

Guide to the Simeon Pease Folsom Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 947

CREATOR: Folsom, Simeon Pease, b. 1819

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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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f. folder

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Herman W. Liebert, 1961.

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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.

Collection Contents

Simeon Pease Folsom

b. 1, f. 1	2 ALS to Julia (Barnum) Folsom	1852 April 23, July 3
b. 1, f. 2	4 ALS to Mary G. (Douglas) Folsom	1862-1866
b. 1, f. 3	6 ALS to Anna L. (Angier) Folsom	1876, 1879
b. 1, f. 4	3 ALS from Ward Weeks Folsom (1824-)	1840-1846
b. 1, f. 5	2 ALS from William Henry Carman Folsom (1817-1900)	1840 September 17, 1852 January 7
b. 1, f. 6	ALS from R. D. Lester	1842 May 25
b. 1, f. 6	ALS from E. D. Spalding	1843 December 11
b. 1, f. 7	ALS from Jeremiah Folsom	1846 January 26
b. 1, f. 8	ALS from Jeremiah Folsom (1780-1859)	1850 April 15
b. 1, f. 9	4 ALS from Julia A. (Barnum) Folsom	1851 April- September
b. 1, f. 10	ALS from Charles B. Folsom (b. 1822)	1851 November 23
b. 1, f. 11	ALS from Harriet O. Folsom	1880 January 2
b. 1, f. 12	ALS from Simeon P. Folsom, Jr.	1888 May 2
Julia A. (Barnum) Folsom		
b. 1, f. 13	ALS to Caroline	1851 March 11
b. 1, f. 13	ALS to Mrs. Tinker	undated
b. 1, f. 14	ALS from Sarah Chapman	1858 April 6
b. 1, f. 14	ALS from Mary Douglas	1859 November 18
b. 1, f. 15	Miscellaneous papers	1845-1851, undated
b. 1, f. 16	Mary Gale (Douglas) Folsom: 3 ALS from Brisbin & Warner	1864-1865
Anna Louise (Angier) Folsom		
b. 1, f. 17	5 ALS from Libby Gordon	1857-1864
b. 1, f. 17	ALS from Ellen [Angier?]	1862 November 9

b. 1, f. 18

Civil War papers

1862, 1865,
undated

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

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
Folsom, William H. C. (William Henry Carman),
1817-1900
Spalding, E. D.