

Main Entry: Montague-Collier Family

Title: Papers 1863-1951, bulk dates 1870-1920.

Size: 78 archival boxes, 3 volumes (37 lin. ft.)

Source: Gift of Gilbert H. Montague c1960.

Restrictions: Bound volumes may not be photocopied.

Description: The papers contain the personal and business papers of the socially prominent New England families Montague and Collier, principally of Gilbert H. Montague, lawyer and autograph collector; his wife, Amy Angell Collier Montague; her father, the agricultural chemist, Peter Collier; and her mother, Caroline Frances Angell Collier. The photographs provide excellent examples of upper-class women's clothing during the late 19th century.

Special formats: Photographs, record album

Related collections in the New York Public Library: *KP (Merrymount), John Hay, A College of Friendship; a series of letters from John Hay to Hannah Angell, Boston. Privately Printed by D. B. Updike at the Merrymount Press, 1938.

Related collections in other institutions: Silliman Family Papers, 1717-1911. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, Box 1603A Yale Station, New Haven, Ct. 06520. [The collection refers to Peter Collier.]

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NOTE ON PROVENANCE

The Montague-Collier Family Papers (formerly known as the Gilbert H. Montague Papers) were received as a gift from Gilbert H. Montague c1960.

BIOGRAPHY

The Montague-Colliers are distinguished families connected through the marriage of Gilbert Holland Montague and Amy Angell Collier. Gilbert Holland Montague, lawyer and autograph collector, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on May 27, 1880 to Helen (Perry) Montague and Dwight Billings Montague. Montague graduated from Harvard College, summa cum laude (1901); M.S. (1902) and Harvard Law School (1904). He taught economics for three years at Harvard College and practiced law with the firm **Simpson, Thacher and Bartlett** of New York City before setting up his own practice.

As part of his law practice Montague served as consultant to oil corporations in anti-trust matters. He appeared frequently before the United States Senate and the House of Representatives pro bono publico. Montague advocated less stringent application of the laws against business monopolies.

In 1953, Herbert Brownell Jr., then United States Attorney General, appointed Montague to the Attorney General Committee to study Anti-trust laws. Montague was chairman of the anti-trust division of the section of corporation, business law, and vice chairman of the committee on monopolies and restraints of trade for the American Bar Association. His publications on economic and legal topics include Trusts of Today (1903).

Montague was an authority on Emily Dickinson to whom he was related. He donated his Emily Dickinson collection to Houghton Library at Harvard University. The New York Public Library received the Montague-Collier Family Papers, the Gilbert H. Montague Collection, a portrait of William Butler Yeats and the Fulton Collection. Montague married Amy Angell Collier in 1907. There were no children. He died on February 6, 1961.

Amy Angell Collier Montague was born on 1873 in Burlington, Vermont to Caroline Frances (Angell) Collier and Peter Collier. She was educated in Washington, D.C. and also at the Art League in New York City. She was actively involved with the American Committee for Devastated France. An avid horticulturalist, Montague served as president of the Garden Club of Mount Desert. She died from a cerebral brain hemorrhage on September 23, 1941, at the Montague estate in Beaulieu, Maine. She was 68 years old.

Montague was survived by her husband Gilbert and her cousin Amy Aldrich. Amy Montague's family included her uncle President James B. Angell of the University of Michigan; her cousins Richard Aldrich music critic for The New York Times, James Rowland Angell, president of Yale (1921-1927), and Chester H. Aldrich, Director of the American Academy in Rome.

Peter Collier was an agricultural chemist. He graduated from Yale College (1861) and continued graduate studies in chemistry while receiving a doctorate of Philosophy. From 1867 to 1877, Collier served as Chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture at Washington. During this period, he published a comprehensive work on the problem of sugar production and the cultivation of sorghum. In 1887 he was appointed Director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment station at Geneva, New York where he remained until overcome by illness. Collier died in 1896, and was survived by his wife Caroline Frances Angell, a sister of James Burrill Angell, and his children.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The papers, 1861-1951, document the wealthy and prominent Montague and Collier families who were connected through marriage. The papers principally reflect the professional and social lives of Gilbert H. Montague, Amy Angell Collier Montague, Peter Collier and Caroline Frances Angell Collier.

