

# Jennings Family Letters

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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1866-1906

### Language

English

### Creator

Jennings Family

### Creator

Deemer Family

### Creator

Deemer, Tillie C.

### Creator

Jennings, Eliza J.

### Creator

Jennings, Ellen Neff

### Creator

Jennings, Susie H.

**Creator**

Neff Family

**Creator**

Stidum, Lizzie A.

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## Family History:

Jennings Family lived in Beverly, New Jersey during the mid to late nineteenth century. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: [http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Jennings\\_Family](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Jennings_Family).

## Scope and Contents

Letters between family members of the Jennings and Deemer families of Pennsylvania and New Jersey during the late nineteenth century. Includes family news, employment and travels. Curious circumstance about one daughter who was sent to live with another family and asked to change her name.

## Keywords

Correspondence

Beverly (N.J.)--History--19th century

Chester (Pa.)--History--19th century

Deemer family

Jennings family

Sanson family

## Description of Subordinate Components

**Box 1**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/497418

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Language** English

## **Series 1: Letters to Susie H. Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48144

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68667

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters to Susie H. Jennings when she visits the home of her Aunt Tillie and Uncle John J. Deemer in Chester, Pennsylvania. Her Grandmother lives in the same area. Susie H. Jennings lives in Beverly, Burlington County, New Jersey with her Mother. Letters from Aunt Tillie Deemer, Mother Eliza J. Jennings, and a lawyer friend.

### **Susie H. Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48145

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68674

**Unit Date** 1883-1888

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

10 letters Topics include illnesses, weather, political conventions, the election of Harrison, prohibition, visit from Uncle John, a bride and groom (Mike) who visited in Beverly with Susie's Mother and how everyone is concerned with what the bride thinks of them, clothes worn by Mother Jennings, Susie and the men in her family, parades, and other news of friends and family.

## **Series 2: Letters to Eliza J. Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48147

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68668

### **Scope and Contents**

Letters to Eliza J. Jennings (Mrs. John C. Jennings) from family members. Eliza Jennings lives in Beverly, New Jersey and visits Chester, Pennsylvania. Correspondents include her daughter, Susan who writes from her trips to her Uncle John and Aunt Julia in Chester, Bethlehem and from Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Beverly, New Jersey; her son, John who writes from New York, New York, Chester, Bethlehem or Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Beverly, New Jersey; her sister, Cordelia from Ft. Wayne, Indiana; her Mother from Oxford, New Jersey and New York, New York; her sister, Julia from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; her sister, Emma from New York, New York and her sister, A.C. Evans from Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

### **Eliza J. Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48148

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68675

**Unit Date** 1871-1877

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

4 letters Letters from her Mother, her daughter Susie, her sister in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and her son John. Topics include adopted child, visits to family, women's medical problems, Susie living with Uncle John in New York who says to her "that you (i.e. her mother) gave me to him and that my name is Susie Sanson...", sister's home in Indiana and her new child, and son John's trip to Lancaster.

### **Eliza J. Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48149

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68676

**Unit Date** 1880-1883

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

7 letters Letters from her son, John, her daughter, Susie, and her sisters, A.C. Evans and Emma. Topics include Railroad platforms in New York City and John's various conveyances to reach Uncle John S. and

Julia Sanson's home, Aunt Ellen's "spells", problem with "The Queen" (either a dog or a person?), A.C. Evan's sons who work in the Railroad Freight Office, evening activities at the Sanson home such as knitting, dancing, sewing and writing and family news.

**Eliza J. Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48150

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68677

**Unit Date** 1884

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Letters from her sister, Cordelia, daughter, Susie, and others. Many letters received while she is visiting her Mother. Topics include family news, health of family and friends and death of relative's child named Laura.

**Eliza J. Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48151

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68678

**Unit Date** January-June 1885

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

10 letters Letters from daughter, Susie, while Eliza J. Jennings is visiting her Mother. Topics include news of friends and family, death of John Swanson, church news, ice skating, sailing and sailing mishaps, Minnie-ha ha selling books and photographs at .15 each, and trip to Henry. D. with Carrie.

**Eliza J. Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48152

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68679

**Unit Date** July 1885

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

4 letters. Letters from daughter, Susie. Topics include visit to Cousin Henry in Bethlehem, meeting "an old Uncle John Deemer" who was Dutch, Aaron Haas who just sailed to Europe on the "Pennsylvania" and once sailed on a ship that had a reception for the Emperor of Brazil and General Grant.

**Eliza J. Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48153

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68680

**Unit Date** August-December 1885

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

4 letters. Letters from daughter, Susie. Topics include visit to John where she was upset at "not to find any of my people besides John," visiting the Masonic Temple, dinner at "Greens," ships in harbor, Cousin Rue and improvement of Bert's finger.

