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DARBY FAMILY. Papers, 1820-1920. .2 cu.ft.

Inventory

Oversize items, indicated by an asterisk (*), are filed in flat storage.

1. Early Letters, 1820-1848

Dec. 27, 1836 Lowell [pp. 12-14]: Mindwell and Jared Mann to Mary Darby.
Sept. 9, 1841 Wayland [pp. 18-19]: Mindwell Mann to Mary Darby. *
May 6, 1843 Wayland [pp. 19-20]: Mindwell Mann to Mary Darby.
Nov. 5, 1846 Wayland [pp. 21-22]: E.H. Gleason [Mary's sister] to Mary Darby. *
July 16, 1848 Wayland [pp. 24-26]: William Heard and Susan Heard [Mary sister] to William & Mary Darby. *


2. Civil War Letters, 1864

May 30. Camp Fry, Chicago [pp. 30-31]: Henry Harrison Darby to 'Folks at Home.'
June 15. Columbus, Ky. [p. 31]: H. H. Darby to 'Folks at Home.'
June 21. Paducah [pp. 31-33]: H. H. Darby to 'Folks at Home.'
June 27. Paducah [pp. 33-34]: H. H. Darby to 'Sister Sue' [Susan Darby].
July 8. Paducah [pp. 35-36]: H. H. Darby to 'Folks at Home.'
July 13. Paducah [pp. 37]: H. H. Darby to 'Folks at Home.'
Aug. 2. Paducah [pp. 41-43]: H. H. Darby to 'Sisters All.'
Aug. 6. Paducah [pp. 43-44]: H. H. Darby to Ellen Smith [his future wife].
Aug. 17. Paducah [p. 46]: H. H. Darby to "Sister Molly" [Mary Davis (Darby) Reed].
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Sept. 10, Paducah [pp. 46-48]: H. H. Darby to "Folks at Home."

Oct. 5, St. Louis [p. 48]: H. H. Darby to "Folks at Home."


3. Love Letters and others, 1864-1866

Feb. 22, 1865 New Haven, Conn. [pp. 50-51]: Joel Mann [uncle of Mary Hale (Mann) Darby] to his niece Mary.


Apr. 15, 1866 Galesburg, Ill. [pp. 53-54]: H. H. Darby to Ellen Smith [later his wife].

Dec. 19, 1864 Elmwood, Ill. [p. 54]: H. H. Darby to Ellen Smith.

Nov. 19, 1865 [pp. 55-56]: H. H. Darby to Ellen Smith.

Feb. 16, 1866 Elmwood, Ill. [pp. 56-57]: H. H. Darby to Ellen Smith.

Sept. 1866 [pp. 57-61]: Henry H. Darby's honeymoon diary.

4. Letters, 1870-1887

Nov. 6, 1870 Elmwood, Ill. [pp. 62-63]: H. H. Darby to Mother [Mary Darby].

Nov. 27, 1872 St. Louis [pp. 63-64]: H. H. Darby to "Folks at Home."

Nov. 29, 1872 On board S[teamer] Bismark [p. 64]: H. H. Darby to Wife [Ellen (Smith) Darby].

[Nov. or Dec. 1872]: H. H. Darby to Wife [Ellen Darby].


Jan. 16, 1874 Yates City, Ill.: William E. Darby to cousin Jennette "Nettie" Eby.

Sept. 30, 1878 Wapelio, Iowa [pp. 65-66]: Ellen Darby to [Mindwell Mann?]. [Enclosed with:]

Sept. 31, 1878 Wapelio, Iowa: Ellen Darby to Susan Darby [sister-in-law].

Dec. 9, 1878 Elmwood [p. 66]: H. H. Darby to Mother.

Apr. 11, 1886 Urbana, Ill. [pp. 68-69]: H. H. Darby to "Folks at Yates" [Mary Jennette (sister) and her third husband, Benjamin Brooks Shaffer, of Yates City, Ill.].

Apr. 18, 1887 Urbana [p. 70]: Ellen Darby to "Sister Sue" [Susan (Darby) Eby, sister-in-law].

Miscellaneous notes related to H. H. Darby and Ellen Darby.
5. Letters and others, 1889-1897

Apr. 19, 1889 Babylon, Ill. [pp. 71-73]: William E. Darby to "Aunt Sue" [Susan (Darby) Eby].
University of Illinois Graduating Exercises, June 10, 1891.
[Commencement Exercises for Nellie Margaret Darby].
Poem, Fifty Years Ago, by Jennie Smith-Thomas, 1891.
June 10, 1892 Miles City, Mont. [pp. 74-75]: William E. Darby to Jennette "Nettie" Eby [cousin].
Sept. 1, 1893 Miles City, Mont. [pp. 75-76]: William E. Darby to Jennette "Nettie" Eby.
Dec. 27, 1893 Urbana: Ellen (Smith) Darby to Jennette "Nettie" Eby [niece].
June 5, 1895 Fort Smith, Ark. [pp. 77-78]: H. H. Darby to Nellie (Darby) [daughter].
May 26, 1895 North Platte, Neb. [pp. 79-80]: Nellie Darby to cousin "Nettie."
June 2, 1895 Kearney, Neb. [pp. 80-81]: Nellie Darby to cousin "Nettie."
July 24, 1895 Fort Smith, Ark. [pp. 81-82]: Nellie Darby to cousin "Nettie."
Apr. 17, 1896 Fort Smith, Ark.: H. H. Darby to Nellie Darby.
Sept. 7, 1897 Rogers, Ark. [pp. 86-89]: H. H. Darby to Nellie Darby.

