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Summary

- Main entry:** Gentry, Franklin Marion, 1898-
- Title:** Gentry collection of genealogical research files, 1675-1957
- Size:** 4.5 linear feet (11 boxes)
- Source:** New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2008.
- Abstract:** The Gentry collection of genealogical research files contains Franklin Marion Gentry's research on his family and that of his wife, Violet Dewey Young.
- Access:** Collection is open to the public. Advance notice may be required.
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Provenance note

The Collection was donated to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society by Violet Young DeVeau in 1981.

Biographical note

Franklin Marion Gentry, scientist and author of Manhasset, Long Island, New York, was born on March 10, 1898 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He married Violet Dewey Young on August 6, 1925 in Lexington, Kentucky. She was born on June 24, 1900 in Lexington. They had one daughter, Courtenay Dewey Gentry, born on January 18, 1931 in New York City. Franklin M. Gentry was the son of Franklin Marion Gentry I (1853-1904) of Kentucky and Helen Norton Harrison (1864-1933) of Georgia. Gentry I and Harrison were married on June 30, 1897 in New Orleans. The Gentry family in American began with Nicholas Gentry I and his brother Samuel who came to Virginia as British soldiers around 1677.

Scope and content note

The Gentry Collection is primarily research correspondence and notes of Franklin Marion Gentry who was compiling genealogical information on all lines of his and his wife, Violet Dewey Young's, families in order to secure memberships in the Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Daughters of the American Revolution for his wife and daughter. Some of the research was conducted by Lillie Baker Young (Mrs. Samuel Arthur), mother of Violet. The bulk of this material is from the early 1950s. The collection also includes photocopied documents such as wills, military payment records, indenture records and land claims from the 18th and 19th century and even as early as 1675. These are all photocopies or transcriptions made in the 1950s for research purposes. Other papers include photocopied articles from reference books on the genealogy of specific families, lineage charts, and photocopies of coats of arms for various families. There are also a few clippings, photos, and maps, and a small amount of printed material. Other family names with more than one folder of material besides Gentry, Young, Dewey and Harrison are Adams, Allan, Brooks, Foster, Harris, Norton, Smith, Terrell and Thruston. There are also many family names with just a small amount of material.

Series descriptions and container list

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Adams family
1	1	Correspondence and notes, 1927-1952 (Family of Elkanah Adams of Virginia)
	2	Notes and published booklet, 1929 and n.d.
	3	Alexander family (Notes and photocopied articles, n.d.)
		Allen family
	4	Research correspondence and notes, 1927-1954 Concern descendants of Revolutionary War soldier, Richard Allen, 1751-1824, who married Ann Wisdom in Virginia and migrated with her to Kentucky in 1786. Great grandson was Kentucky novelist, James Lane Allen.
	5	Photocopied documents, photographs, negatives and clippings, 1783-1954
	6	Bartlett family-Notes, n.d.
	7	Bassett family-Notes, n.d.
	8	Blackmer family-Correspondence and notes, 1951 (John and Sarah Blackmer of Massachusetts)
	9	Boone family-Correspondence, notes, crests and research material, 1884-1952 (Descendants of Col. Daniel Boone of Kentucky)
	10	Bourne family-Correspondence and notes, 1951 Family of Melithia Bourne of Brewster, Massachusetts
	11	Brooks family-Research correspondence and notes, 1819-1952 Family of John Brooks, Revolutionary War soldier from North Carolina who died in Greenville, Mississippi in 1819
	12	Bryan family-Research correspondence, notes and clippings, 1927-1952 (Closely connected to the Boone family of Kentucky) (Closely connected to the Boone family of Kentucky)
2	1	Burris/Burrus family-Correspondence, notes. Lineage papers and photocopied documents, 1742-1951 Concern descendants of Thomas Burris, Revolutionary war soldier of Virginia. Includes photocopied Revolutionary War payroll records and copies of Burras/Burrus family wills.
	2	Carter family-Notes, n.d
	3	Cheney family of Cambridge, MA (Photocopied article, n.d.)
	4	Chiles family-Letter and notes, 1948
	5	Chipman family-Photocopied articles, n.d. (of Massachusetts)
	6	Claiborne family-correspondence, notes and photocopied articles and crests, 1905-1954 concern descendants of William Claiborne who emigrated from England to Virginia in 1621 and served as Secretary of State and Treasurer of the Colony
	7	Clark family-Correspondence and notes, 1952
	8	Colby family-Notes and photocopied article, n.d.
	9	Conyers family-Notes, n.d.
	10	Courtenay family-Notes and photocopied articles, n.d. (of Virginia)
		Dewey family
	11	Research correspondence, 1949-1957 Concerns the descendants of Rollin C. Dewey and Rebecca Dillingham who moved from Lee, Massachusetts to Indiana in the early 19th century
	12	Handwritten research notes, n.d.
	13	Dillingham family-Research correspondence, notes and articles, 1951-1954 Family of Nathan Dillingham of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, with copy of his will, 1836
	14	Estes family-Research notes, letter, crests and photocopied articles, 1949
3	1	Fessenden family-Correspondence, notes and photocopied articles, n.d.(Family of Benjamin Fessenden of Massachusetts)

