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Guide to the

Sharpe-Stevens family papers

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Summary

Creator: Sharp family

Title: Sharpe-Stevens family papers

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Size: .4 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract: The Sharpe-Stevens family papers include genealogical research notes and family papers on the ancestors of Rosa Sharpe Stevens and, to a lesser extent, her husband Yale Stevens. Families include the Sharpes of Pennsylvania and the related Alden, Denison, Montgomery, Patterson, Sill and Yale families of Connecticut and elsewhere in New England. The collection contains original Sharpe family correspondence, dating from 1895 to 1934, as well as copies of letters to and from Rosa Stevens' grandfather, Pennsylvania coal industry pioneer Richard Sharpe, 1856-1894, which discuss the illness and death of his daughter Emily, his coal business, arrangements for his son to attend the school of Rev. Dr. Lyons of West Haverford, PA, and other personal and business matters. Family correspondence of 1907 contains preliminary discussions with sculptor Frank Edwin Elwell regarding the commission of a sculpture honoring one of the family's revolutionary war ancestors. Also present is an 1898 diary of Rosa's aunt Elizabeth Montgomery Sharpe and a letter she received from Jane Addams in 1895. Stevens family correspondence, 1898-1951, is chiefly addressed to Rosa Stevens or "Cousin Mary." Of note are copies of three letters of Charles J. Stevens written from Cuba during the Spanish-American War. The remainder of the collection includes genealogical notes, photocopied newspaper clippings, and charts.

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Geographic Names

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Pennsylvania -- Genealogy

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries
Genealogies
Photographs

Titles

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Names

Sharp family
Elwell, Frank Edwin, 1858-1922
Sharpe, Elizabeth Montgomery, 1850-1924
Sharpe, Richard, 1813-1895
Dennison family
Patterson family
Stevens family
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