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Box 1

**I. Early Letters, 1820-1848**

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[L. Dana ?], Orford, New Hampshire, to William Darby and Jared Mann, August 12, 1820

Jared and Mindwell (parents), Lowell, Massachusetts, to William and Mary Darby, March 19, 1835 [pages 10-11]

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Mindwell and Jared Mann, Lowell, Massachusetts, to Mary Darby, December 27, 1836 [pages 12-14]

William Heard (brother-in-law to Mary), Wayland, Massachusetts, to William and Mary Darby, October 27, 1838 [pages 15]

Flat Files

Mindwell Mann, Wayland, Massachusetts, to Mary Darby, September 9, 1841 [pages 18-19]

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Mindwell Mann, Wayland, Massachusetts, to Mary Darby, May 6, 1843 [pages 19-20]

## Flat Files

- E. H. Gleason (Mary's sister), Wayland, Massachusetts, to William and Mary Darby, November 5, 1846 [pages 21-22]  
 William Heard and Susan Heard (Mary's sister), Wayland, Massachusetts, to William and Mary Darby, July 16, 1848 [pages 24-26]

## Box 1 (continued)

Memorandum Book of William Darby, October 1, 1846-July 29, 1848

**2. Civil War Letters, 1864**

- Henry Harrison Darby, Camp Fry, Chicago, to "Folks at Home," May 30, 1864 [pages 30-31]  
 H. H. Darby, Columbus, Kentucky, to "Folks at Home," June 15, 1864 [page 31]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to "Folks at Home," June 21, 1864 [pages 31-33]  
 D. C. Taft (friend), Elmwood, Illinois, to H.H. Darby, June 26, 1864  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to "Sister Sue" (Susan Darby), June 27, 1864 [pages 33-34]  
 H.H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to "Parents" (William and Mary Darby), June 30, 1864 [pages 34-35]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to "Folks at Home," July 8, 1864 [pages 35-36]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to Mother, July 10, 1864 [pages 36-37]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to "Folks at Home," July 13, 1864 [page 37]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to "Sue," July 21, 1864 [pages 37-40]  
 Susan Darby, Elmwood, Illinois, to H. H. Darby, July 27, 1864 [pages 40-41]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to "Sisters All," August 2, 1864 [pages 41-43]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to Ellen Smith (his future wife), August 6, 1864 [pages 43-44]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to Father, August 10, 1864 [pages 44-45]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to Mother, August 17, 1864 [pages 45-46]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to "Sister Molly" (Mary Davis (Darby) Reed), August 17, 1864 [page 46]  
 H. H. Darby, Paducah, Kentucky, to "Folks at Home," September 10, 1864 [pages 46-48]  
 H. H. Darby, St. Louis, Missouri, to "Folks at Home," October 5, 1864 [page 48]  
 Henry Harrison Darby's U.S. Army Discharge Certificate, Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 1864

**3. Love Letters and Others, 1864-1866**

- Joel Mann (uncle of Mary Hale (Mann) Darby), New Haven, Connecticut, to his niece Mary, February 22, 1865 [pages 50-51]  
 H. H. Darby, Elmwood, Illinois, to unknown person, February 14, 1866 [page 52]  
 H. H. Darby, Galesburg, Illinois, to "Folks at Home," April 15, 1866 [pages 53-54]  
 H. H. Darby, Elmwood, Illinois, to Ellen Smith (later his wife), December 19, 1864 [page 54]  
 H. H. Darby to Ellen Smith, November 19, 1865 [pages 55-56]  
 H. H. Darby, Elmwood, Illinois, to Ellen Smith, February 16, 1866 [pages 56-57]  
 Henry H. Darby's honeymoon diary, September 1866 [pages 57-61]

