

STURGES FAMILY PAPERS
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BRIEF COLLECTION INFORMATION

Collection title and dates

Sturges Family Papers, 1775–1905

Creator

Sturges family

Accession number

ARC 1218

Quantity/extent

5 flip-top boxes

Collection overview

A brief overview of this collection is available in the Morgan's online catalog, CORSAIR. The collection-level record includes hyperlinks to names and subjects represented in the collection; descriptions of related material may be found by following these links.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Processing information

This collection is not fully processed. The collection was arranged by volunteer Betty Whiddington. Many transcriptions and photocopies are on file. This finding aid, based on extensive notes by Betty Whiddington, was prepared by Christine Nelson, 2004.

Provenance

The collection was placed on deposit by Mary Rousseau, a descendent of the Sturges family, sometime in the 1970s or 1980s. The collection was then acquired by the Library in a combined gift/purchase agreement with Mrs. Rousseau, 1982.

Accessibility

The collection is open for research by appointment. The following page provides information on conducting research in the Morgan's Reading Room:

<http://www.themorgan.org/research/reading.asp>

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DETAILED COLLECTION INFORMATION

Scope and content

Family papers of Amelia Sturges Morgan (1835-1862), first wife of Pierpont Morgan (1837-1913), and her family, including her father Jonathan Sturges (1802-1874) and his wife Mary Pemberton Cady Sturges (1806-1894), as well as correspondence of the Cady and Osborn families.

Arrangement note

Organized in twelve parts: (1) Corresp. of Amelia Sturges Morgan (1835-1862) and her family, 1853-1875. (2) Corresp. of Amelia Sturges Morgan (1835-1862) and J. Pierpont Morgan (1837-1913). (3) Corresp. of Jonathan Sturges (1802-1874). (4) Corresp. of Mary Pemberton Cady Sturges (1806-1894), wife of Jonathan Sturges. (5) Corresp. of Frederick Sturges (b. 1833) and Mary Fuller Sturges (d. 1886). (6) Corresp. of Arthur Pemberton Sturges (1841-1866). (7) Corresp. of Edward Sturges (1837-1901). (8) Corresp. of Virginia R. Sturges Osborn (1830-1902) and family. (9) Cady family letters, 1783-1868. (10) Sturges and Cady family business. (11) Clippings and printed ephemera. (12) Henry Cady Sturges (1846-1922) and S. MacWhorter Sturges papers.

Related material

Bound items, including diaries and printed books, transferred to bound series and cataloged individually; see records for ARC 611, 1378-82, 1527, and 1533. Also cataloged separately: daguerreotype of Henry Cady Sturges (ARC 1304), housed with cased photographs, and a lace fragment (ARC 1191), housed with objects. Catalog records for all this material include the phrase "Forms part of the Sturges family papers."

For related material on specific family members, search CORSAIR for the relevant names.

INVENTORY

Part 1. Corresp. of Amelia Sturges Morgan (1835-1862) and her family, 1853-1875.

1. 1853-54
2. 1856-57
3. 1859
4. 1860
5. 1861
6. 1862
7. 1871-75
8. Poems and photographs

Part 2. Corresp. of Amelia Sturges Morgan (1835-1862) and J. Pierpont Morgan (1837-1913)

1. Letters from Amelia Sturges Morgan, 1848-1861
2. Letters from J. Pierpont Morgan, 1861-1905

Part 3. Corresp. of Jonathan Sturges (1802-1874)

1. Letters from Jonathan Sturges, 1859-73
2. Letters to Jonathan Sturges, A-L
3. Letters to Jonathan Sturges, M-Z
4. Letters of condolence on the death of Arthur Pemberton Sturges (1841-66), July 1866
5. Letters from Jonathan Sturges to Mary Pemberton Cady Sturges, 1830-60
6. Letters from Jonathan Sturges to Mary Pemberton Cady Sturges, 1862-73
7. Article from Evening News written after his retirement in Dec. 1867
8. Jonathan Sturges: "Some Reminiscences of Art in New York, 1822"; "Dear Crayon"
9. Lucretia Sturges (sister): calling cards and notes
10. Obituaries
11. Letters from Luman Reed, his partner, to Jonathan Sturges
12. Letters from Asher B. Durand to Jonathan Sturges
13. Bill for flowers for wedding of Amelia Sturges and J. Pierpont Morgan, 1861 Oct. 7

Part 4. Corresp. of Mary Pemberton Cady Sturges (1806-1894), wife of Jonathan Sturges

1. Early letters, 1830-57
2. Letters from Paris and Nice to her children Henry, Arthur, and Virginia, 1862
3. Letters, 1866-94 (funeral service)
4. Letters to her husband, Jonathan Sturges, 1828-31
5. Letters to her husband, Jonathan Sturges, 1832-34
6. Letters to her husband, Jonathan Sturges from France, 1862
7. Charities
8. Incoming corresp., A-L
9. Incoming corresp., M-Z
10. Incoming corresp., from cousin Jane Beale from the South during the Civil War
11. Incoming corresp., from mother Elizabeth Cady, including ghost story of Captain Cady
12. Incoming corresp., from aunt Eaton, her mother's sister
13. Incoming corresp., Elizabeth Cady Murray, her sister
14. Incoming corresp., Aunt Witter, her mother's sister
15. A page from an account book, headed "Mrs. Sturges."

