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Biographical / Historical

John Lloyd Stearns (sometimes referred to in the letters as "Johnnie" or "Johnny") was born December 20, 1852 in Brooklyn, New York, to the Rev. John Lloyd Stearns (born October 14, 1812) and his wife, Anne H. Stearns. Rev. Stearns died on November 11, 1864, survived by Anne and his four children, of which John was the second. John attended Burlington College in Burlington, New Jersey (a private secondary school for boys) from 1864 until the end of 1869. He worked for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York from 1870 on, eventually as an agent. On October 3, 1878, he married Ella Powell (born July 2, 1856), daughter and oldest child of Cuthbert and Mary Sayre Powell of Alexandria, Virginia. They had 6 children, of whom three (John, born May 15, 1881; Harriotte Lee ("Hattie"), born February 4, 1884; and Cuthbert Powell, born August 14, 1885) made their appearance during the time period covered by the letters. In 1885, John Lloyd Stearns moved his family to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he set up his own insurance agency. The letters end in June 1888, the month during which his younger brother and his mother died.

Content Description

The letters in this collection were written to John Lloyd Stearns by various family members and friends between 1864 and 1888. They span his lifetime from age 13 to age 36, and primarily reflect the family's day-to-day economic concerns, their relationships with each other and with extended family members, their travels, their living conditions and their work situations. Also included in the collection are miscellaneous papers of Robert Lawrence Stearns, John's younger brother.

Related Materials

Vertical file on John Lloyd; Powell and Lloyd Families of Alexandria, Virginia by Frank Snowden Hopkins.

General

Principal Correspondents.

ANNE HARRIOTTE LLOYD STEARNS ("A. H. Stearns" or "Anne H. Stearns" or "Nannie Stearns"). Born January 7, 1826 in Alexandria, Virginia, to John Lloyd and his second wife, Anne Harriot Lee Lloyd. Married the Rev. John Stearns on July 19, 1848. Died June 23, 1888. Mother of John Lloyd Stearns.

MARY BARLOW STEARNS (HOGE) ("Marrie" or "Marie"). Born November 29, 1850. Attended St. Mary's Hall in Burlington, New Jersey until 1869. Married William S. Hoge of Washington, D. C. in 1873 or 1874, and had five children: Nannie, Rachel, Willie, Philip (born 1884) and Mary Barlow (born 1887). Older sister of John Lloyd Stearns.

REBECCA LLOYD STEARNS (HASTINGS) ("Reca"). Born June 7, 1856 in Stratford, Connecticut. Attended St. Mary's Hall in Burlington, New Jersey. Married William S. Hastings of Elizabeth, New Jersey in October 1885: son Lawrence born February 23, 1887. Younger sister of John Lloyd Stearns.

ROBERT LAWRENCE STEARNS ("Lolly" or "Lo"). Born December 24, 1858 in Alexandria, Virginia. Attended St. Paul's School (a secondary school for boys) in Concord, New Hampshire. Worked for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York in the Bureau of Accounts and Audit. Died unmarried on June 11, 1888, due to illness, in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Youngest brother of John Lloyd Stearns. Other Correspondents.

HARRISON G. OTIS ("Mrs. Sibley"), Shrewsbury, New Jersey. Son of a Rev. Otis. School friend. Also attended a military school in upstate New York.

RICHARD GRAY PARK, Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. Member of the Park family, which owned several steel mills (including the Black Diamond Steel Works) in Pittsburgh. School friend. Also attended Wesleyan Academy, and another school in Worcester, Massachusetts.

JOHN BAIRD PERRINE, Spotswood, New Jersey. Son of Judge Perrine. School friend. M. R. BROWN ("Moreau"), Galveston, Texas. School friend. Also attended Pennsylvania Military Academy.

THOMAS McKINNON, Augusta, Georgia. School friend.

FRED W. MULLIGAN, Huntington, Long Island. Son of Mrs. Alfred W. Mulligan. Childhood friend.

PEOPLE MENTIONED IN THE LETTERS: The Lloyd Family.

EDMUND JENNINGS LLOYD ("Uncle Edmund" or "Uncle E"). Born August 27, 1822 to John and Anne Lloyd. Older brother of Anne H. Stearns, for whom he managed an inheritance. Never married.

FREDERICK LLOYD ("Uncle Fred"). Born October 1817 to John Lloyd and his first wife, Rebecca Janney Lloyd. Married Lucy Lee Powell ("Aunt Lucy") in 1852; no children. Died November 28, 1868. Older half-brother to Anne H. Stearns.

