

# Guide to the Bunnell Family Papers

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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, diaries, legal and financial records, writings, memorabilia, and pictorial material which document the activities of four generations of Bunnell and Sterling family members living primarily in Connecticut and New York. Correspondence, diaries, writings, and memorabilia document the Yale academic careers of Sterling Haight and Frank Scott Bunnell and John W. Sterling, the Civil War service of Rufus W. Bunnell and Henry T. Plant, and the travels of family members to destinations including the Southern and Western United States, Europe, and Hawaii. Correspondence, legal and financial records, diaries, and pictorial material document the respective architectural, engineering, and teaching careers of Rufus W., Sterling Haight, and Frank Scott Bunnell. The activities of female members of the Bunnell and Sterling families as mothers, wives, and daughters are documented by material throughout the papers.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Catharine S. Detweiler, 1972-1987, and of Mrs. Jonathan Pincus, 1974.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Rufus William Bunnell was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on February 11, 1835. He was the son of William Rufus Bunnell (1806-1872), a Bridgeport area woolen manufacturer and mill owner, and Sarah E. (Haight) Bunnell of Meredith, New York. Upon Sarah Bunnell's death during Rufus's early childhood, William Rufus Bunnell married Cornelia Sterling.

Rufus William Bunnell attended Bridgeport schools, and in 1852 entered the Bridgeport office of Chauncey Graham, carpenter and architect, where he was trained in drafting and surveying. In 1854 he entered the architectural office of Albert C. Nash, who had studied with the prominent architect Henry Austin. While working in Nash's office, Bunnell met his colleague and future partner E. Richard Lambert. In July of 1855, Bunnell joined Chauncey Graham's architectural office in Trenton, New Jersey as chief draftsman. In September of that year, he moved to Toledo, Ohio to enter the architectural office of Frank J. Scott. He became partners with Scott in January of 1857. In 1858, Bunnell returned East and worked as an architect for a brief time in the office of Woollett & Ogden, Architects, Albany, New York, and in the Bridgeport surveying office of E. R. Lambert (father of E. Richard Lambert).

Through colleagues, Bunnell learned of an architectural position in Wilmington, North Carolina, and in May of 1858 he joined the office of James F. Post. In 1860 he returned to Bridgeport where with E. Richard Lambert he formed the partnership Lambert and Bunnell, Architects. In September of 1862, Bunnell volunteered for the Union Army, and served in the Civil War for one year in Company I of the 23rd regiment, primarily in New Orleans, LaFourche, and Brashear City, Louisiana.

Upon returning to Bridgeport, he resumed his association with E. Richard Lambert, which continued until 1901 when Lambert became ill. In 1901 Bunnell opened an office in his home in Stratford, Connecticut. He died in Stratford in February of 1909.

During his career, Bunnell designed numerous private residences and public buildings, including the Bridgeport Hospital and the Bellamy mansion in Wilmington, North Carolina.

In 1869, Bunnell married Catharine Mary Sterling (1840-1931), daughter of Captain John William and Catharine Tomlinson (Plant) Sterling of Stratford, Connecticut, and sister of Yale benefactor John William Sterling (1844-1918) and Cordelia Sterling (d. 1931). Her father was the son of David and Deborah (Strong) Sterling and brother of Cornelia (Sterling) Bunnell, second wife of William Rufus Bunnell; her mother was the daughter of David and Catharine (Tomlinson) Plant. Catharine Sterling Bunnell attended the Stratford Academy as well as finishing school in New Haven, Connecticut.

William Rufus and Catharine Sterling Bunnell were the parents of three children: Sterling Haight (b. 1871-1959), Frank Scott (1872-1959) and Catharine Tomlinson (1876-1955).

