

# Guide to the Carrington Family Papers

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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, pamphlets, printed material, scrapbooks, sermons, and other papers relating to members of the Carrington family. Henry Beebe 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 Beebe 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

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Walter Cook and the Carrington estate, 1942-1948.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Existence and Location of Copies

Correspondence, 1866-1912, is available on microfilm (585 frames on 1 reel, 35mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost. Order no. HM176.

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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.

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## Scope and Contents

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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.

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.

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## Arrangement

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1790-1929

This series contains correspondence arranged in chronological order. Selected correspondence is also available on microfilm (HM 176).

b. 1, f. 1-18	1790-1791; 1801-1863	1790-1791; 1801-1863
b. 2, f. 19-33	1864 January-June	1864 January- June
b. 3, f. 34-50reel 1U	1864 July-1899 This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 176 instead of the originals.	1864 July-1899
b. 4, f. 51-56reel 1U	1900-1929, undated This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 176 instead of the originals.	1900-1929, undated

**Series II: Family Papers, 1749-1929**

This series contains material arranged in alphabetical order by record type.

b. 5, f. 57	Autographs collected by Henry Beebee Carrington	Undated
	Compositions written by Henry Beebee Carrington	
b. 5, f. 58	"Dedication of the Greenwood School, Hyde Park, Massachusetts" English	1888 April 5
b. 5, f. 58	"Absaraka" English A brief essay on Crow Indian traditions, language, lands, and their relations with Anglo-Americans and other Indian tribes. Carrington calls for the establishment of Absaraka, a Crow homeland.	Undated
b. 5, f. 59-61	Manuscript of "Exodus of the Flatheads" [probably post-1902] A discussion of Anglo-American settlement of the trans-Mississippi West and white-Indian relations. Carrington focuses on the Flathead Indians of Montana, white encroachment on their lands in the Bitterroot Valley, their removal to other territory, and the key role he played in negotiations with them.	Undated
b. 5, f. 62	"Indian Campaign of 1866" English A description of the 1866 war with the Sioux Indians under the command of Chief Red Cloud, emphasizing Carrington's role. Includes mention of the Fetterman Fight and of Carrington's return to Connecticut.	Undated
b. 5, f. 62	"Hovey Rebellion Record, 1864-1865" English This appears to be a typed transcription of a list of field notes and orders received and given by Carrington when he commanded Union forces in the Civil War in Kentucky and Indiana.	Undated
b. 5, f. 62	"Wallingford, Connecticut, 75 Years Ago" English A speech Carrington delivered at the centennial anniversary of Meriden, Connecticut discussing early colonial life in Connecticut.	Undated
b. 5, f. 63	Photocopies of documents from Folder 62	Undated
b. 5, f. 64	"Origin and Brief Sketch of the 18th U.S. Infantry" English Account of the formation of the division and some of the action it saw in the Civil War in Kentucky and Illinois, and Indian wars in Montana and Wyoming in the 1860s.	Undated
b. 5, f. 64	"Sketch of the 18th U.S. Infantry" English An appendix to an official Army report that includes Carrington's official account of the Fort Phil Kearney Massacre.	Undated

## Compositions written by Henry Beebee Carrington (continued)

b. 5, f. 64	"Report on the Flathead Indians of Montana" English A discussion of the 1880s negotiation and removal of the Flathead Indians and their relations with and acculturation to white society.	Undated
b. 5, f. 64	"Report of Service Among the Flathead Indians 1889-1890" English An in-depth look at the negotiations and removal of the Flathead, with information on the appraisal and sale of particular landholdings.	1890 January 29
b. 5, f. 65	Xerox copies of documents from folder 64	Undated
b. 5, f. 66	"My Old Ohio Home" English A reminiscence about Ohio society in the 1840s and 1850s.	Undated
b. 5, f. 66	"Washington Irving 40 Years Ago: A Remembrance" English A personal and literary tribute to Washington Irving.	
b. 5, f. 66	"Responsible Insanity" English A discussion of insanity as a legal defense.	Undated
b. 5, f. 66	"Sermon" English A philosophical discussion of American religious and political beliefs, emphasizing liberty and missionary obligations.	Undated
b. 5, f. 66	"Yale College Life" English A description of Carrington's life at Yale College 1841-1845. Discusses student life and the allure of military service.	Undated
b. 5, f. 67	Diary: Carrington, Henry Beebee	1845-1849
b. 6, f. 68	Land book: Ohio	1804; 1818-1860
b. 6, f. 69	Letterbook	1862-1864
b. 6, f. 70	Maps: Fort Philip Kearney; Fort Sedwick; Ohio	Undated
b. 6, f. 71-73	Pamphlets	1856-1922, undated
b. 7, f. 75	Pictures	Undated
b. 7, f. 76	Printed material	1866, 1885, 1904, 1929, undated
	Scrapbooks	
b. 7, f. 77-78	Fort Philip Kearney massacre	1866
b. 7, f. 79	Trip to Great Britain and France	1875
b. 8, f. 80	Sermons	1749, 1791-1818



