

Wilby, Margaret Anna Ingersoll (1852-1919)

Diaries; July 8, 1875-July 31, 1876; Aug. 1, 1876-Jan. 24, 1877;
Jan. 26, 1877-Sept. 8, 1879, continued June 1, 1904-Oct. 2, 1908.
Salem, Mass.; Portland, Oregon; Detroit, Mich.

3 vols. manuscript 20 cm

Begun prior to her marriage to Richard Clark Wilby of Cincinnati in 1879, the diaries record Margaret Ingersoll's social life in Salem, Mass. For a period she operated a school, but ultimately it failed. Of particular note is her account of a voyage in 1877 to Portland, Oregon, with her father, Nathaniel Ingersoll, when she moved west to live with him. She later moved to Detroit, where Richard Clark Wilby was minister of the First Unitarian Church, just prior to their marriage. The last diary continues in 1904 and mentions a visit to Deerfield where Richard Clark Wilby had served as minister of the First Congregational Church from 1892 to 1896.

In Wilby Family Papers

Wilby Papers

Papers donated in 2008 & 2009 by the heirs of Viola Hasty Wilby (1916-2007) of Deerfield, Mass. The collection includes letters, diaries, and other documents relating to members of the Ingersoll family of Salem, Mass., and the Wells family of Deerfield, Mass. related to the Wilbys by marriage.

Individuals represented in the collection:

Margaret Foote Ingersoll (1794-1818) of Salem, MA. Wife of Nathaniel Bowditch Ingersoll.

Margaret Ingersoll Wilby (1852-1919) dau. of Nathaniel B. and Margaret F. Ingersoll; wife of Richard Clark Wilby.

Richard Clark Wilby (1850-1936) of Cincinnati. Minister of Deerfield's First Church, 1892-97. Died in Detroit, MI.

Richard Ingersoll Wilby (1880 -1920) of Peoria, IL and Deerfield. Son of Richard C. and Margaret I. Wilby; planning engineer of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad.

Francis Bowditch Wilby (1883-1965). Son of Richard C. and Margaret I. Wilby.

Margaret Crowninshield Wilby (1890-1968) of Toronto. Dau. of Richard C. and Margaret I. Wilby; commercial artist.

Richard Wells Wilby (1911-1997) of Deerfield, MA. Son of Richard I. and Katherine Wells Wilby.

Viola Hasty Wilby (1916-2007) of Deerfield, MA. Wife of Richard W. Wilby.

George M. Wells (1833-1883) of Deerfield, MA. Son of Joel and Sarah Wells. Farmer and Civil War soldier.

Elizabeth Hawks Wells (1845-1938) of Deerfield, MA. Dau. of Charles and Mary Hawks Wells of Shelburne.

Abby Tirrell Wells (b. 1876) of Deerfield, MA. Dau. of George M. and Elizabeth H. Wells.

Helen Wells Field (1836-1919) of Conway, MA. Sister of George M. Wells.

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BOX 1:

Ingersoll, Margaret Foote (1794-1878)

Correspondence, 1865. (5 items) Letters written by her grandson, Nathaniel Bowditch Ingersoll, while on a voyage from New York to Oregon.

Wells, George Merrill (1833-1883)

Diaries; Nov.-Dec., 1862; Jan.-July, 1863. Long Island; Baton Rouge; Louisiana. 2 vols. A record of Wells' Civil War service in Co. D, 52nd Regiment of Mass. Volunteers prior to and during the Port Hudson campaign. With these is a small *New Testament*, dated 1862, which Wells apparently had with him in the army.

Letters, Dec. 1857; 1858; April 1863 (3 items). Letters received

Wells, George Merrill (cont.)

Letters, Nov. 1862-June 1863 (36 items). Written by Wells while in the army, mostly addressed to his mother, Sarah, and sister, Helen.

Misc. Civil War documents; samples of Confederate paper currency and promissory notes (10 items)

Wells, Elizabeth Hawks (1845-1938)

Inventory of furniture, fixtures, and silverware in the Elizabeth Hawks Wells house (Lot 22.1) made by her in c. 1936. Includes notes on makers and previous owners of objects.

Wells, Abby Tirrell (b. 1876)

“The Deerfield Daisy,” a manuscript newspaper “published by Abby T. Wells and Maria Mitchell Champney (b. 1877). Ten issues, June-Sept 1887.

Field, Helen Wells (1836-1917)

Documents regarding the settlement of her estate (10 items)

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Album of notes, clippings from magazines, and poems, 1868 with later (1913) edits

BOX 2:

Wilby, Margaret Anna Ingersoll (cont.)

Letters, 1867-1918 (17 items). Letters from her father, Nathaniel Ingersoll, her mother, Deborah Hunt Ingersoll, her children, Carleton, Francis, Richard Ingersoll, and Margaret, and from miscellaneous correspondents.

Manuscripts of lectures and articles, 1888-1894 (7 items); manuscripts of lectures and articles, 1895-1900 (6 items)

Misc. notes and writings

Wilby, Richard Clark (1850-1936)

Letters, 1871-1919; misc. documents including “A list of Father’s Books” and a manuscript of what may be one of his sermons (14 items)

Wilby, Richard Ingersoll (1880 -1920)

Notebook relating to his work as assist. engineer of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad, 1904; scrapbook of newspaper and magazine clippings, 1917 and undated.

Wilby, Richard Ingersoll (cont.)

Includes *Class of 1901 Harvard College*, a pamphlet addressed to graduates [**SHELVED IN SCRAPBOOK COLL.**]

Wilby, Francis Bowditch (1883-1965)

Letter to his wife from France, 1918 (1 item)

Wilby, Margaret Crownshield (1890- 1968)

Letter from "K" (Katherine Wells Wilby) describing the 1936 flood in Deerfield

Wilby, Richard Wells (1911-1997)

Documents relating to his Turnip Yard Pottery business (14 items); papers relating to his death and memorial service (5 items)

Wilby, Richard & Viola

Miscellaneous cards and letters, 1959-1983 and undated (20 items)

Wiby, Viola Hasty (1916 -2007)

Letters to Lee (Mrs. Bartlett) Boyden, 1989-1994 and undated (45 items); miscellaneous letters and other materials (6 items)

Miscellaneous photocopies & clippings

Includes copies of photographs of family members (originals in Memorial Hall Museum) and biographical materials (14 items)