#### STERLING HAIGHT BUNNELL, 1871-1959

Sterling Haight Bunnell was born in Stratford, Connecticut on January 30, 1871. He attended Bridgeport High School and received the Bachelor of Philosophy degree in mechanical engineering from the Yale Sheffield Scientific School in 1891, and a graduate degree in mechanical engineering from Yale in 1893. In his early career, Sterling Bunnell worked as a draftsman. He held positions with E. & B. Homes, Buffalo; Holly Manufacturing Company at Lockport, New York; Farrell Foundry & Machinery in Ansonia, Connecticut; and Twin City Iron Works in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In November 1899 he became engineer and manager of the Cochran Company at Lorain, Ohio, producers of small refrigerating machines. Subsequently he held positions with Watertown (N.Y.) Engine Company (1904-1907); Griscom-Spencer company, a marine repair and jobbing business (1907-1910); Clinton H. Scovell & Company, accountants and engineers of Boston (1911); and Griscom Russell Company for whom Bunnell worked as engineer-in-chief (1911-1916). From 1916 until 1918, Bunnell was chief engineer for R. Martens & Company, a business headed by British cabinet member Lord Rhondda and managed by Richard Martens. Bunnell worked as an independent consultant from 1918 to 1928. From 1928 until 1932, he worked for the industrial department of National City Company of New York, investigating the operating and financial conditions of industrials. In 1935, Bunnell became the secretary of the consulting firm George S. Armstrong and Company, Inc. of New York, and retired from the firm as vice-president. He died September 13, 1959.

Sterling Bunnell was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Franklin Institute, and the Yale Engineering Association. He was the author of *Cost-keeping for Manufacturing Plants* (1911) and *Industrials...their Securities and Organization* (1923).

In 1900 Sterling Bunnell married Rebecca Lapham Peterson, daughter of Charles and Jennie Gray (Lapham) Peterson of Lockport and Syracuse, New York. Their marriage produced two children, Charles Sterling (b. 1901) and Elizabeth Lapham Bunnell (b. 1904).

#### FRANK SCOTT BUNNELL, 1872-1959

Frank Scott Bunnell was born in Stratford, Connecticut on October 2, 1872. He was educated at schools in Bridgeport and New Haven, and graduated from Yale in 1894. Following his graduation, he taught for one year at Mount Holly Academy, Mount Holly, New Jersey, and from 1895 to 1898 was classical master and assistant principal of the Minneapolis Academy, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He pursued and was granted a Masters degree by the University of Minnesota in 1897. During the academic year 1898-1899, Bunnell was an instructor in Latin at the Lewis Institute in Chicago, Illinois. He began the graduate program in Greek at Yale in 1899, and received the Ph.d. in 1903. He was classical instructor at Staten Island Academy, New Brighton, New York during the academic year 1902-1903. In 1903 he was appointed instructor in Greek at Norwich Free Academy, Norwich, Connecticut, a position which he held until his retirement in 1933.

On June 30, 1904 Bunnell married Katharine Steele Day, daughter of Richard Day and his late wife Catharine Amelia (Smith) Day, of Toledo, Ohio. They were the parents of two children, Richard Day (b.1906) and Catharine Sterling (b.1910). Richard Day Bunnell attended Phillips Academy and Yale College. He married Elizabeth Wood in 1928. They were the parents of a daughter, Patricia (b. 1929). Catharine Sterling Bunnell attended Wellesley College and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Katharine Day Bunnell died in 1940. In 1954 Frank S. Bunnell married his second cousin, Susan Plant. He died in 1959.

#### CATHARINE TOMLINSON (BUNNELL) MITCHELL, 1876-1955

Catharine Tomlinson (Bunnell) Mitchell was born in Stratford in 1871. She attended Bryn Mawr (1894-1897) and studied journalism and literature at Yale (1896-1898). While pursuing a writing career, she worked as a copyholder and editor for a number of New York publishing houses including The Century Company.

On January 23, 1915 she married James Mitchell, a childhood friend of her parents. She and her husband moved to Torrance, California where James Mitchell was involved in agriculture and oil businesses. They had no children. Catharine T. (Bunnell) Mitchell died in Stratford, Connecticut in 1955.

