Guide to the Carrington Family Papers

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet (8 boxes, 1 folio)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, pamphlets, printed material, scrapbooks, sermons, and other papers relating to members of the Carrington family. Henry Beebee Carrington (1824-1912) and his grandfather, David Lewis Beebe (1763-1803), are two central figures in the papers. Material relating to David Lewis Beebe, including essays and sermons, documents his religious duties in Connecticut and family concerns in Ohio. Henry Beebee Carrington material includes correspondence, a diary, a letterbook, maps, pamphlets, scrapbooks, and other items documenting his experiences as a student at Yale University, as a lawyer practicing in Ohio, and as a commanding officer for Union forces during the Civil War. Carrington’s role in military campaigns and treaty negotiations with Indians of the American West is also documented. His design of Fort Philip Kearney, the site of a famous massacre, and treaty negotiations with the Flathead Indians of Montana are detailed in pamphlets, scrapbooks and other papers.

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- **b.** box
- **f.** folder
Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
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Biographical / Historical
Henry Beebee Carrington was born in Wallingford, Connecticut on March 2, 1824. He graduated from Yale in 1845 (B.A.) and attended Yale Law School in 1847. He practiced law in Ohio. During the Civil War he was appointed colonel of the 18th U.S. Infantry (May, 1861) and brigadier general of volunteers (Nov, 1862). Carrington supervised military tribunals in Indiana and Ohio, trials later ruled “illegal” by the Supreme Court. He was mustered out of volunteer service in 1865. He joined his regiment in 1866 and established Fort Philip Kearney in the Dakota Territory. He led military campaigns against the Sioux Indians, negotiated a treaty with the Flathead Indians of Montana, and conducted relocation and census studies of other tribes. Carrington wrote several popular American history texts. He died in Hyde Park, Massachusetts on October 26, 1912.

Scope and Contents
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The Carrington Family Papers are arranged in two series:

I. Correspondence, 1790-1929

II. Family Papers, 1749-1929

SERIES I, CORRESPONDENCE, 1790-1929, contains correspondence of David Lewis Beebe (1790-1791) relating to his pastoral duties as minister for the First Society of Woodbridge, Connecticut. Henry Beebee Carrington correspondence begins in the 1840s with personal letters from George Rockwell and other friends at the Irving Institute in New York. Carrington’s military career is documented by correspondence, telegrams, and copies of documents from the 1850s-1860s. This includes a letter from Salmon P. Chase which records Carrington’s appointment as judge advocate general in Ohio. Daniel Wolsey Voorhees, a congressman (1861-1866; 1869-1873) and senator (1877-1897) from Indiana is represented through several letters he wrote in the 1860s. Voorhees argued against the constitutional aberrations of secession and military rule.

Additional correspondence concerns Carrington’s military duties, including his efforts to recruit Union soldiers in Indiana, his opposition to the efforts of the Sons of Liberty, and the military courts he convened to carry out his duties. Correspondence subsequent to 1865 focuses on the Indian campaigns Carrington participated in, his establishment and command of Fort Philip Kearney, and his treaty negotiations with the Flathead Indians of Montana. Correspondence from the 1900s details Carrington’s literary career as an author of American historical and military texts, including works on the American Revolution, the Civil War, and his own experiences in the American West. Selected correspondence is also available on microfilm (HM 176).

SERIES II, FAMILY PAPERS, 1749-1929, contains a variety of writings by Henry Beebee Carrington, including a composition entitled “Exodus of the Flatheads.” A diary (1845-1849) provides extensive detail on Carrington’s student years at Yale College and Yale Law School. In addition, maps, pamphlets, printed material, and scrapbooks detail the history of Fort Philip Kearney, the site of a well-known massacre and a fort built and established by Carrington.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series: I. Correspondence, 1790-1929. II. Family Papers, 1749-1929.
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Yale College (1718-1887). Class of 1845
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