Dominant in the collection is correspondence between family members, particularly the letters of Gilbert H. Montague to his wife Amy. These letters 1902-1940, cover their courtship period and marriage. Other papers includes notes, laboratory notebooks of the agricultural chemist Peter Collier, cookbooks and assorted financial documents and photographs. The photographs are circa 1890's with a few from the early 1940s. Many of the pictures serve as excellent examples of dress worn during the 1890's, especially clothing worn by upper-income women. Also included are photographs of a procession of the Barnum circus on horseback; nude and semi-nude women; exteriors and interiors of houses, American soldiers in the Philippines during the 1900's; as well as snapshots of a European tour, including a visit to the Mediterranean sea area.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

The Montague-Collier Family Papers are arranged into four series.
1) Gilbert Holland Montague; 2) Amy Angell Collier Montague;
3) Peter Collier; 4) Caroline Frances Angell Collier.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1: Gilbert Holland Montague. Family Correspondence. Letters from siblings and Montague's mother, Helen Perry. General Correspondence, A-Z, is mainly comprised of incoming letters from associates and colleagues. Some letters are chronological, 1907-1960. Financial documents, legal documents and writings constitute the remainder of this section.

Series 2: Amy Angell Collier Montague. Family Correspondence contains correspondence from her husband Gilbert Holland Montague. Other family letters are from her mother Caroline Frances Angell Collier and her cousins Frank Angell and Chester H. Aldrich. Aldrich childhood letters are heavily illustrated.

General Correspondence, A-Z, is mainly incoming letters. Some letters are chronological, 1876-1940. Additional correspondence is located in an autograph scrapbook to both Amy Montague and her mother. Financial documents, notes, notebooks, address books, scrapbooks and sketchbooks complete this section.

Series 3: Peter Collier. Family correspondence is from Caroline Frances Collier (wife), Amy Collier (daughter) and Collier siblings. General Correspondence, 1874-1904, is arranged chronologically. Additional correspondence includes letters to General Le Duc recommending Peter Collier to be appointed Chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture in Washington. Other materials are legal and financial documents, notes, laboratory notebooks and assorted material.

Series 4: Caroline Frances Angell Collier. Family Correspondence is comprised of incoming letters from Peter Collier, 1869-1873; Amy Collier Montague 1884-1907; and Gilbert Holland Montague, 1902-1906. General Correspondence, 1863-1911, is from friends and acquaintances. Financial documents, notebooks, address books and cookbooks complete this section. The remaining material is made up of assorted family letters to and from James Burrill Angell, Frank Angell, Hannah Angell (Mrs. James B. Coggeshall), and Dwight Billings Montague, as well as printed material, graphics and photographs.

MONTAGUE - COLLIER FAMILY PAPERS

Container list

Box 1	Gilbert Holland Montague Family Correspondence 1907-1915 General Correspondence A-C
2	D
3	E-J
4	K-Morgan, A.
5	Morgan, F. - R
6	S-T
7	V-Z 1907-1960
8	Financial Papers
Box 9-10	Writings Notes Notebooks
11	1906-1911
12	1912-1916
13	1918-1922
14	1923-1926
15	Amy Angell Collier Montague Letters from Gilbert Montague 1884-1903
16	1904-1909
17	1910-1916
18	1917-1924
19	1925-1935
20	1937-1940
Box 21	Other Family Correspondence to Amy Montague: Caroline Frances Collier 1903-1909 Aldrich, Amy 1935-1941 Angell, Frank 1884-1939 Angell, Frank B. - Angell, Kay
22	Aldrich, Chester 1883-1887
23	1888-1889
24	1890-1939