For charts outlining the genealogical relations of the Tomlinson-Plant, Haight, and Sterling families, please consult the [Genealogical Charts](#).

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## Scope and Contents

The Bunnell Family Papers contain correspondence, diaries, legal and financial records, writings, memorabilia, and pictorial material which document the lives of four generations of Bunnell and Sterling family members living primarily in Connecticut and New York. The papers highlight the Yale academic careers of Sterling Haight Bunnell, Frank Scott Bunnell, and John W. Sterling; the respective architectural, engineering, and teaching careers of Rufus W. Bunnell, Sterling Haight Bunnell, and Frank Scott Bunnell; and the Civil War service of Rufus W. Bunnell and Henry T. Plant. The activities of female family members as mothers, wives, and daughters, and the travels of family members to the southern and western United States, Europe and Hawaii are also documented. The papers were the gift of Mrs. Catharine Detweiler from 1972 to 1987, and Mrs. Jonathan Pincus in 1974. The eleven and one-quarter linear feet of material is arranged in six series: I. Correspondence, 1789-1958; II. Diaries, 1776-[1930?]; III. Personal, Household, and Business Records, 1758-1924; IV. Writings, 1832-1950; V. Scrapbooks, Albums, and Memorabilia, 1858-[1953?]; and VI. Photographs, Prints, and Drawings, 1849-1907.

The bulk of Series I, CORRESPONDENCE, dates from 1858 to 1933. Early correspondence (1789-1857) includes a 1789 letter to Dr. William A. Tomlinson from an aspiring physician who describes his medical training in San Croix. Letters dated 1822 to 1850 are those of Tomlinson and Plant family members, including an exchange of letters between Catharine T. Plant (future wife of Captain John William Sterling) and her brother William, concerning their mother's death.

The majority of the letters dating from 1856 to 1869 document the experiences of the Captain John Sterling family, particularly those of Catharine Mary, John W., and Cordelia Sterling during their respective absences from home to attend school in New Haven and New York. Letters between Catharine and John W. Sterling reveal the extent to which the latter depended on his sister for advice and assistance in his studies at Yale. (A listing of John W. Sterling letters, which formed the major part of accession number 86-M-52, appears on page 10. While it is not a complete list of all John W. Sterling letters within the Bunnell Family Papers, it will enable researchers to access the majority of his letters within the collection.)

The early career of Rufus W. Bunnell is documented by a number of letters he received in Charleston, North Carolina from his stepmother, and by letters received by Bunnell between 1859 and 1909, during his partnership with E. Richard Lambert.

Bunnell's Civil War service (1862-1863) is documented in correspondence between Bunnell and his stepmother and his sister Diantha. Copies of additional letters received by Bunnell during this period are contained in Bunnell's Civil War diary in Series II.

In thirty-one letters to Catharine M. Sterling, her uncle Henry T. Plant describes his experiences as a surgeon in the Union Navy between April 23, 1862 and October 26, 1865. Plant served on monitors, ironclads, and wooden vessels, many of which were engaged in blockading Charleston, South Carolina and in the assaults on Fort Sumter, Morris Island and other Confederate fortifications in Charleston Harbor.

Letters dating from the late 1860s to the 1890s concern events within the households of the Bunnell and Sterling families. These events include the death of Captain Sterling (1866), the marriage of Rufus W. Bunnell and Catharine M. Sterling, and the births and childhoods of the three Bunnell children, Sterling Haight, Frank Scott, and Catharine Sterling Bunnell. In letters to his brother James and other family members, Rufus Bunnell describes his activities in the architectural firm of Lambert and Bunnell.

Accounts of the travels of Cordelia Sterling are contained in her letters from Europe (1872, 1876), Ohio (1874) California (1878, 1884-1885, 1890), New Orleans (1884) and Central America and Hawaii (1890). The visits of Rufus Bunnell family members to relatives in Minnesota, Ohio and New York State, and their travel to New Orleans, Louisiana are also described in their letters to Catharine T. (Plant) Sterling and Cordelia Sterling with whom they lived in the Sterling Homestead in Stratford after their marriage.

