

Finding Aid for the Munro family collection Collection 152

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Munro family collection
Date [inclusive]	1812-1952
Extent	0.83 Linear feet Two boxes
Language	English
Abstract	The Munro Family papers contain genealogical data, historical correspondence and images, and other historical documents, spanning the dates from 1812 to 1952. Family names represented include: Bill, Burling, Calkins, Clark, Courtright, Madden, Munro, and Ringle. The collection also includes a number of family photographs and a great deal of correspondence, dating back to the 1840s.

Biographical/Historical note

The biographical information is organized by family surname.

Walter Burling(1776-1825 or 1847), a prominent ship builder, carried on a large business at various points along the Hudson River. Burling married Patience Ann Havens and the couple had seven or eight children.

William Munro, husband of Elizabeth Bolt, lived on Long Island in 1794.

Mathias Ringle (1742-1811), born in Pennsylvania was a Revolutionary War soldier in the Ensign, 3rd division, 1st Battalion of Militia in the County of North Hampton, PA. Mathias married twice, first to Nancy Loveguier, and next to Julia Ann Pohr.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains extensive genealogical information, legal documents, newspaper clippings, and other materials dealing with family histories. The bulk of the data deals with the Burling, Munro (Munroe), and Ringle families.

Of interest are the school records of Francis E. and Annette Burling and Gertrude Munro. There is also a collection of poems written by Orville V. Monroe. Included are the estate papers of Sands Burling and Harvey Bolt Munroe, birth certificates of George and Gertrude Monroe, and Harvey B. Munroes Survivors Pension from the War of 1812 (dated probably sometime later).

A smaller part of the collection deals with the Andersons, the Bills, the Bolts, the Calkins, the Clarks, the Courtright, the Havens, the Maddens, the Sands, the Springsteads, and the Wolvertons.

The collection also includes a number of family photographs, some of which show the following people: Francis, Harvey, Martha, and George Munro; Burr, Cora, Frances, Harriet, Sands, Sarah, Seymour, and Walter Burling. There is also a great deal of correspondence, some dating back to the 1840s, describing daily life.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Lucy P. Munro, May 19, 1986; accession number 1986.389

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Bill
- Burling
- Calkins
- Clark
- Courtright
- Munro
- Ringle

Genre(s)

- family papers

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Series I. Family and Genealogical Papers, 1839-1926, n.d.

Collection Inventory**Series I. Family and Genealogical Papers, 1839-1926, n.d.****Scope and Contents note****Extended Family Data**

Bill family, n.d. Includes the ancestry, origin of the surname, as well as family records of Martha Bill.

Burling family, 1839-1923. Includes genealogical materials, estate papers of Sands Burling, indentures of Harriet Burling, receipts, obituaries of David, Francis and Walter Burling, newspaper clippings, and school records of Francis and Annette Burling.

Calkins family, n.d. Contains genealogical information, particularly for Abraham and Sam Calkins. Includes military roster of Hugh Calkins and various addresses of Calkins family members.

Clark family, 1906-1927. Include genealogical information focusing on Erastus, Horace and John Clark. Includes a news article describing the grave marker of Moses Clark.

Cortright (Courtright) family, n.d. Include genealogical information focusing on Cornelius, Harmon, Jacob, Jan, John and Sam Courtright.

Madden family, 1913-1929. Includes genealogical information focusing on Alpheus, Amanda, Hiram and Hudson Madden. Includes the obituary of Hiram Madden.

Munro (Munroe, Monroe) family, 1812-1937 Includes genealogical information focusing on Abiram, Charles Wesley, David, Gertrude, Harvey Bolt, Joseph, Martha, Perry, Robert Fowlis, Sophia, Stephen and William Munro/Monroe. Includes estate papers, Military Bounty Land Act papers, War of 1812 Survivors Pension, a receipt, and a certificate from the state of New York for Harvey Bolt Munroe. Birth certificates of George W. and Gertrude Monroe, indentures of Charles W., Stephen and David Munro, a lease, Harvey B. Munroe's "Release of Dower" papers from 1844, school records of Gertrude Munro and Robert Fowlis Munro, poems by Orville V. Monroe, and the obits of Francis B., Harvey B. and Polly Munroe.

