Guide to the Simeon Pease Folsom Papers

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: Correspondence and a small amount of Civil War papers of Simeon Pease Folsom of St. Paul, Minnesota and various members of his family. Included are letters from Folsom to his second, third, and fourth wives and other family correspondence. A letter from his brother, Jeremiah, describes conditions in Lowell, Massachusetts and another from E. D. Spalding discusses a small pox epidemic. The Civil War items consist of papers relating to Folsom's service with the Minnesota infantry volunteers and a map of Fort Alexis in Mobile Bay.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical
Simeon Pease was born in Ascot, Canada, on December 27, 1819. He married Emeline Curts on March 9, 1846. He next married Julia A. Barnum on May 24, 1851, with whom he had two daughters. On October 23, 1860, he married Mary Gale Douglas, with whom he had a son. On October 26, 1876, he married Anna Louise Angier. Folsom died in 1888.

Scope and Contents
These are letters and other papers of Simeon Pease Folsom of St. Paul, Minnesota, and various members of his family, 1840-1888. Included are letters from Folsom to his second, third, and fourth wives, and letters to Folsom from several of his brothers, his father, his children, and from two friends. There are also letters from other friends to and from Folsom’s wives. The bulk of the letters deal with family matters and news of friends, although several business letters are also included. Among the more interesting letters are one from Folsom’s brother Ward W. Folsom concerning his sorrow over the dispersal of the family, one from Folsom’s brother Jeremiah Folsom about conditions in Lowell, Massachusetts, where he worked, and one from E. D. Spalding about a small pox epidemic.

In addition to correspondence, there is a small assortment of invitations, receipts, and other papers pertaining to Julia (Barnum) Folsom, and several Civil War items relating to Folsom’s service with the Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, Company Number 7, and the Engineering Corps. These include certificates and orders concerning his promotions and discharge, and a hand-drawn map of Fort Alexis in Mobile Bay.

These papers were given to Yale University by Herman W. Liebert in 1961. The correspondence is arranged by family member.
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b. 1, f. 18 Civil War papers 1862, 1865, undated
Selected Search Terms
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Subjects
Education
Families
Husband and wife
Smallpox

Geographic Names
Lowell (Mass.)
Middle West
Minnesota -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
New England
Saint Paul (Minn.)
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Occupations
Soldiers

Names
Folsom, Jeremiah, 1780-1859
Folsom, Julia A. Barnum
Folsom, Simeon Pease, b. 1819
Folsom, Ward Weeks, b. 1824
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Spalding, E. D.