The academic and social lives of Sterling Haight Bunnell at Yale Sheffield Scientific School (1888-1891), Frank Scott at Yale College (1890-1894) and Catharine Sterling at Bryn Mawr (1894-1897) are related in their correspondence with each other and their parents. Letters written between family members and friends (1891-1900) also document Sterling's work as a draftsman in Buffalo and Lockport, New York and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Frank's teaching assignments in Mount Holly, New Jersey, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Chicago, Illinois. Letters of Catharine S. Bunnell at the turn of the century describe her pursuit of a writing career in New York City while working as a copyholder and editor. Correspondence between Frank Bunnell and his Yale classmates Edward (Ned) Reddington and Charles Hall concern their post graduate activities.

Family correspondence written during the early twentieth century pertains to the marriage of Sterling Bunnell to Rebecca L. Peterson, the births of their children Charles (1901) and Elizabeth (1904), the marriage of Frank Bunnell to Katharine Day (1904), and the births of their son Richard Day (1906) and daughter Catharine (1910). The deaths of Catharine Tomlinson (Plant) Sterling in 1905 and Rufus Bunnell in 1909 are also documented in family correspondence.

The experiences and impressions of Bunnell and Sterling family members during their travels to Bermuda (1905), Europe (1905, 1906, 1907-1908), and Egypt and Greece (1906), are described in their correspondence. After the death of Rufus Bunnell in 1909, his wife Catharine often traveled in the winter with her sister and the daughter of a family friend who was employed as her sister's companion, Alice Dean. Her destinations included Europe and Algeria (1910), Nassau (1913), and California, which she visited every year from 1915 to 1926 after her daughter married and moved to the Los Angeles area. The correspondence between mother and daughter, as well as that between Catharine Tomlinson Bunnell and her brother Frank, provide descriptions of transcontinental rail travel and rural and urban life in California. Nineteenth and early twentieth century California life is also detailed in letters from extended family members Henry Plant, Cordelia Sterling Waterman and James Bunnell. The April 23, 1906 letter from Henry Plant to Catharine S. Bunnell describes an earthquake experienced at Saratoga, California.

While no immediate family members served in the armed forces during World War I, discussions of the war and its effects at home and in Europe are contained in the family correspondence. In letters written while on a business assignment for R. Martens & Company in 1917, Sterling H. Bunnell describes his experiences in Russia during the Revolution, and his return to the United States via Siberia and Japan.

Post World War I correspondence is of a routine nature, documenting the day-to-day lives of family members. The academic and early careers of Richard Day Bunnell and Catharine S. Bunnell, the marriage of Richard to Elizabeth Wood, and subsequent birth of their daughter Patricia are described. The deaths of John W. Sterling (1918), Catharine M. Bunnell (1931), Katharine D. Bunnell (1940) are also discussed.

Correspondence dating from 1940 to 1958 pertains to the activities of Frank S. Bunnell and his children and grandchildren, his sister Catharine, and his genealogical research of the Day family.

Series II, DIARIES, contains the diaries of Frank S. Bunnell from the years 1891 through 1904. The brief entries describe daily academic, career and social activities. In addition to entries describing his day-to-day experiences, the diary of Rufus W. Bunnell's year of Union Army service in Louisiana (September 1862 to September 1863) contains detailed drawings of campsites and buildings, photographs, letters and clippings. His travel diaries describing New Orleans (1897), Bermuda (1905) and Europe (1907-1908) are also within the series. A compilation by Rufus Bunnell of notes taken during the early years of his partnership with E. Richard Lambert describes the activities in their architectural office. Also included in the series are Cordelia Sterling's European travel diaries from 1872 and 1876 and extracts from daybooks of Tomlinson and Plant family members.