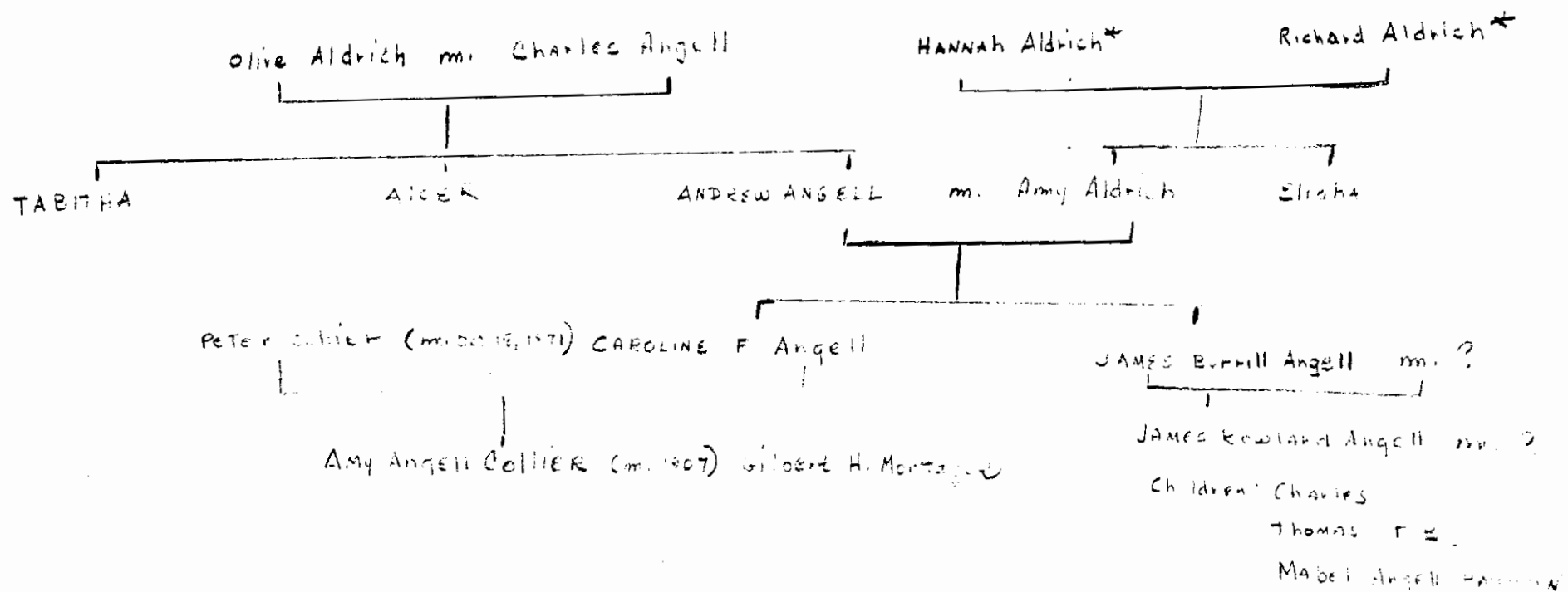
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- Amy Angell Collier Montague**
- Box 25 General Correspondence A-Am
26 An-Be
27 Bi-C
28 D-G
29 J-M
30 M-S
31-32 T-Z; 1876-1940
- Box 32-35 Financial Documents: accounts and receipts
- Writings
36-44 Notes; Notebooks
45 Notebooks; address books
- Christmas cards
Box 46 1917-1941
47 1941-1942
48 1943
49 1943-1944; N.D.
50-53 N.D.; calling cards, invitations and tickets.
- See also: Boxes 84-88
- Peter Collier**
- Box 54 Letters from Caroline F. Collier; Amy Montague and from Peter Collier's siblings.
- General Correspondence: Incoming letters 1896-1904; Outgoing letters 1874-1894.
- Letters to General Le Duc recommending Peter Collier as chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture.
- 55 Legal documents; Financial documents; Notes and Christmas cards.
- 56 Laboratory Notebooks
- 57 Assorted
- 58 **Caroline Frances Angell Collier**
Letters from: Peter Collier 1869-1873; Amy Angell Montague 1884-1907; Gilbert H. Montague 1902-1906
- General Correspondence 1863-1899

Container list

- Box 59 **Caroline Frances Angell Collier**
General Correspondence 1905-1911
- 60 Shubert Memorial correspondence; assorted.
61 Financial Documents
- 62-65 Notebooks; address books; cook books
- 66 Miscellaneous family correspondence
67-74 Printed Material
- 75-77 empty envelopes
- 78 **PHOTOGRAPHS**
Gilbert H. Montague (includes platinum prints)
Helen Perry
Amy Montague
- 79-80 Portraits of individuals; group shots
- 81 Nude females; miscellaneous photographs
- 82 Children playing in the country
Views of Europe c 1890 (snapshots)
Philippines - american soldiers Co. I 42 Infantry.
Picture postcards; Christmas greeting cards
- 83 Interior and exterior of houses; outdoor scenes.
- 84-88 Sketchbooks; sketches and postcards; record
album (1)

Angell - Aldrich



* COUSINS

Montague

Dwight - Billings Montague - (m. Oct. 9, 1870) Helen Perry

Henry Wellington
White

(m. Oct. 16, 1902)

Edith Florence Montague

Gilbert H. MONTAGUE

CATALOGUE CARDS

Montague-Collier Family
Papers 1863-1951 bulk dates 1870-1920 74 AB; 8FB; 3
cartons; 5 scrapbooks
Manuscript Section, NYPL Library

The Montague-Collier Family Papers contains correspondence, legal and financial documents and writings principally of Gilbert Holland Montague; Amy Aldrich Collier Montague; Peter Collier and Caroline Frances Angell Collier. Other family members noted are Chester H. Aldrich; Hannah Angell (Mrs. James H. Coggeshall); Frank Angell and James Burrill Angell; and Dwight Billings Montague. Subjects noted (illustrated letters)

are Amy Montague involvement with the American Committee for War Devastated France and courtship letters from Gilbert Holland Montague; Peter Collier's agricultural chemistry laboratory notebooks; Caroline Frances courtship letters with Peter Collier, illustrated letters from her daughter Amy and cookbooks. The remaining material consists of photo prints of a European trip; sketchbooks and printed material.