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GUIDE
Burr Collection (1805-1904)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION: Enoch Fitch Burr (1818-1907) became minister of the Lyme Congregational Church in 1848, where he remained until 1902. In 1851 he married Harriet Angeline Lord (1829-1909), youngest daughter of Major Peter (1774-1833) and Mehitabel Miner Gillet Lord (1790-1871). The collection consists of the family papers of Rev. Burr, Mrs. Burr and her family, particularly her sisters Caroline Phoebe (Phebe) Lord (Mrs. Joseph Selden, b. 1824) and Sarah Wade Lord (Mrs. Edward G Hyde, 1826-1896). There is also a group of letters from Daniel Miner Lord (1800-1861) of Boston and Shelter Island, NY. The papers remained in the Burr family until 1964 when they were given to the Society by Harold Saxton Burr, grandson of Enoch Fitch Burr and Angeline Lord Burr.

SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION: There are four major groups within the Collection. The first, folders 1-6, contains family papers of Major Peter Lord (1790-1833), consisting of letters and deeds. These are typical, dwelling on deaths, marriages, and the letters written home from school at all times.

The second group, folders 7-11, consists of letters involving Rev. Daniel Miner Lord and his family (1828-1849). Rev. Lord's mother, Dorcas Miner Lord, was in Lyme throughout this period, first at the house of her nephew, John Smith Lord (1805-1838) and then at Mehitabel Lord's. The letters to and from Daniel and his sister Almira (b. 1802) describe Daniel's career at the Boston Seamen's Friends Society and Almira's brief career as a schoolteacher, giving descriptions of the Boston Bethel and of typical schools of the period.

The third group, by far the largest, folders 12-52, contains correspondence between the three sisters, Caroline Lord Selden, Sarah Lord Hyde, and Angeline Lord Burr, including Angeline's diaries from 1840 and 1848-1851. Beginning with letters home from school in New London, all three, though particularly Sarah, who lived much of the

time in New York, New Orleans, and Cincinnati, well away from her family, were frequent writers, and through these letters their lives, and the role of a woman in the period become clear.

The fourth group, folders 53-80, contains correspondence of Enoch Fitch Burr about his finances, publications, land in Chicago, and family matters.

Burr Box 1 - folders 1-15

Folder	Items	Description
1	1	Burr Collection Index
2	6	Peter T. Lord, family letters 1805-1816
3	6	Peter Lord, family letters 1817-1819
4	6	Peter Lord, family letters 1820-1824
5	8	Peter Lord, family letters 1825-1830
6	6	Peter Lord Estate, probate notices, property list, 1835-1843
7	5	Daniel Miner Lord family letters 1828-1834
8	13	Daniel Miner Lord family letters 1835-1836
9	18	Daniel Miner Lord family letters, wife's bequest, 1837
10	22	Daniel Miner Lord letters 1838 [Daniel's 2 nd marriage; school at Newport; birth of Daniel's daughter]
11	16	Daniel Miner Lord letters 1839-1849 [Birth of Daniel's daughter Harriet; Dorcas to Boston; Almira's marriage]
12	13	Lord Family letters 1837-1841
13	6	Lord family letters 1842-1843
14	13	Lord family letters 1844
15	16	Lord family letters 1845, 1849-1851

Burr Box 2 - folders 16-36

Folder	Items	Description
16	14	Angeline Lord letters 1846
17	19	Angeline Lord letters from Mary Adelia Farnsworth [c. 1846]
18	10	Lord family letters 1847
19a	2	Summary of Letters of Sarah Lord Hyde 1841-1870 (1 typed, 1 handwritten)
19b	22	Sarah Lord Hyde letters 1848
20	21	Lord family letters 1849
21	20	Angeline & Sarah Lord letters 1850
22	6	Lord family letters Jan-Feb 1851; Sarah pregnant