Series III, PERSONAL, HOUSEHOLD, AND BUSINESS RECORDS, consists of the personal and household records of Catharine Mary Sterling Bunnell, Rufus W. Bunnell, and Frank S. Bunnell, and financial records

relating to Lambert and Bunnell Architects. Early Tomlinson family records included in the series are wills (1773, 1840) and a marriage contract (1758).

Series IV, WRITINGS, contains a number of short articles relating to architecture written by Rufus Bunnell, as well as his reminiscences of a 1907-1908 European tour, and his experiences in the southern United States. In two typescripts, *The Life of William Rufus Bunnell*, and an untitled autobiography, he provides detailed accounts of family history and 19th century social and political commentary. His autobiography relates his experiences during his early architectural career. Also included in the series are student notebooks of Catharine T. (Plant) Sterling and Cordelia Sterling; issues of *The Stratfordite*, a newspaper published by Sterling and Frank Bunnell between 1885 and 1886; genealogical notes on the Bunnell, Day, Haight, and Strong families; and an illustrated description of the ascent of Mount Vesuvius in 1872 by the author, J. G. Shearman, Cordelia Sterling, and others.

Series V, SCRAPBOOKS, ALBUMS, AND MEMORABILIA, contains postcards, programs and other ephemera collected by Rufus W. and Frank S. Bunnell. Additionally, there are miscellaneous newspaper clippings and memorabilia and a notebook listing the contents of a library of an unidentified individual.

Series VI, PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, contains engravings, photographic prints, and daguerreotype portraits of Sterling family members, and Yale class photographs of Frank S. Bunnell. Items in folder 390 including a small number of architectural drawings document work of Lambert and Bunnell Architects.

NOTE: Dates and notations on documents throughout the collection, with the exception of those found in brackets, were made by family members, and have been retained for the assistance which they may provide the researcher.

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## Arrangement

Arranged in six series: I. Correspondence, 1789-1958. II. Diaries, 1776-[1930?]. III. Personal, Household, and Business Records. 1758-1924. IV. Writings, 1832-1950. V. Scrapbooks, Albums, and Memorabilia, 1858-[1953?]. VI. Photographs, Prints, and Drawings, 1849-1907.



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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1789-1958

3 linear feet (7 boxes)

This series contains material arranged chronologically. Undated material is arranged alphabetically by writer and follows dated material.

b. 1, f. 1-14	1789 – 1867 May 20	1789 – 1867 May 20
b. 2, f. 15-40	1867 August 23 - 1885 August 27	1867 August 23 - 1885 August 27
b. 3, f. 41-65	1885 November 1 - 1895 March 7	1885 November 1 - 1895 March 7
b. 4, f. 66-87	1895 March 10 - 1989 April 27	1895 March 10 - 1989 April 27
b. 5, f. 88-111	1898 May 1 - 1902 July 17	1898 May 1 - 1902 July 17
b. 6, f. 112-132	1902 July 21 - 1904 February 27	1902 July 21 - 1904 February 27
b. 7, f. 133-160	1904 March 1 - 1907 March 8 See <a href="#">box 24, folder 392</a>	1904 March 1 - 1907 March 8
b. 8, f. 161-193	1907 March 10 - 1912 April 26	1907 March 10 - 1912 April 26
b. 9, f. 194-220	1912 May 2 - 1916 February 16	1912 May 2 - 1916 February 16
b. 10, f. 221-240	1916 February 20 - 1919 March 28	1916 February 20 - 1919 March 28
b. 11, f. 241-260	1919 March 31 - 1922 May 4	1919 March 31 - 1922 May 4
b. 12, f. 261-280	1922 May 6 - 1929 February 16	1922 May 6 - 1929 February 16
b. 13, f. 281-295	1929 February 18 - 1940 December 31	1929 February 18 - 1940 December 31
b. 14, f. 296-308	1941 January 25 - 1958 December 4	1941 January 25 - 1958 December 4
	Undated	
b. 14, f. 309	A-B	
b. 14, f. 310	D-H	

## Undated (continued)

b. 14, f. 311	L-R	
b. 14, f. 312	S-W See also: <a href="#">box 24, folder 391</a>	
b. 14, f. 313	Compilation of letters to Rufus W. Bunnell	1859-1907

**Series II: Diaries, 1766-[1930?]***1' (2 boxes)*

This series contains material arranged alphabetically by creator.

