

PETER HENRI VAN DER WEYDE PAPERS

Box No.

1. Letters received (general), 1828, 1844-94 & n.d., from colleagues in industrial science, former students, readers and friends reflecting his career as a teacher and a researcher and his connection with various academies (including the Cooper Union of N.Y.) and private industry. Correspondents include George Barnard and John W. Draper; also included are letters from Fred Nitschke at Olymphina, Washington Territory in 1880 relative to the Brooklyn Colony founded by the Brooklyn Co-operative Colonization Association in Washington Territory.
2. Family letters received, 1844-94 & n.d. principally from their children; their son, Henry being an officer in the Union army; their son, John, a photographer in Uruguay, South America; and their daughter, Jennie, a school teacher in Georgia and Alabama, 1859-61.
3. Technological Papers, 1866-93 & n.d.
 - a. Correspondence, contracts and agreements, petitions for patents, specifications, 1866-79 & n.d. relative to his invention of materials and machinery for the manufacturing of ice and refrigerating air. (5 fldrs.)
 - b. Correspondence, contracts and agreements, petitions for patents, specifications, 1870-80, 85-93 & n.d. relative to his electrical inventions (i.e. fire alarm, thermostat, storage battery, telegraphic equipment). (1 folder)
 - c. Correspondence, petitions for patents, specifications, 1875-76, relative to a gas purification process. (1 folder)
 - d. Miscellaneous patents and specifications, 1866-81 & n.d. (1 folder)
 - e. Miscellaneous drawings and photographs relative to his inventions, n.d. (1 folder)
4. Writings
 - a. [Autobiography] Reminiscences of an Active Life. Includes a condensed chronology of the life of Dr. Peter Henri Van Der Weyde. Holograph draft. [73pp.] [Published in installments in the Scientific American, c. 1893] (1 fldr.)
 - b. Scientific and Technological Writings. Apx. 40 short pieces on various subjects. Holograph drafts. (2 folders)
 - c. Theological and Religious Writings. Apx. 10 short pieces. Holograph drafts. (1 folder)
 - d. Miscellaneous and Untitled Writings and Fragments. Holograph drafts. (1 folder)

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 - a. Family records.

Birth and death dates of the Van Der Weyde children and their spouses. Geneological sketch by Mrs. Van Der Weyde (Jeannette W. Lassere) on the Lasserre and Du Perron families. (1 folder)
 - b. Financial papers.

Very fragmentary collection of bills and receipts for period 1860-80. Included are the accounts of the Society of Political Education, 1882-83. (1 folder)
 - c. Almanac material.

Manuscript notes in unknown hand for March 1862-Dec. 1863.
 - d. Photograph of a soldier of Montevideo. Signed by A. Palma De Cernola with inscription to the Van Der Weyde Family in Spanish on verso side. 1873.
 - e. Pamphlets describing Van Der Weyde's inventions, c. 1870's. (1 folder)
 - f. Miscellaneous unidentified notes.

6. Notebooks
 - a. Scientific
 - Chemische Aanteekeningen. [Chemical Notes] in German, n.d. 8pp. 1 vol.
 - Natuurkundige Voerlezingen. [Natural Science Lectures] with plates in each volume, c. 1850-60. 3 vols.
 - [untitled notebook on electrical machinery] c. 1800, 93 pp. 1 vol.
 - [Geometrical Exercises] in German. 44pp. 1 vol.
 - [Collection of Mathematical Problems by the Arithmetic Society at Nymgen under the motto "sine labore, nihil"] in German. 86 pp. 1 vol.
 - [Notes concerning assaying and measures] 1 vol.
 - [Scientific notebook belonging to Meyer Hirsh ?] in German, 1 vol.
 - b. Literary
 - [German poems by Gottfried Burger] 1 vol.
 - c. Financial
 - [Receipt book of pharmaceutical products sold] n.d. 1 vol.