b. 8, f. 81-82	Sermons and essays written by David L. Beebee	Undated
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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Subjects

Clergy  
Crow Indians  
Education  
Families  
Fetterman Fight, Wyo., 1866  
Historians  
Indians of North America -- Missions  
Indians of North America -- Montana  
Lawyers  
Salish Indians  
Siouan Indians  
Women

### Geographic Names

Connecticut  
Middle West  
New York (State)  
Ohio -- History  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775  
Wallingford (Conn.) -- History  
West (U.S.)

### Genres / Formats

Diaries

### Occupations

Soldiers

### Names

Ainsworth, Fred C. (Fred Crayton), 1852-1934  
Alger, R. A. (Russell Alexander), 1836-1907  
Allison, William B. (William Boyd), 1829-1908  
Angell, James Burrill, 1829-1916  
Armstrong, S. C. (Samuel Chapman), 1839-1893  
Augur, Christopher Columbus, 1821-1898  
Badeau, Adam, 1831-1895  
Bancroft, George, 1800-1891  
Barton, James L. (James Levi), 1855-1936  
Barton, William E. (William Eleazar), 1861-1930

Beebe, David Lewis, 1763-1803  
Black, John Charles, 1839-1915  
Bonaparte, Charles J. (Charles Joseph), 1851-1921  
Boutwell, George S. (George Sewall), 1818-1905  
Boynton, Henry V. (Henry Van), 1835-1905  
Buckingham, William A. (William Alfred), 1804-1875  
Burbridge, Stephen G. (Stephen Gano), 1831-1894  
Burton, Theodore E. (Theodore Elijah), 1851-1929  
Carrington, Henry B., 1824-1912  
Chandler, Zachariah, 1813-1879  
Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873  
Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885  
Conkling, Roscoe, 1829-1888  
Coolidge, Susan, 1835-1905  
Cortelyou, George B. (George Bruce), 1862-1940  
Cox, Jacob D. (Jacob Dolson), 1828-1900  
Cox, Samuel Sullivan, 1824-1889  
Crook, George, 1829-1890  
Curtis, George William, 1824-1892  
Cuyler, Thomas Dewitt, 1854-1922  
Dawes, Henry L. (Henry Laurens), 1816-1903  
Dennison, William, 1815-1882  
De Peyster, J. Watts (John Watts), 1821-1907  
Derby, Edward Henry Stanley, Earl of, 1826-1893  
Devens, Charles, 1820-1891  
Dow, Neal, 1804-1897  
Endicott, William Crowninshield, 1826-1900  
Evarts, William Maxwell, 1818-1901  
Fairchild, Lucius, 1831-1896  
Farney, John Wien, 1817-1881  
Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893  
Franklin, William Buel, 1823-1903  
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881  
Gordon, John Brown, 1832-1904  
Grant, Frederick Dent, 1850-1912  
Gresham, Walter Quintin, 1832-1895  
Griffis, William Elliot, 1843-1928  
Guild, Curtis, 1827-1911  
Hadley, Arthur Twining, 1856-1930  
Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909  
Hancock, Winfield Scott, 1824-1886  
Hawley, Joseph R. (Joseph Roswell), 1826-1905  
Hay, John, 1838-1905  
Hayes, Rutherford B., 1822-1893  
Hazen, William Babcock, 1830-1887  
Heintzelman, Samuel Peter, 1805-1880