Frank Scott Bunnell		
b. 15, f. 314-317	1891 - 1904	1891 - 1904
Rufus W. Bunnell		
b. 15, f. 318	"R.W.B. to E.R.L. [Edward Richard Lambert]. As a reminder of the early days of our partnership" English	1860-1862
b. 15, f. 319	Civil War	1862 September - 1863 September
b. 16, f. 320	Typescript of Civil War diary	1862 September - 1863 September
b. 16, f. 321	"Memorandums by Rufus Bunnell" English	1876-1897
b. 16, f. 322	New Orleans trip with miscellaneous entries	1897, 1898-1900
b. 16, f. 323	"An Outing in Summer" and travel account from Bermuda trip English	1902, 1905
b. 16, f. 324	European trip	1907-1908
Cordelia Sterling		
b. 16, f. 325	Travel diaries	1872, 1876
b. 16, f. 326	Extracts from daybooks of Dr. A. Tomlinson, Solomon Plant, and David Plant	1766-1836
b. 16, f. 327	Unidentified travel notes from Cleveland trip	[1930?]

## Series III: Personal, Household, and Business Records, 1758-1924

*1 linear foot (2 boxes)*

This series contains material arranged alphabetically by creator.

Catharine Mary (Sterling) Bunnell		
b. 17, f. 328	Account books	1870-1898, 1890-1894, 1920-1925
b. 17, f. 329	Cattle records	1878-1889
Frank S. Bunnell		
b. 17, f. 330	Personal account book	1902-1904
b. 17, f. 331-332	Household account books	1904-1909, 1909-1913
Rufus W. Bunnell		
b. 17, f. 333-335	Family expense account books	1869-1875, 1876-1881, 1890-1894
b. 18, f. 336	Record of bank checks drawn, and cash envelope	1869-1909, undated
Lambert and Bunnell, Architects		
b. 18, f. 337	Account books relating to property on State St., Bridgeport, Connecticut	1872-1879
b. 18, f. 338	Journal of expenditures	1861-1901
b. 18, f. 339	Receipt book	1861-1901
b. 18, f. 340-342	Records relating to property on State St., Bridgeport, Connecticut	1872, 1873-1880, 1889, undated
b. 18, f. 343	Dr. Agur Tomlinson: Last will and testament	1773
b. 18, f. 344	Phebe Lewis Tomlinson: Last will and testament	1840
b. 18, f. 345	Dr. William Agur Tomlinson: Inventory; medical certificates; Sociable Club document	1772, 1785-1786, undated
b. 18, f. 346	Zachariah Tomlinson and Jemima Skidmore: Marriage contract	1758
b. 18, f. 347	Miscellaneous documents	1831, 1847, 1866, 1871, 1901-1905, 1924

**Series IV: Writings, 1832-1950***1 linear foot (2 boxes)*

This series contains material arranged alphabetically by creator.

Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell		
b. 19, f. 348	"The Stratford Academy, 1804-1876" English	1931
b. 19, f. 348	Untitled poem	undated
Frank S. Bunnell		
b. 19, f. 349	"Log of a Trip from Fourth Lake Beyond Lake Placid..." English	1899
b. 19, f. 349	Log of unspecified trip	1898
b. 19, f. 350-351	Yale course notes	1892-1893, 1894, undated
Frank S. Bunnell and Sterling H. Bunnell		
b. 19, f. 352	<i>The Stratfordite</i>	1885-1886
Rufus W. Bunnell		
b. 19, f. 353	"Connecticut Style of Dwellings" English	1856
b. 19, f. 353	"The Early Architectural History of the City of Bridgeport..." English	1906
b. 19, f. 354	<i>The Life of William Rufus Bunnell</i>	1906
b. 19, f. 355	<i>The Life of William Rufus Bunnell</i> (photocopy) A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1906
b. 19, f. 356	"My trip to Europe in 1907-1908" English	undated
b. 19, f. 357	"Some personal experiences in the South..." English A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1907
Untitled autobiographical account		1907
b. 19, f. 358	Pages 1-50	
b. 19, f. 359	Pages 51-100	
b. 20, f. 360	Pages 101-150	
b. 20, f. 361	<a href="#">Pages 151-197</a>	