**Eliza J. Jennings****Unit ID** id48154**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68681**Unit Date** 1886**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

6 letters. Letters from Sister Em, her Mother, her sister in Ft. Wayne, daughter, Susie, and niece or sister, Julia. Topics include Cousin Frank Deemer, small pox, health and news of relatives and friends, financial problems of Eliza and visit to the "Rolling Mill."

**Eliza J. Jennings****Unit ID** id48155**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68682**Unit Date** January-July 1887**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

4 letters Letters from son, John and daughter, Susie. Topics include John's description of New York City and his short lived job as an insurance collector where he saw the worst of the city, Decoration Day in Chester, marriage of a sixteen year old, railroad washout, and health and news of family members and friends.

**Eliza J. Jennings****Unit ID** id48156**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68683**Unit Date** August-December 1887**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

6 letters Letters from daughter, Susie. Topics include painting talent of Charlie Marple (Carrie's beau), yelling and howling of the "Heavenly Recruits" during a tent revival, evening drive in the dog cart, Standard sewing machines, Uncle Phil's new horse died (when a doctor did an autopsy, it had only one lung) and Ben Allen (escort to Susie).

**Eliza J. Jennings****Unit ID** id48157**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68684**Unit Date** 1887**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

8 letters Letters from daughter, Susie. Topics include long wait at the eye doctor's office, the fire at and ruins of the Birkheads' woolen mill, travel by train and boat, John's marriage, Steve's concert at Holly Tree Hall, handsome principal of the Chester High School, comments on the Harrison and Cleveland election and a chain letter.

**Series 3: Letters to Miss Tillie C. Deemer****Unit ID** id48158**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68669**Scope and Contents**

Letters are addressed to locations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Indiana. Correspondents include her Mother in Beverly, New Jersey; her sister Cordelia in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; her sister Mattie in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and San Francisco, California; El L. Jennings in Beverly, New Jersey, her niece

Syd V. Evans in Ft. Wayne Indiana; her niece Susan Jennings in Beverly, New Jersey; her nephew John Jennings in New York, New York; her niece Bert in Ocean City, New Jersey, her Aunt May L. Albright in Rochester, New York; her niece Anna C. Jones in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Emma in Beverly, New Jersey, Lizzie in Beverly, New Jersey; T.L. Bradford in New York, New York, Mary Stansbery in Beverley, New Jersey and Carrie in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

**Tillie C. Deemer**

**Unit ID** id48159

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68685

**Unit Date** 1866-1870

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

4 letters.

**Tillie C. Deemer**

**Unit ID** id48160

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68686

**Unit Date** 1871-1880

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

4 letters.

**Tillie C. Deemer**

**Unit ID** id48161

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68687

**Unit Date** 1881-1890

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

4 letters.

**Tillie C. Deemer**

**Unit ID** id48163

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68688

**Unit Date** 1891-1895

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

4 letters.

**Tillie C. Deemer**

**Unit ID** id48164

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68689

**Unit Date** 1896-1900.

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

4 letters.

**Tillie C. Deemer**

**Unit ID** id48165

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68690

**Unit Date** 1901-1906

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

3 letters.

**Series 4: Letters to Ellen Neff Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48167

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68670

**Scope and Contents**

Locations include Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Beverly, New Jersey Correspondents include Cousin Clara Braner, A.M. Ryan, Ellen Belcher and A.H. Bunting, all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Cousin Mary of Camden, New Jersey and E. Clifford Neff of Knox County, Ohio.

**Ellen Neff Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48169

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68691

**Unit Date** 1873-1880

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

5 letters.

**Ellen Neff Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48170

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68692

**Unit Date** 1881-1883

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

6 letters.

**Ellen Neff Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48171

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68693

**Unit Date** 1881-1890

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

5 letters

**Ellen Neff Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48172

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68694

**Unit Date** 1891-1893

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

7 letters

7 letters.

**Ellen Neff Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48173

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68695

**Unit Date** 1894-1895

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

8 letters

**Ellen Neff Jennings**

**Unit ID** id48174

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68696

**Unit Date** 1896

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 23 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

6 letters.

**Series 5: Letters to or about Mrs. Lizzie A. Stidum of Camden, New Jersey.**

**Unit ID** id48176

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68671

**Scope and Contents**

Writers include her niece, Cascilia Elliott, Cousin Scranton and an unknown person informing Matilda Deemer of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Benton Stidum.

**Lizzie A. Stidum**

**Unit ID** id48178

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68697

**Unit Date** 1875, 1906 and undated.

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 23 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

3 letters.

**Series 6: Letter to Mrs. S.A. Deemer**

**Unit ID** id48179

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68672

**Mrs. S.A. Deemer**

**Unit ID** id48180

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68698

**Unit Date** 1882

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Letter to Mrs. S.A. Deemer of Chester, Pennsylvania from her Grandson, Harold D. Deemer.

**Series 7: Neff Family Genealogy**

**Unit ID** id48181

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68673

**Folder 25**

**Unit ID** id48183

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/68699

**Unit Date** Undated.

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 25 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Letter written requesting genealogy information on the Neff family.