Note: Her diaries for 1859 and 1862 transferred to bound series and cataloged separately; letters to Henry C. Sturges, 1860-86, are filed with his correspondence.

Part 5. Corresp. of Frederick Sturges (b. 1833) and Mary Fuller Sturges (d. 1886)

1. Letters, 1852-53
2. Letters to Amelia Sturges Morgan, 1853
3. Letters, 1857-58
4. Letters, 1860-64
5. Letters, 1867-75
6. Letters of Mary Fuller Sturges (d. 1886), 1863-64
7. Letters of Mary Fuller Sturges, 1872-75, including a lock of Millie's hair

Part 6. Corresp. of Arthur Pemberton Sturges (1841-1866)

1. Letters from Arthur Sturges, 1860-66

2. Letters to Arthur Sturges, A-Z

Part 7. Corresp. of Edward Sturges (1837-1901)

1. Corresp. of Edward Sturges, 1862-74
2. Will, 1901

Part 8. Corresp. of Virginia R. Sturges Osborn (1830-1902) and family

1. Letters, 1837-50
2. Letters, 1850-53
3. Letters, 1856-60
4. Letters, 1862-70
5. Letters, 1870-83
6. Letters to Amelia Sturges Morgan, 1853-62
7. Letters to Virginia from her mother
8. Letters from Virginia (daughter) and Fairfield to Uncle Henry Sturges and Grandma
9. Letters from William Osborn to Jonathan Sturges
10. Transcript by Virginia of "The True Cross" and other selections
11. Report by J.W. Osborne Colporteur of the American Tract Society on the [sale of books on] the Illinois Central Railway (1857 March 1—see Virginia's letters of that period)
12. Obituary, 1902 Feb. 8
13. Pedigrees of Henry Fairfield Osborn (printed)

Part 9. Cady family letters, 1783-1868

1. In Memory of Capt. John Cady of Plainfield, drowned between New York and New London, 1783 Nov. 28 (subject of ghost story)
2. Early letters to Mrs. Luther Smith (grandmother of Mary P.C. Sturges), 1806-48; and Matilda Smith, wife of Luther and Ruth's son Lemuel
3. Early letters to Elizabeth Cady (Mary P.C. Sturges's mother; including one to her sister Elizabeth Cady Murray), 1828-
4. Edwin Babcock poems (son of Mary P.C. Sturges's sister Olivia Babcock)
5. Letters to Caroline Pierce, 1823-1839 (schoolmistress friend in Plainfield, Conn.), from Elizabeth Cady Murray (Mary P.C. Sturges's sister)
6. Plans of a cave in Rockingham, Virginia.

Part 10. Sturges and Cady family business

1. Degrees and diplomas of Ebenezer Pemberton, 1775-1817
2. Letter from Diseri (photographer, 1864 Jan. 1) to Morgan Sturges, and Weed
3. Record of lawsuit, 1800, Nathaniel & Thomas Philips vs. Jonathan Sturges Jr.
4. Will of Jonathan Sturges, 1872 July 17
5. Lawsuit, 1902, to clarify the trust left by Jonathan
6. Deed, 1854, Land bought by Elizabeth Cady in Plainfield, Conn.
7. Will of Luther Smith and Ruth Smith
8. Statement of property held in trust for Mary P.C. Sturges after the death of Jonathan
9. Lawsuit, 1889/1892
10. Financial records

Part 11. Clippings and printed ephemera

1. Clippings
2. Clippings
3. Clippings

4. Clippings

Part 12. Henry Cady Sturges (1846-1922) and S. MacWhorter Sturges papers

1. Letters from Henry Cady Sturges, 1858-78
2. Letters to Henry Cady Sturges, A-L
3. Letters to Henry Cady Sturges, M-Z
4. Family business: wills, lawsuits, etc.
5. Letters from public figures
- 6a. Letters from his mother, Mary P.C. Sturges, 1860-70
- 6b. Letters from his mother, Mary P.C. Sturges, 1870-86
7. Letters to Henry Cady Sturges from Sarah MacWhorter (Sturges), 1882-83
8. Letters to Sarah MacWhorter (Sturges)
9. Christmas writings: notes for celebrations and pageants
10. Invoices for books purchased from J.O. Wright & Co., 1885-87
11. Invoices for books purchased from J.O. Wright & Co., 1894-99
12. Invoices for books purchased from J. Anderson and Brentanos, 1898-99
13. Invoices for additional book purchases
14. Diary, 1858
15. Diary, 1859
16. Diary, 1859
17. Diary, 1860
18. Diary, 1861
19. Diary, 1863
20. Diary, 1864
21. Diary, 1867
22. Diary, 1867
23. Sketchbook, 1859
24. Pressed flower volume, 1859
25. Travel notebook, 1859
26. Pressed flower volume, 1867
27. Notebook, 1867
28. Notebook, 1867
29. Diary, 1859
30. Sarah MacWhorter Sturges passport, 1925
31. Misc. clippings and a photograph