6. Letters, 1898-1913

Sept. 10, 1898 Rogers, Ark. Henry Harrison Darby to Susan and John Eby.

The War with Spain, 1898:

Dec. 28, 1898 Santiago de Cuba [pp. 91-94]: Mary Lucette (Dickinson) Darby to Nellie Darby [sister-in-law].
Oct. 21, 1901 Somerville, Tenn.: William E. Darby, instructions regarding life insurance and financial matters.
Sept. 8, 1909 Rogers, Ark. [pp. 101-102]: Ellen (Smith) Darby to Susan (Darby) Eby [sister-in-law].
Feb. 10, 1910 Ortonville, Minn.: Nellie Darby to "Nettie" (Eby) Perry [cousin].
Aug. 14, 1910 Ortonville, Minn.: Nellie Darby to "Nettie."
Aug. 23, 1910 Wedding announcement of Nellie Darby and Benjamin Pettersen.
Jan. 26, 1911 Ortonville, Minn.: Nellie (Darby) Pettersen to "Nettie."

June 13, 1911 Harrisburg, Penn.: William E. Darby to Mother (Ellen Darby).

June 14, 1911 Ortonville, Minn.: Nellie (Darby) Pettersen to "Nettie."


Apr. 21, 1912 Ortonville, Minn.: Benjamin Pettersen to Mother [Ellen (Smith) Darby?].

7. European Tour of Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, 1914 (including the outbreak of World War I)

Letters to the "Folks at Home":

Apr. 17 Niagara Falls, N.Y. (post card)
Apr. 20 New York City
Apr. 22 On Board the R. M. S. Saxonia
May 15 Rome, Italy (post card)
May 22 Vienna, Austria
May 30 Vienna (first page apparently missing)
June 14 Copenhagen, Denmark
June 14 Copenhagen
June 25 Christiania, Norway
July 6 Fagennes, Norway
July 8 Bergen, Norway
July 13 Bergen
July 14 Bergen
July 23 Qualraag, Norway (second page apparently missing)
Aug. 2 Kralvaas, Norway (first mention of the War)
Aug. 9 London, England
Aug. 17 London
Sept. 4 On Board the S. S. Alaunia
Sept. 8 Chicago
Sept. 10 Chicago (post card)

8. Letters, 1918-1939

May 28, 1918 Peever, S.D.: Benjamin Pettersen to Ellen (Smith) Darby (mother-in-law).
Undated, Unsigned, one page Latin transcript.
Undated, Unsigned, discourse on missionary work in Syria. Six
pages (apparently incomplete).
The Woman's Study Club, 1920-21, Wheaton, Minn. [Nellie
(Darby) Pettersen's copy].
Patchwork done for Nellie by Abigail Hale, sister of Mindwell
(Hale) Mann.
Photographs, receipts, envelopes, notes, and other
miscellaneous items.

9. Darby Family newspaper clippings

10. Lists, Correspondence, and Records relating to Darby
Family genealogy

11. Deeds, 1837-1901

Sept. 19, 1837  Charles Clark to Samuel J. Miller, land in
Peoria County, Ill.
Feb. 22, 1838  James P. Green and Mary his wife to Theodore
Tarleton, land in Peoria County.
May 20, 1851  Robert Boyes and Elisabeth Boyes his wife to
William Darby, land in Peoria County.
Sept. 6, 1865  Lease with reserved life interest from William
Darby and Mary Darby his wife, to Henry H. Darby, for
land in Peoria County.
Jan. 7, 1895  Deed of Cemetery Plot in Benton County, Ark.,
to Mary E. Ellis.
July 2, 1897  Mortgage Deed from Ellen S. Darby and Henry H.
Darby to Nellie M. Darby, for land in Benton County.
Mar. 12 1901  J. S. McFarlin to Ellen S. Darby, land in
Benton County.
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Chief Correspondents:

Jared and Mindwell (Hale) Mann were the parents of Mary Hale (Mann) Darby (1799-1881).

William Darby (1786-1870) and Mary Hale (Mann) Darby were married in 1823.

Henry Harrison Darby (1840-1901) was the son of William and Mary Hale (Mann) Darby. Henry H. and Ellen Smith (1848-1923) were married in 1866.

William Edson Darby (1867-1912) was the son of Henry Harrison and Ellen (Smith) Darby. William E. and Minnie Louisa "Maidie" Case (1871-1897) were married in 1892. After Minnie died, William E. married Mary Lucette Dickinson (1874-1925) in 1897.

Nellie May Darby (1870-1947) was the daughter of Henry Harrison Darby and Ellen Smith. Nellie and Benjamin Pettersen (1864-1943) were married in 1910.

Susan Hale Mann Darby (1832-1920) was the sister of Henry Harrison Darby. Susan and John Dorman Eby (1831-1913) were married in 1867.

Jennette "Nettie" Darby Eby (1870-1964) was the daughter of Susan (Darby) and John Dorman Eby. "Nettie" and Charles Oren Perry (1869-1940) were married in 1895.