23	10	Lord family letters March 1851 [Birth and complications]
24	8	Lord family letters April-May 1851
25	5	Lord family letters June-July 1851
26	11	Lord family letters Aug-Dec 1851, Angeline's marriage to Enoch Fitch Burr
27	15	Lord sisters' letters 1852
28	8	Lord sisters' letters; Clifton Springs, 1853
29	15	Angeline Lord Burr and Caroline Lord Selden letters 1854
30	16	Angeline Lord Burr letters January-August 1855; Europe trip plans
31	15	Lord sisters' letters Sept-Dec, 1855; Departure for Europe
32	12	Lord sisters' letters 1856
33	9	E.F. Burr letters to Angeline Lord 1857; Burr's trip to Chicago
34	7	Lord & Burr family letters 1853, 1858
35	18	Lord & Burr family letters 1859; Sarah Lord Hyde in Cincinnati
36	7	Lord & Burr family letters 1860

Burr Box 3 - folders 37-52

Folder	Items	Description
37	17	Sarah Lord Hyde letters 1861-1862; Civil War; Selden on way to New Orleans; 4 from Noah H. Gillet; 1 Morgan
38	16	Angeline Lord Burr letters 18 - Civil War
39	6	Letters to Angeline Lord Burr, 1864
40	10	Letters 1865, most to Angeline Lord Burr from husband E.F. Burr, some from friend Lizzie Lester
41	15	Letters, 1865-1868 - Clifton Springs spa; Caroline "Carrie" Lord Selden's health
42	16	Clifton Springs letters 1869-1875
43	13	Letters from Kansas, Iowa 1868-1870; Mary Griffin Carpenter & Milly Hyde Brockway, married and moved to Kansas-Nebraska Territory
44	18	Hanford Montrose Burr letters to & from parents, 1882-1883
45a	1	Angeline Lord diary, summery - 1848-1851
45b	2	Angeline Lord Diary 1840 Angeline Lord Diary 1848-1851
46	1	Sarah Hyde, French Exercise Book
47	7	Peter Lord deeds 1797-1832
48	14	Mehitabel Lord deeds 1834-1847
49	4	Enoch Fitch Burr deeds 1862-1866

50	3	Mehitabel Lord account books (3): 1840-1845, 1853-1860, 1861-1870
51	2	H. Angeline Lord account book 1846-1851; Angeline Lord Burr account book 1851-1906
52	1	Enoch F. Burr account book 1859-1875

Burr Box 4 - folders 53-72

Folder	Items	Description
53	17	Burr: Chicago Law Suit correspondence, 1857-1869
54	2	Chicago Land Deeds, 1856-1857
55	36	Chicago Land Records, Receipts
56	4	Nicoll vs. Burr, dower rights, expenses, 1869
57	47	Iowa-Nebraska Land, 1857-1876; correspondence mostly with Dexter C. Bloomer
58	5	Iowa-Nebraska Deeds, 1857-1861
59	42	Nebraska Land receipts, 1855-1869
60	7	Correspondence with S?J? Selden about new church building 1866-1873
61	1	Burr Notebook circa 1844-1848
62	1	Burr War Lecture at Westport, August 1862
63	2	Burr Hymns MS
64	4	Angeline Lord school awards, papers, etc.
65	14	Misc. MS, including copy of will of Mrs. Mehetebel Gillet 1792
66	9	Miscellaneous Receipts
67	9	Miscellaneous printed matter
68	10	Broadsides, Advertisements, etc.
69	18	Newspaper clippings, etc., re E.F. Burr & son Hanford Montrose Burr
70	5	Hanford and Burr genealogy
71	12	E.F. Burr correspondence with publishers
72	11	Reviews of works by E.F. Burr

Burr Box 5 - folders 73-80

Folder	Items	Description
73	13	Thank you letters (for books) to E.F. Burr, 1874-1903
74	14	E.F. Burr correspondence with publishers, 1872-1900
75	40	Thank you letters (for books) to E.F. Burr, 1868-1902
76	39	Thank you letters (for books) to E.F. Burr, 1969-1888

77	44	Thank you letters (for books & lectures) to E.F. Burr, 1849 and 1866-1899
78	19	Letters to E.F. Burr about his publications, 1868-1887
79	31	Letters to E.F. Burr, mostly about his books, 1869-1904
80	20	E.F. Burr correspondence about Chicago land, family, etc., 1866-1887

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