York City, diploma, 1897

Estate Papers
 Legal Documents and Related Papers, 1938-40

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, Ill., 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, 1986-87, 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, 1996-97

Kenyon College
 Transcript, 1929-33 (1954)
 Campus Photograph, ca. 1940s

Johns Hopkins University
 Transcript, 1933-37 (1954)

Estate Papers, 1920, 1927
 Farm Papers (copies), 1844-45

Financial and Real Estate Papers

Correspondence, 1942, 1949, 1955

Legal Documents and related papers, 1927-77

Honors and Awards, 1935-84

Local History Papers

Elgin History Material

Newspaper Clippings on Elgin Congregational Church

Military Service

Correspondence, 1943-52

Administrative File

Travel Vouchers, Per Diem Details, Itineraries, 1945-57

Certificates of Individual Performance, 1950-53

Chemical Warfare Services Technical Command, Formulas, 1945

Honorable Discharge certificates, 1945, 1954

Identification Cards and Permits, 1940-47

Information Bulletins, 1950

Meeting Notices, 1950

Notes on Research and Meetings, ca. 1940s

Officers' Clearance Papers, 1945-51

Orders, 1942-53

Personnel Rosters

Officers at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark., 1942-46

5008th OR. Research and Development Unit, Navy Pier,
Chicago, 1950

Project Outlines, 1949

Project Reports, 1949-52

Promotions and Citations, 1945-47

Radiological Training School Lectures, 1950

Reports (Drafts), ca. 1940s

Retirement Benefits Papers, 1949-52

Special Orders, 1945

Organizations

Columbia Yacht Club

Correspondence, 1963, 1983

Midwest Open Racing Fleet

Constitution and By-Laws, Membership Rosters, Event
Programs and Results, Photographs, 1970-75

Professional Papers

Argonne National Laboratory

Correspondence, 1961-70

Administrative File, 1960-70

Report of Foreign Travel, 1972

Research Designs, 1968-69

DuPont
Employment Contract, 1936

Box 2:

University of Illinois College of Pharmacy
Correspondence, 1940-78
Employment Contracts, 1946-75
Letters of Recommendation, 1960-75
Sabbatical Year at University of Bristol
Correspondence and related papers, 1967-69

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*. Salem: The Salem Press, 1882.
D. W. Perkins, *Perkins Families in the United States in 1790*.
[Utica, N.Y.: D. W. Perkins], 1911.
J. Montgomery Seaver, *Perkins Family History*. Philadelphia:
American Historical-Genealogical Society, 1929.
Kane County Federal Land Grant Records (copies)
Burlington Township Cemeteries, Kane County (Ill.), 1978

Ephemera (Etchings, Prints, Paintings of Churches, Animals)

Mann Family

William Mann

Military Service
Revolutionary War Records (copies), ca. 1782-83

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

Real Estate Papers, 1849, 1860-61, 1866 [flat storage]

Franklin Mann (1816-81, son of James Mann)

Biographical Material
Estate Papers, 1881-83

Electa Mann (1816-88, wife of Franklin Mann)

Estate Papers, 1888

Sylvester "S. S." Mann (1827-85, son of James Mann)

Biographical Material
Estate Papers, 1885-88

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 (Mar. 7, 1891) discusses the U.S. cotton and linen business and describes his experiences in Millville, N.J.

Estate Papers, 1909-11, 1921-22

Financial Papers

Tax Receipts and Promissory Notes, 1885-97

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, Ill., ca. 1840s-1910s [flat storage]

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

Biographical Material

Correspondence, 1886-87, 1913

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

Real Estate Papers, 1912

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

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, Ill.

Related Families

Campbell Family

Harriet S. Campbell

Scrapbook, ca. 1880s-1920s

Downs Family

Mary Downs (niece of Frank B. Perkins)

Correspondence, 1891, 1896, 1911

Correspondents include Frank B. Perkins, regarding family news.

Raymond Family

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

Correspondence with his wife Nancy, 1837-38, 1842

Augustine Raymond, originally of Albany County, N.Y., began working as superintendent of canal repairs on the Chenango Canal, at Sherburne, N.Y., 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 Feb. 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 Feb. 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, Ill., 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, Mar. 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, Ill., 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...* New York: Thurlow Weed, 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, 1837-38

Harvey Raymond's literate 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, Ill., 1874

Mary A. C. Raymond

Real Estate Papers, 1880

Box 3:

Raymond Genealogy

Samuel Raymond, *Genealogies of the Raymond Families of New England, 1630-1 to 1886*. New York: J. J. Little, 1886.

Earle F. and Elizabeth D. Johnson, *The Raymond Ancestry*, 1952-59

Terwilliger Family

G. C. Terwilliger, Jr., "Terwilliger Genealogy," 1980-81
Related materials

Wheeler Family

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

Will, 1759

Box 4:Perkins 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)