	[J. G. Shearman]	
b. 20, f. 362	"Ascent of Vesuvius in 1872" (original and photocopy)	undated
	Catharine T. (Plant) Sterling	
b. 20, f. 363	Student notes and essays	1832
	Cordelia Sterling	
b. 20, f. 364	Composition book	1862
	Genealogical notes by various family members	
b. 20, f. 365-366	Bunnell Family	undated
b. 20, f. 367	Day Family	Circa 1940, 1950
b. 20, f. 368	Haight Family	Circa 1860-1870
b. 20, f. 369	Strong Family	undated

## Series V: Scrapbooks, Albums and Memorabilia, 1858-[1953?]

*1 linear foot (3 boxes)*

This series contains material arranged alphabetically by creator and by type of material.

Frank S. Bunnell		
b. 21, f. 370	Scrapbook	1889-1894
b. 22, f. 371	Scrapbook	1894-1903
b. 23, f. 372-373	Scrapbook material	1894-1911, 1903-1905
b. 23, f. 374	European postcard album	1900
Rufus W. Bunnell		
b. 23, f. 375	Scrapbook	1858
b. 23, f. 376	Clippings	1894, 1899, 1905, 1907, 1938, undated
b. 23, f. 377	Notebook of book listings	undated
b. 23, f. 378	Miscellaneous memorabilia	1860, 1864, 1867, 1885, 1894, 1896, 1930, [1953?]

**Series VI: Photographs, Prints, and Drawings, 1849-1907***.5 linear feet (2 boxes)*

This series contains material arranged by type of material.

Individual and group photographs

[See also: box 25, folder 1](#)

## Architectural materials

b. 24, f. 390	Residences designed by Lambert and Bunnell	1854, 1856, 1860, 1862, 1880
b. 24, f. 390	Lambert and Bunnell letterbox sign and envelope	undated
b. 24, f. 391	Sterling homestead photographs	undated
b. 24, f. 391	Snapshot of fireplace in George Worman home (originally enclosed with undated letter from Helen Worman to Katherine [sic] Mitchell in box 14, folder 312)	undated
b. 24, f. 392	Travel photographs from trip of Cordelia Sterling (originally enclosed with letter dated 1907 Jan 6 from Cordelia Sterling to her sister Catharine in box 7, folder 159)	1907

## Daguerreotypes

b. 25, f. 1	Catharine Mary (Sterling) Bunnell	undated
b. 25, f. 2	Catharine T. (Plant) Sterling	1860
b. 25, f. 3-4	Cordelia Sterling	1849, 1857
b. 25, f. 5	Captain John W. Sterling	1850
b. 25, f. 6	John W. Sterling	[1850]



## Letters of John W. Sterling

The following is a list of John W. Sterling letters which formed the major part of accession number 86-M-52. While this is not a complete list of all John W. Sterling letters within the Bunnell Family Papers, it will enable users to access the majority of John W. Sterling letters within the collection.