GEORGE FRANCIS LLOYD ("Uncle Frank"). Born October 28, 1828 to John and Anne Lloyd. Married Mary Pindle Hammond ("Aunt Mollie") and had 3 children: Nelson, Nannie and Francis Frederick ("Fred"). Died October 1866. Younger brother of Anne H. Stearns.

JEAN CHARLOTTE WASHINGTON LLOYD (YEATMAN) ("Aunt Jeannie" or "Aunt Jennie"). Married Captain Philip Tabb Yeatman ("Uncle Philip Yeatman" or "Captain Yeatman") in June 1867. After her marriage, may have resided in Baltimore at 50 Saratoga Street. Younger sister of Anne H. Stearns.

JOHN JANNEY LLOYD ("Uncle John"). Born March 8, 1800 to John and Rebecca Lloyd. Married Eliza Armistead Selden in 1845 and had 8 children. Died in 1871. Older half-brother to Anne H. Stearns.

MARY LEE LLOYD ("Aunt Minnie"). Youngest child of John and Anne Lloyd (birthdate unknown) and youngest sister of Anne H. Stearns.

REBECCA LLOYD (TABB) ("Aunt Rebecca"). Born June 7, 1824 to John and Anne Lloyd. Married Dr. John Prosser Tabb ("Uncle Prosser") of White Marsh (Gloucester County), Virginia and had 5 children: John, Matilda Prosser ("Maud"), John Lloyd ("Lloyd"), John Prosser ("Prosser") and Rebecca Lloyd. Older sister of Anne H. Stearns.

RICHARD HENRY LLOYD ("Uncle Richard"). Born July 15, 1815 to John and Rebecca Lloyd. Married twice and had 5 children, one of whom was named Rebecca and another of whom was known as "Lizzie." Died February 24, 1883. Older half-brother to Anne H. Stearns.

SELINA LLOYD (POWELL) ("Aunt Selina"). Born September 30, 1807 to John and Rebecca Lloyd. Married Charles Levin Powell ("Mr. Powell") in 1830 and had 7 children, one of whom was named Rebecca. Died August 4, 1871. Older half-sister to Anne H. Stearns. The Stearns Family.

JANE MARIA STEARNS (LANE) ("Aunt Jane"). Born September 25, 1800. Married Adolphus Lane, Esq., ("Uncle Adolphus") and had two daughters (Louise and Mary) and possibly a son named Leo. Sister of Rev. John Stearns.

LOUISE LANE ("Cousin Louise" or "Cousin Louisa"). Daughter of Jane Stearns and Adolphus Lane, and first cousin to Rev. John Stearns.

MARY LANE ("Cousin Mary Lane" or "Cousin Marrie"). Daughter of Jane Stearns and Adolphus Lane, and first cousin to Rev. John Stearns.

NOBLE STEARNS ("Cousin Noble"). Married _____ ("Cousin Allie") and had several children. Probably first cousin to Rev. John Stearns, although the relationship is unclear from the letters.

FRANK STEARNS ("Cousin Frank"). Probably first cousin to Rev. John Stearns, although the relationship is unclear in the letters.

ROBERT SWARTWOUT ("Cousin Robert"). Had a wife or daughter named Sarah ("Cousin Sarah") and a nephew named Henry who died of Yellow Fever while serving in the Army in Texas. Relationship to Rev. John Stearns is unclear.

PLACES MENTIONED IN THE LETTERS: Virginia. ALEXANDRIA. Home of the majority of the Lloyd family members.

BELMONT. Home of Richard Henry Lloyd and his family, located near Alexandria.

LINDEN. Home of Frederick Lloyd and his wife, Lucy Lee Powell, located near Alexandria.

MOUNT IDA. Plantation home of John Janney Lloyd and his wife Eliza Armistead Selden, located near Alexandria.

WHITE MARSH. Town in Gloucester County where Rebecca Lloyd Tabb and her husband, Dr. John Prosser Tabb, made their home. New Jersey. ELIZABETH. Home of the Stearns family from 1872 (513 Jefferson Avenue).

BURLINGTON. Site of Burlington College (a secondary school for boys) and St. Mary's Hall (a secondary school for girls). John Lloyd Stearns and both of his sisters attended school in Burlington.