Extended Family Data

Ringle family, 1926-1952. Includes genealogical information focusing on John, Mathias, Samuel and William Ringle. Also includes a newspaper article describing the Ringle family reunion and the obituary of Jacob Ringle.

Fragmentary data

Anderson family, n.d. Notes on Jesse Anderson and family.

Bolt family, n.d. Information on the Bolt family tree.

Havens family, n.d. Genealogical information on Benny and John Havens.

Sands family, n.d. Genealogical information on Samuel Sands and family.

Springstead family, n.d. Genealogical information on Cornwell Springstead.

Wolverton family, n.d. Includes the obituary and estate papers of Betsy Munro Wolverton.

Extended Family Data

	Box	Folder
Bill family, n.d.	1	1
Burling family, 1839-1923.	1	2
Family notes and part of family Bible.	1	3
Annette, Benjamin, Clara and Cora.	1	4
Francis.	1	5
Francis, James, Sands and Walter.	1	6

Extended Family Data

Calkins family, n.d.	1	7-9
Clark family, 1906-1927.	1	10
Cortright (Courtright family, n.d.	1	11
Madden family, 1913-1925.	1	12
Munro (Monroe) family, 1839-1926.	1	13
Abiram and Charles.	1	14
David, Francis and Gertrude.	1	15
George W.	1	16
Harvey Bolt.	1	17
Martha, Orville and Polly.	1	18
Robert F.	1	19
Sophia, Stephen, Wesley and William.	1	20
Ringle family, n.d.	2	1
Jacob, John and Mathias Ringle papers.	2	2

Fragmentary data

Samuel and William Ringle papers.	2	3
	Collection	Box
Certificate or Land Warrant. Michigan land sold to Martha Monroe, May 11, 1846, Kent Co. [Apr. 2000]	216	5
Fragmentary data		
	Box	Folder
Anderson family, Bolt family, Havens family, Richmond family, Sands family, Springstead family, Wolverton family papers, 1852-1926.	2	4
Series II. Pictorials, 1866, n.d.		
Scope and Contents note		
Negatives, 1866. Images of Harvey Bolt Munro and his wife, Martha Clark Munro.		
Tintypes, n.d. Images of Walter Burling, Clarence Gifford and Maurice Pickle.		
Photographs, n.d. Images of Burr, Cora, Francis, Harriet, Sands,, Sarah, Seymour and Walter Burling; Clarence Gifford; Francis, George, Harvey and Martha Munro; Fannie and Mary Rolleson; Cass Shaw; Andrew Squires; Hugh and Seymour Wilson; and unknown children.		
Negatives, 1866.		
	Box	Folder
Harvey Bolt Munro and Martha Clark Munro. (4)	2	5

Tintypes, n.d.

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	Box	Folder
Burling, Walter. Gifford, Clarence. Pickle, Maurice. (3)	2	6
Photographs, n.d.		
	Box	Folder
Burling, Burr and Cora. (5)	2	7
Burling, Francis and Harriet. (6)	2	8
Burling, Sands, Sarah, Seymour and Walter. (6)	2	9
Gifford, Clarence. (9)	2	10
Munro, Francis, George, Harvey and Martha	2	10
Rolleson, Fannie and Mary. (4)	2	11
Shaw, Cass, Squires, Andrew. (6)	2	11
Wilson, Hugh and Seymour	2	12
Unknown children	2	12
Series III. Correspondence, 1840-1939, n.d.		

Series III. Correspondence, 1840-1939, n.d.

Scope and Contents note

Contains correspondence dating from the 1840s to 1939.

	Box	Folder
Undated	2	13
1840s-1850s	2	14
1860s, 1879	2	15
1880s-1890s	2	16
1912-1914	2	17
1922-1925	2	18
1926	2	19
1927-1928, 1939	2	20