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3		Foster family
	2	Correspondence, notes and photocopied documents, 1746-1954 Concerns family of John Foster of Mississippi. Includes Louisiana land surveys, 1746-1751
	3	Correspondence, and notes, 1927-1954 Concerns family of Daniel Foster, killed in Revolutionary War and father of John Foster above.)
	4	Correspondence, notes, photos and copies of documents, 1952-1953 Includes a few copies of early 19th century documents, 1808-1849. All correspondence is with Mrs. Hugh M. Rush.
	5	Correspondence, notes and copies of documents, 1952-1953 Includes maps and Mississippi land claims, 1804. All correspondence is with Mrs. Hugh M. Rush
		Foster-Brooks-Smith families
	6	Correspondence, notes, maps and copies of documents, 1952-1953(Includes Mississippi land claims and indenture records, 1806-1818.)
	7	Correspondence, notes, maps and copies of documents, 1952-1953(Includes transcriptions of wills of John Smith, 1803 and George Brooks, 1829.)
	8	Correspondence, notes and copies of documents, 1952-1953.
		Gentry family
4	1	Correspondence, notes, pedigree charts, clippings photocopied articles and documents, and printed booklets used by Franklin M. Gentry in his research, 1924-1956.(Concerns descendants of Nicholas Gentry who came to Jamestown, VA as a British soldier ca. 1677. Includes reports on soldiers' pay and pensions, 1787-1835.)
	2	Crests, seals, stationery, birth and wedding announcements, 1953
	3	Glen/Glenn family-Notes, photocopied articles, crests and a letter, 1952 and n.d.(Emigrated from Scotland, to Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia.)
	4	Goodman family-Notes, n.d.
		Grimes/Grymes family
	5	Correspondence, notes, copies of documents and typescript notes on book on Grimes family, 1948-1954 (Family of Nicholas Grymes of Fairfax and Loudon counties, VA and his son Philip of Fayette Co., KY. Includes will dated 1805.)
	6	Correspondence notes, and seals, 1951-1954
	7	Guyer family-Notes and a letter, 1952 (also Geyer, Gyer)
	8	Hardin family-Correspondence notes, and photocopied documents, 1949-1952 (Family of Mark Hardin of Virginia. Includes a transcription of his 1735 will and an 1810 account of the slaves in the estate of Charles Hardin.)
	9	Hardwick/Hardwich/Hardage family-Notes and photocopied articles, n.d.(Virginia family)
		Harris family
5	1	Correspondence, notes, seals, lineage papers and photocopied articles, 1949-1950 (Family of Robert Harris who emigrated from Wales to Hanover Co., VA in the 17th century.)
	2	Notes, and photocopied articles, n.d.
		Harrison family
	3-5	Research correspondence, 1921-1955 and n.d.(Family of Joseph Harrison, Revolutionary War soldier of Virginia,)
	6	Copies of documents including wills, indentures and military records, 1729-1895
	7	Copies of documents including wills, indentures and military records, 1729-1895 Photocopied letters, articles, notes and family trees, 1824-1953

