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Guide to the Gridley Family Papers 1847-1920



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.GRIDLEY
Title	Gridley Family. Papers
Date	1847-1920
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Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract The Gridley Family Papers consist of approximately 1500 items, most of which are family letters. The next largest category is business letters, receipts and bills. There is also a small amount of miscellaneous printed matter: clippings, advertisements, circulars, etc. The papers date from around 1847 through the decade 1910-1920, reflecting the lives of three generations of Gridleys, their relatives, their friends and business associates.

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Gridley Family. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

The Gridley collection consists of approximately 1500 items, most of which are family letters. The next largest category is business letters, receipts and bills. There is also a small amount of miscellaneous printed matter: clippings, advertisements, circulars, etc. The papers date from around 1847 through the decade 1910-1920, apparently embracing three generations of Gridleys, their relatives, their friends and business associates.

Most of the family lived in northern Illinois, in the smaller towns and villages. Some were farmers, but generally they appear to have involved themselves in independent businesses such as that of commission merchant, or real-estate. The Gridleys were related in some way with the descendants of one John Cary, allegedly a soldier in the Revolutionary War. These descendants were very much interested in genealogy, and a large number of the letters have to do with their activities in this line. Among the business papers, the chief concern is with real estate in a period extending roughly from the civil war to 1915.

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Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Gridley family

INVENTORY

Series I: Letters, 1845-1880

This is a file of letters filed alphabetically by name of writer, mostly to Elisha Gridley and his wife. The bulk of the letters fall between the years 1845 and 1880.

Box 1

Folder 1

Correspondence A

Box 1

Folder 2

Correspondence B

Box 1

Folder 3

Correspondence C

Box 1

Folder 4

Correspondence D

Box 1

Folder 5

Correspondence E

Box 1

Folder 6

Correspondence F

Box 1

Folder 7

Correspondence G

Box 1

Folder 8

Correspondence H

Box 1

Folder 9

Correspondence I-L

Box 1

Folder 10

Correspondence M-P

Box 1

Folder 11

Correspondence R-S

Box 1

Folder 12

Correspondence T-Z

Series II: George Gridley Letters

Box 1

Folder 13

Letters from E. H. Moore, a University of Illinois friend of George Gridley's, dating from 1869.

Box 1

Folder 14

Letters from Rev. Nelson Cook and family; George Gridley was friendly with the son, Lyman.

Box 1

Folder 15

Letters from the Davison family, in California.

Box 1

Folder 16

Letters from Fred L. Hatch & family to George Gridley.

Box 1

Folder 17

Letters from Field family, pre-Civil War.

Box 1

Folder 18

Letters from Kiefer, Schantz, Hickop, and Ormsby families.

Box 1

Folder 19

Gridley family letters

Box 1

Folder 20

"Social and Business Letters -- Horace E. Partridge"

Box 2

Folder 1

Letters from Gannett family

Box 2

Folder 2

Letters from various friends of Gridley family

Box 2

Folder 3

Watson Pickrell, a University friend of G. Gridley

Box 2

Folder 4

Squier, Bennett, & Bruce families

Box 2

Folder 5

Members of "Western Branch, John Cary Descendents"

Box 2

Folder 6

Talcott and Barber families

Box 2

Folder 7

Letters from various friends of Gridley family

Box 2

Folder 8

Letters from various friends of Gridley family

Box 2

Folder 9

Letters from various friends of Gridley family

Box 2

Folder 10

Letters from various friends of Gridley family

Box 2

Folder 11

Letters from various friends of Gridley family

Box 2

Folder 12

Gridley Family letters

Box 2

Folder 13

Gridley Family letters

Box 2

Folder 14

Gridley Family letters

Box 2

Folder 15

Gridley Family letters

Series III: Business Papers

Box 3

Folder 1

Miscellaneous business papers, mostly of Elisha Gridley, ca. 1850-1880.

Box 3

Folder 2

Miscellaneous business papers, ca. 1880-1910.

Box 3

Folder 3

Bills

Box 3

Folder 4

Bills

Box 3

Folder 5

Bills and receipts

Box 3

Folder 6

Memoranda and clippings re Lake County Treasurer's Office, 1899-1902

Box 3

Folder 7

Miscellaneous printed matter: advertisements, clippings, circulars describing land plots (especially Tennessee land), publications of Rev. Seth Cary, who was apparently the leading spirit in the "John Cary Descendants", etc.