

# Manuscript Collection Inventory

Illinois History and Lincoln Collections  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Note:** Unless otherwise specified, documents and other materials listed on the following pages are available for research at the Illinois Historical and Lincoln Collections, located in the Main Library of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Additional background information about the manuscript collection inventoried is recorded in the [Manuscript Collections Database](http://www.library.illinois.edu/ihx/archon/index.php) (<http://www.library.illinois.edu/ihx/archon/index.php>) under the collection title; search by the name listed at the top of the inventory to locate the corresponding collection record in the database.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Illinois History and Lincoln Collections  
<http://www.library.illinois.edu/ihx/index.html>  
phone: (217) 333-1777  
email: [ihlc@library.illinois.edu](mailto:ihlc@library.illinois.edu)

Perkins Family Papers, Inventory

*Organization*

[Families are organized by generation]

Page

2 **Perkins Family**

Joseph Perkins  
John Perkins  
Thomas Perkins  
Elizabeth Perkins  
3 Frank B. Perkins  
Thomas E. Perkins  
4 Alfred J. Perkins  
6 Claudia Perkins  
Perkins Genealogy  
Ephemera

6 **Mann Family**

William Mann  
7 James Mann  
Franklin Mann  
Electa Mann  
Sylvester "S. S." Mann  
Alfred J. Mann  
8 Elsie J. Mann  
Effie Clare Mann Perkins  
James F. Mann  
Mann Genealogy

**Related Families**

9 Campbell  
    Harriet S. Campbell  
Downs  
    Mary Downs  
Raymond  
    Augustine Raymond  
10 Harvey Raymond  
11 B. W. Raymond  
    Mary A. C. Raymond  
    Raymond Genealogy  
Terwilliger  
Wheeler  
    Alijah Wheeler  
12 Perkins Family Photographs

Most of the collection is stored in five archival boxes, shelved on Deck 8, Range E-4, Bay 6. Oversize items are filed in "flat storage" cabinets either on Deck 7 or Deck 8.

**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  
5008<sup>th</sup> 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)