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6	1	Notes, n.d.
	2	Hatley family-Notes and photocopied articles, n.d.
	3	Hawkins family-Correspondence and notes, 1954(Family of Mildred Hawkins of Virginia)
	4	Holmes family-Notes, n.d.
	5	Housden/Housdon family-Notes, n.d.
	6	Howland family-Notes and printed material, n.d.
	7	Hudson family-Correspondence and notes, 1952 (Descendants of John Hudson and Elizabeth Harris of Virginia)
	8	Jennings family-Notes, n.d.
	9	Jones family-Notes, n.d.
	10	Keith family-Notes and photocopied article, n.d.
	11	Linville family-Notes, n.d.
	12	Lloyd family-Notes, n.d.
	13	Lovell family-Notes, n.d.
	14	Martin family-Correspondence and notes, 1952
	15	Maxwell family-Notes, n.d.
	16	MacCollough/McCollough family-Correspondence and notes, 1952-1954
	17	McCord family-Crest, notes and articles. n.d.
	18	Montague family-Notes, n.d.
	19	Moore family-Notes, n.d.
	20	Morgan family-Notes and articles, n.d.
	21	Mynne family-notes and copies of documents including wills, 1675-1719
	22	Newcomb family-Correspondence and notes, 1951-1952
		Norton family
23-24		Correspondence, notes, maps and documents, 1951-1954 (Family of John Norton of Virginia)
7	1-2	Correspondence, notes, photos, photocopied documents and articles, 1951-1957 (Family of John Norton of Virginia)
	3	Overton family-Correspondence, notes and photocopied articles, 1950 (Descendants of William Overton and Elizabeth Waters of Virginia)
	4	Page family-Notes, n.d.
	5	Parrish family-Correspondence and notes, 1949
	6	Perry family-Notes, n.d.
	7	Phillips family-Notes, n.d.
	8	Pope family-Notes, crest and photocopied articles, n.d.
	9	Quarles family-Notes, n.d.
	10	Rich family-Notes, n.d.
	11	Richardson family-Notes, n.d.
12		Research correspondence, 1949-1954 (Descendants of Benjamin Smith of Virginia. Includes copy of indenture, 1791 and will, 1872.)
13		Photocopied documents, 1782-1823, and articles, family trees, DAR applications, etc.
14		Research notes and photocopied documents, n.d.
8	1	Tandy family-Notes and photocopied articles, n.d. (descendants of Henry Tandy of Virginia)
		Terrell family
	2	Research correspondence and pedigree charts, 1929-1954 (descendants of William Terrell and Susannah Waters of Virginia)
3		Research notes, seals and photocopied articles and documents, 1913-1952 (Includes copy of will, 1763, of Timothy Terrell)

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8		Thruston family
	4	Research correspondence, 1917-1951 (Descendants of Charles Mynn Thruston, Revolutionary War soldier of Louisiana)
	5	Research correspondence, 1951-1953
	6	Family trees, coats of arms, maps, photos and photocopied documents(Includes wills of Edward and John Thruston of Virginia, 1761-1765)
	7	Notes and photocopied articles, n.d.
	8	Thurmond family-Correspondence and notes, 1952 (Descendants of Revolutionary War soldier, Philip Thurmond)
9	1	Tilley family-Notes, n.d.
	2	Tribble family-Correspondence, notes and photocopied articles and crests, 1951 (Descendants of George and Andrew Tribble, Revolutionary War soldiers of Virginia)
	3	Tucker family-Notes and photocopied articles, n.d.
	4	Walker family-Correspondence, notes and photocopied articles, 1950-1951 (Descendants of George Walker of Virginia)
	5	Waters family-Correspondence, notes and photocopied articles and crests, 1950
	6	Watkins family-Notes, n.d.
	7	Whittaker family-Notes and family trees, n.d. (Also Whittaker)
	8	Wisdom family-Correspondence and notes, 1950
		Young family
	9	Correspondence, 1933-1953
	10	Birth, death and marriage records and family trees, 1897-1954
	11	Census records from Kentucky, maps of Louisiana and Mississippi and printed material, n.d.
	12	Notes, n.d.
	13	Notes on miscellaneous families, A-W, 1952 and n.d.
	14	File on coats of arms, various families, n.d.
10	1-5	Miscellaneous correspondence with genealogists, mixed names, 1951-1954
	6	General genealogical data and references compiled by F. M. Gentry, 1949-1952
11	1	Daughters of the American Revolution- Notes and charts, n.d.
	2	Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York-Correspondence, certificate and printed material, 1955-1956 (Concerns F. M. Gentry's membership)
	3	Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution-Pamphlet, 1926
	4	Photocopied document listing payments to the soldiers of the Virginia Line, 1782-1783
	5	Photocopied articles on War of 1812 service records, 1924-1925
	6	Mayflower descendants-Correspondence, notes and photocopied articles, 1951 and n.d.
	7	Society of Descendants of the Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter-Notes and printed material, 1951
	8	National Society of Dames of the Magna Carta-Notes, n.d.
	9	Royal descant-Notes and articles, 1953 and n.d.
	10	Heraldic craftsmen-Notes, correspondence and printed ads, 1953 and n.d.
	11	Heraldic designs-Drawings and notes, n.d.
	12	Maps of Louisiana, 1829-1952
	13	Map of Mississippi, 1950