SPOTSWOOD. Home of Rev. John Stearns and his family prior to his death in November of 1864, and also his grave site. After his death, his parish was given to a Mr. Stewart, whose wife is known in the letters as "Aunt Hannah" and whose daughter is referred to as "Cousin Mary Stewart," although the relationship to the Stearns family is not clear. The Stearns family continued to live in Spotswood, renting various houses (primarily during the summer months) until 1872, when they managed to buy a home in Elizabeth. Elsewhere.

CEDAR CLIFF (HUNTINGTON), LONG ISLAND. Home of "Aunt Julia" (possibly a widowed sister-in-law of Rev. John Stearns), as well as Mrs. Alfred Mulligan and her children, (Minnie, Fred, Livingston and Frank) who were friends of the family.

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE. Site of St. Paul's School, which was attended by Robert Lawrence Stearns.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA. Home of John Lloyd Stearns and his wife and children from 1885 on.

NEW YORK CITY. Home of Jane Stearns Lane and her husband, Adolphus Lane (219 East 10th Street) as well as of several other Stearns cousins mentioned in the letters.

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT. Home of Robert Swartwout and other relatives of the Stearns family.

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THE LETTERS:

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03/23 Mary B. Stearns Oldest sister (Alexandria,VA) 08/15 Willie S. Hoge Friend Washington, DC 10/29 Willie S. Hoge Friend Washington, DC

1874

03/02 Mary B. S. Hoge Oldest sister Washington, DC 05/06 Mary B. S. Hoge Oldest sister Washington, DC 07/20 Anne H. Stearns Mother Elizabeth, NJ 08/18 Mary B. S. Hoge Oldest sister Pleasant Valley, (NY) 1875

02/18 Rebecca L. Stearns Younger sister Washington, DC 04/15 Mary B. S. Hoge Oldest sister Washington, DC 08/23 Anne H. Stearns Mother Washington, DC 08/31 Anne H. Stearns Mother Washington, DC 10/08 R. Lawrence Stearns Youngest brother Elizabeth, NJ Anne H. Stearns Mother Elizabeth, NJ 10/12 Anne H. Stearns Mother Elizabeth, NJ

1876-1881 no letters

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1883-1884 no letters

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Elizabeth, NJ 04/24 Anne H. Stearns Mother Elizabeth, NJ

INCOMPLETELY DATED LETTERS

01/22/?? J. H. Swartwout Cousin Stamford, CT 03/11/?? Harrison Otis Friend Shrewbury, NJ 04/07/?? Anne H.
Stearns Mother 04/19/?? Harrison Otis Friend Shrewsbury, NJ 04/16/?? Harrison Otis Friend Shrewsbury, NJ
06/22/?? Louise Lane Cousin New York City

various letter fragments and undated scribbles NOTES: (R) = removed (in this case, once removed) (T) =
Western Union Telegram 23 INVENTORY OF MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS OF ROBERT LAWRENCE STEARNS: 1.
Westcott Express Company receipt (November 2, 1869) 2. Report Cards from St. Paul's School (September
27, 1873 and October 28, 1873) 3. Letters to Anne H. Stearns from Montreal (September 22 and 24, 1883) 4.
Brochures for The Seaman's Bank for Savings, 74-76 Wall Street, New York City (January 1883 and January
1885) 5. Letter from Henry A. Coit, St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H. (April 9, 1884) 6. Memorandum to Heads
of Departments and Clerks at the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York (January 1886) 7. Account
book for Anne H. Stearns with W. T. Jones, Grocer, 114 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey (April 1887-June
1888) 8. Draft letter to Harry _____ (August 26, 1887) 9. Order of Prayer, Trinity Church Choir, Elizabeth,
New Jersey (Christmas 1887) 10. Letters from C. Preller, a colleague and friend at The Mutual Life Insurance
Company of New York (June 5 and 8, 1888) 11. Draft note to Preller (undated; the reverse is part of a letter
from John Lloyd Stearns and his wife) 12. Two small envelopes containing the calling cards of Miss Elmira
Easton and Louisa Easton (postmarked November 29 and December 2, with no year given) 13. Poem
fragments or drafts (undated) 14. Order of Service, Wedding Hymns and Anthems, St. James' Church, New
York City (undated, but probably October 1885) 15. Handwritten list of funeral instructions (undated, but
probably June 1888) 16. Handwritten list of bills to be paid (undated, but probably June 1888)

Arrangement

Chronological.