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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.1993.023

Unit Date

1858-1884

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

There are 145-pages worth of letters from the Sturtevant family in this collection ranging from 1858-1884. Most of the letters include information about family births and deaths, illnesses and daily happenings. The letters that were written during the American Civil War also contain information on the members of the Sturtevant family in the Union Army. Family members include Ann Maria Sturtevant and Owen Sturtevant.

Content Warning: Some letters from the collection include racist language and references to slavery.

Creator

Sturtevant family (Illinois)

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Ann Maria Sturtevant and Owen Sturtevant were married and lived in Maquon, Knox County, Illinois. Other family members lived in Springfield and Monticello, Illinois.

Scope and Content

There are 145-pages worth of letters from the Sturtevant family in this collection ranging from 1858-1884. Most of the letters include information about family births and deaths, illnesses and daily happenings. The pre-war era letters are mostly information on family and farm affairs. The letters that were written during the American Civil War contain information on family affairs, information on the members of the Sturtevant family in the Union Army, and local happenings. The post-war letters cover family affairs, including the divorce of Ann Sturtevant's brother William.

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Keywords

Civil War

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Women -- History

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Arrangement

The Sturtevant Family Letters are arranged in alphabetical order according to the author of the letter.

Description of Subordinate Components

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Letters from Nancy A. Bailey to Ann Maria Sturtevant

Unit Date 1863-07-05-1865-02-06

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letters from A. G. Boyer to various Sturtevant Family Members

Unit Date 1858-12-15-1859-10-10

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters from Elizabeth H. Durkee to Ann Maria Sturtevant

Unit Date 1860-09-23-1870-06-19

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Content

Content Warning: One letter includes references to slavery.

Letter to Sister Ann from Elizabeth Durkee dated September 23, 1864, mentions an uncle selling one enslaved person and future plans to sell nine enslaved persons.

Letters from I. S. Durkee to Owen Sturtevant

Unit Date 1860-12-07-1864-11-27

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Content

Content Warning: One letter includes references to slavery.

Letter written December 8, 1860 mentioning finding eleven enslaved persons and searching records for other enslaved persons. Also inquires whether the recipient, "Sir", thinks Montgomery and Durkee should go to Maryland for further searching.

Letters from Emily Montgomery to Ann Maria Sturtevant

Unit Date 1862-10-05-1865-01-25

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Content

Content Warning: One letter dated May 17th, 1863 contains racist language.

Letters from F. M. Montgomery to Ann Maria Sturtevant

Unit Date 1858-12-19-1864-11-27

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Container 6 (folder)

Letters from William A. Montgomery to Ann Maria Sturtevant

Unit Date 1865-01-25-1869-01-09

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Letters from John N. and Jarnsia A. Smith to Ann and Owen Sturtevant

Unit Date 1861-10-16-1869-01-31, undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

From Various to Ann Maria and Owen Sturtevant

Unit Date 1857-1884-07-25, undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Transcripts of Selected Letters

Unit Date 1862-07-25-1865-01-25

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Container 10 (folder)

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