Catharine M. Sterling	[1858 or 1859]
Catharine M. Sterling	1858 September 17
Catharine M. Sterling	1858 September 25
Catharine M. Sterling	1858 October 1
Catharine M. Sterling	1858 October 9
Catharine M. Sterling	1858 October 28
Catharine M. Sterling	1858 November 13
Catharine M. Sterling	1859 February
Catharine M. Sterling	1859 October
Catharine M. Sterling	1859 October 7
Catharine M. Sterling	1860 September 20
Catharine M. Sterling	1860 November 1
Capt. John W. Sterling	1860 November 18
Cordelia Sterling	1860 December
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 February 6
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 March 24
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 June 8
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 July 19
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 September 14
Cordelia Sterling	1861 October
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 October 16
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 October 19
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 October 20
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 November 20
Catharine M. Sterling	1861 November 23
Catharine M. Sterling	1862 February 16
Catharine M. Sterling	1862 March 12

Catharine M. Sterling	1862 July 12
Cordelia Sterling	1862 September 20
Catharine M. Sterling	1862 November 25
Catharine M. Sterling	1862 December 9
Cordelia Sterling	1863 January
Catharine M. Sterling	1863 March 4
Catharine M. Sterling	1863 March 11
Catharine M. Sterling	1863 July 18
Catharine M. Sterling	1863 September 26
Cordelia Sterling	1864 January 18
Catharine M. Sterling	1864 February
Catharine M. Sterling	1864 March 11
Catharine M. Sterling	1864 April
Cordelia Sterling	1864 May 21
Capt. John W. Sterling	1864 June 2
Catharine M. Sterling	1864 September 24
Cordelia Sterling	1865 January 8
Sterling Family	1865 January 9
Cordelia Sterling	1865 February 26
Cordelia Sterling	1865 April 2
Cordelia Sterling	1865 July
Catharine T. (Plant) Sterling	1865 October 7
Cordelia Sterling	1865 October 20
Cordelia Sterling	1865 November 26
Cordelia Sterling	1866 January 28
Catharine M. Sterling	1866 July 15
Catharine M. Sterling	1866 August 5
Catharine M. Sterling	1866 August 19
Catharine M. Sterling	1866 September 2
Catharine M. Sterling	1866 December 9

Catharine M. Sterling	1867 February
Catharine M. Sterling	1867 February
Catharine M. Sterling	1867 February 10
Cordelia Sterling	1868 April 29
Cordelia Sterling	1868 May 15
Cordelia Sterling	1868 October 25
Cordelia Sterling	1868 November 15
Catharine M. Sterling	1868 December 7
Catharine M. and Cordelia Sterling	1868 December 11
Catharine M. and Cordelia Sterling	1868 December 13
Cordelia Sterling	1868 December 20
Catharine M. Sterling	1869 (fragment)
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1870 January 2
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1871 January 31
Cordelia Sterling	1872 April 16
Cordelia Sterling	1872 April 30
Cordelia Sterling	1872 May 14
Cordelia Sterling	1872 May 17
Cordelia Sterling	1872 May 21
Cordelia Sterling	1872 May 28
Cordelia Sterling	1872 May 31
Cordelia Sterling	1872 June 7
Cordelia Sterling	1872 June 11
Cordelia Sterling	1872 June 14
Cordelia Sterling	1872 June 18
Cordelia Sterling	1872 July 10
My dear Sister"	1873 May 10 (fragment)
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1876 December 23
Cordelia Sterling	1877 February 17
Cordelia Sterling	1877 May 3

Cordelia Sterling	1877 June 7
Cordelia Sterling	1877 June 25
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1877 November 13
Cordelia Sterling	1877 December 24
Cordelia Sterling	1878 March 18
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1879 June 18
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1880 January 23
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1880 August 12
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1880 December 24
Cordelia Sterling	1881 April 1
Cordelia Sterling	1881 April 2
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1892 June 6
[Cordelia Sterling] English	1895 September 25
Cordelia Sterling	1895 November 4
Catharine T. Bunnell	1900 August 29
Catharine T. Bunnell	1902 October 22
Catharine T. (Plant) Sterling	1904 May 8
Cordelia Sterling	1905 February 21
Catharine M. (Sterling) Bunnell	1905 June 9
Catharine T. Bunnell	1909 December 31
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