Henderson, John B. (John Brooks), 1826-1913  
Herford, Brooke, 1830-1903  
Hilles, Charles Dewey, 1867-1949  
Hitt, Robert R. (Robert Roberts), 1834-1906  
Hoadly, George, 1826-1902  
Hoar, George Frisbie, 1826-1904  
Holt, Joseph, 1807-1894  
Howard, O. O. (Oliver Otis), 1830-1909  
Hughes, Thomas, 1822-1896  
Ingalls, John James, 1833-1900  
Irving, Washington, 1783-1859  
Jesup, Morris K. (Morris Ketchum), 1830-1908  
Lamont, Daniel Scott, 1851-1905  
Lane, Henry Smith, 1811-1881  
Lee, Fitzhugh, 1835-1905  
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865  
Lincoln, Robert Todd, 1843-1926  
Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924  
Long, John Davis, 1838-1915  
Lossing, Benson John, 1813-1891  
Lowell, A. Lawrence (Abbott Lawrence), 1856-1943  
Lyon, William Penn, 1822-1913  
McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1826-1885  
McDowell, Irvin, 1818-1885  
Morgan, T. J. (Thomas Jefferson), 1839-1902  
Morton, Oliver P. (Oliver Perry), 1823-1877  
Munger, Theodore Thornton, 1830-1910  
Noble, John W. (John Willcock), 1831-1912  
O'Reilly, John Boyle, 1844-1890  
Pendleton, George H. (George Hunt), 1825-1889  
Phisterer, Frederick, 1836-1909  
Porter, Fitz-John, 1822-1901  
Prevost, George, Sir, 1804-1893  
Proctor, Redfield, 1831-1908  
Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912  
Rockwell, George, 1824-1912  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919  
Rosecrans, William S. (William Starke), 1819-1898  
Ryan, P. J. (Patrick John), 1831-1911  
Sanborn, John B. (John Benjamin), 1826-1904  
Schofield, John McAllister, 1831-1906  
Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866  
Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1831-1888  
Sherman, John, 1823-1900  
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891  
Sherwood, Kate Brownlee, 1841-1914  
Sickles, Daniel Edgar, 1819-1914  
Sidell, William Henry, 1810-1873  
Smith, Hoke, 1855-1931  
Sprague, Kate Chase, 1840-1899  
Sprague, William, 1830-1915  
Stanbery, Henry, 1803-1881

Stanford, Leland, 1824-1893  
Stanton, Edwin M. (Edwin McMasters), 1814-1869  
Stevens, Benjamin Franklin, 1833-1902  
Stone, Amasa, 1818-1883  
Strong, Elnathan Ellsworth, 1832-1914  
Taylor, John Phelps  
Thompson, Richard W. (Richard Wigginton), 1809-1900  
Thornton, Edward, Sir, 1817-1906  
Tod, David, 1805-1868  
Trumbull, Lyman, 1813-1896  
Tupper, Charles, Sir, 1821-1915  
Voorhees, Daniel W. (Daniel Wolsey), 1827-1897  
Wallace, Lew, 1827-1905  
Warner, Charles Dudley, 1829-1900  
Warren, Francis E. (Francis Emroy), 1844-1929  
Washburne, E. B. (Elihu Benjamin), 1816-1887  
Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915  
Weitzel, G. (Godfrey), 1835-1884  
Wilson, James Grant, 1832-1914  
Winsor, Justin, 1831-1897  
Winthrop, Robert C. (Robert Charles), 1809-1894  
Woodford, Stewart L. (Stewart Lyndon), 1835-1913  
Wool, John E. (John Ellis), 1784-1869  
Woolsey, Theodore Dwight, 1801-1889  
Wright, Horatio Gouverneur, 1820-1899

## **Families**

Carrington family

## **Corporate Bodies**

First Church Society (Woodbridge, Conn.)  
Sons of Liberty (1864)  
United States Army. Infantry Regiment, 18th  
Yale College (1718-1887). Class of 1845  
Yale University -- Students