#### 4. Letters, 1870-1887

- H. H. Darby, Elmwood, Illinois, to Mother (Mary Darby), November 6, 1870 [pages 62-63]
- H. H. Darby, St. Louis, Missouri, to "Folks at Home," November 27, 1872 [pages 63-64]
- H. H. Darby, on board Steamer Bismark, to Wife (Ellen Smith Darby), November 29, 1872 [pages 64]
- H. H. Darby to Wife (Ellen Darby), [November or December] 1872
- H. H. Darby, Memphis, Tennessee, to Wife, December 5, 1872 [page 65]
- William E. Darby, Yates City, Illinois, to cousin Jennette "Nettie" Eby, January 16, 1874
- Ellen Darby, Wapelio, Iowa, to grandmother [Mindwell Mann?], September 30, 1878 [pages 65-66]. [enclosed with:] Ellen Darby, Wapelio, Iowa, to Susan Darby (sister-in-law), September 31, 1878
- H. H. Darby, Elmwood, Illinois, to Mother, December 9, 1878 [page 66]
- H. H. Darby, Urbana, Illinois, to "Folks at Yates," [Mary Jennette (sister) and her third husband, Benjamin Brooks Shaffer, of Yates City, Illinois], April 11, 1886 [pages 68-69]
- Ellen Darby, Urbana, Illinois, to "Sister Sue," [Susan (Darby) Eby, sister-in-law], April 18, 1887 [page 70]
- Miscellaneous notes related to H. H. Darby and Ellen Darby

#### 5. Letters and Others, 1889-1897

- William E. Darby, Babylon, Illinois, to "Aunt Sue," [Susan (Darby) Eby], April 19, 1889 [pages 71-73]
- University of Illinois Graduating Exercises, June 10, 1891 [commencement exercises for Nellie Margaret Darby]
- Poem, *Fifty Years Ago*, by Jennie Smith-Thomas, 1891
- William E. Darby, Miles City, Montana, to Jennette "Nettie" Eby [cousin], June 10, 1892 [pages 74-75]
- William E. Darby, Miles City, Montana, to Jennette "Nettie" Eby [cousin], September 1, 1893 [pages 75-76]
- Ellen (Smith) Darby, Urbana, Illinois, to Jennette "Nettie" Eby [niece], December 27, 1893
- H. H. Darby, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Nellie (Darby) [daughter], June 5, 1895 [page 77-78]
- Nellie Darby, North Platte, Nebraska, to cousin "Nettie," May 26, 1895 [pages 79-80]
- Nellie Darby, Kearney, Nebraska, to cousin "Nettie," June 2, 1895 [pages 80-81]
- Nellie Darby, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to cousin "Nettie," July 24, 1895 [pages 81-82]
- H. H. Darby, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Nellie Darby, April 17, 1896
- H. H. and Ellen Darby, Rogers, Arkansas, to Nellie Darby, February 15, 1896 [pages 83-85]
- H. H. Darby, Rogers, Arkansas, to Nellie Darby, September 7, 1897 [pages 86-89]

#### 6. Letters, 1898-1913

- Henry Harrison Darby, Rogers, Arkansas, to Susan and John Eby, September 10, 1898
- The War with Spain, 1898
- Mary Lucette (Dickinson) Darby, Santiago de Cuba, to Nellie Darby [sister-in-law], December 28, 1898
- Letter by School Superintendent B. D. Billinghamurst, April 19, 1901 recommending Nellie Darby for employment as a teacher

- William E. Darby, Somerville, Tennessee, October 21, 1901  
 instructions regarding life insurance and financial matters
- Letter by Henry Sabine, March 22, 1905  
 recommending Nellie Darby for employment as a teacher
- Ellen (Smith) Darby, Rogers, Arkansas, to Susan (Darby) Eby [sister-in-law],  
 September 8, 1909 [pages. 101-102]
- Nellie Darby, Ortonville, Minnesota, to "Nettie" (Eby) Perry [cousin], February  
 10, 1910
- Nellie Darby, Ortonville, Minnesota, to "Nettie," August 14, 1910
- Wedding announcement of Nellie Darby and Benjamin Pettersen, August 23,  
 1910
- Nellie (Darby) Pettersen, Ortonville, Minnesota, to "Nettie," January 26, 1911
- William E. Darby, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to Mother (Ellen Darby), June 13,  
 1911
- Nellie (Darby) Pettersen, Ortonville, Minnesota, to "Nettie," June 14, 1911
- William E. Darby, Booneville, Arkansas, to Mother (Ellen Darby), December 25,  
 1911
- Benjamin Pettersen, Ortonville, Minnesota, to Mother [Ellen (Smith) Darby?],  
 April 21, 1912

#### **7. European Tour of Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, 1914 (including the outbreak of World War 1)**

- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Minneapolis, to "Folks at Home," April 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Niagara Falls, New York, to "Folks at Home,"  
 April 17, 1914 [postcard]
- Nellie (Darby), Brooklyn, New York, to Mama [April 1914]
- Nellie (Darby), Brooklyn, New York, to "Folks at Home," [April 1914]
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, New York City, New York, to "Folks at Home,"  
 April 20, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, On Board the R. M. S. Saxonica, to "Folks at  
 Home," April
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, On Board the R. M. S. Saxonica, to "Folks at  
 Home," [April/May?]
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Naples, Italy, to "Folks at Home," May 10, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Rome, Italy, to "Folks at Home," May 15, 1914  
 [postcard]
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Florence, Italy, to "Folks at Home," May 19, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Vienna, Austria, to "Folks at Home," May 22,  
 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Vienna, Austria, to "Folks at Home," May 1914  
 [first page apparently missing]
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Vienna, Austria, to "Folks at Home," May 30,  
 1914
- Nellie (Darby), Copenhagen, Denmark, to "Mama and All," June 14, 1914
- Benjamin Pettersen, Copenhagen, Denmark, to "Mama," June 14, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Christiania, Norway, to "Folks at Home," June  
 25, 1914

- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Fagennes, Norway, to "Folks at Home," July 6, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Bergen, Norway, to "Folks at Home," July 8, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Bergen, Norway, to "Folks at Home," July 13, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Bergen, Norway, to "Folks at Home," July 14, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Qualraag, Norway,, to "Folks at Home," July 23, 1914 [second page apparently missing]
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Kralvaas, Norway, to "Folks at Home," August 2, 1914 [first mention of the war]
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, London, England, to "Folks at Home," August 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, London, England, to "Folks at Home," August 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, London, England, to "Folks at Home," August 17, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, On Board the S. S. Alaunia, to "Folks at Home," September 4, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Chicago, Illinois to "Folks at Home," September 8, 1914
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Chicago, Illinois, to "Folks at Home," September 8, 1914 [postcard]
- Nellie (Darby) and Benjamin Pettersen, Harvey, Illinois, to "Folks at Home," September 10, 1914 [postcard]

#### **8. Letters, 1918-1939**

- Benjamin Pettersen, Peever, South Dakota to Ellen (Smith) Darby [mother-in-law], May 28, 1918
- Unknown, Norway, to Benjamin Pettersen, February 10, 1939 [in Norwegian]
- Unsigned, one-page Latin transcript, undated
- Unsigned, discourse on missionary work in Syria, undated [six pages, apparently incomplete]
- The Woman's Study Club, 1920-1921*, Wheaton, Minnesota [Nellie (Darby) Pettersen's copy]
- Patchwork done for Nellie by Abigail Hale [sister of Mindwell (Hale) Mann]
- Photographs, receipts, envelopes, notes, and other miscellaneous items

#### **9. Darby Family Newspaper Clippings**

#### **10. Lists, Correspondence, and Records relating to Darby Family genealogy**

#### **11. Deeds, 1837-1901**

- Charles Clark to Samuel J. Miller, land in Peoria County, Illinois, September 19, 1837
- James P. Green and Mary [his wife] to Theodore Tarleton, land in Peoria County, Illinois, February 22, 1838

Robert Boyes and Elisabeth Boyes [his wife] to William Darby, land in Peoria County,  
Illinois, May 20, 1851

Flat Files

Lease with reserved life interest from William Darby and Mary Darby [his wife], to  
Henry H. Darby, for land in Peoria County, Illinois, September 6, 1865

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Deed of Cemetery Plot in Benton County, Arkansas, to Mary E. Ellis, January 7, 1895

Mortgage Deed from Ellen S. Darby and Henry H. Darby to Nellie M. Darby, for land in  
Benton County, Arkansas, July 2, 1897

J. S. McFarlin to Ellen S. Darby, land in Benton County, Arkansas, March 12, 1901

## Appendix

Detailed description of correspondents.

Jared and Mindwell (Hale) Mann were the parents of Mary Hale (Mann) Darby (1799-1881)

William Darby (1786-1870) and Mary Hale (Mann) Darby were married in 1823

Henry Harrison Darby (1840-1901) was the son of William and Mary Hale (Mann)

Darby. Henry H. and Ellen Smith (1848-1923) were married in 1866.

William Edson Darby (1867-1912) was the son of Henry Harrison and Ellen (Smith)

Darby. William E. and Minnie Louisa "Maidie" Case (1871-1897) were married in

1892. After Minnie died, William E. married Mary Lucette Dickinson (1874-1925)

Nellie May Darby (1870-1947) was the daughter of Henry Harrison Darby and Ellen

Smith. Nellie and Benjamin Pettersen (1864-1943) were married in 1910.

Susan Hale Mann Darby (1832-1920) was the sister of Henry Harrison Darby. Susan and

John Dorman Eby (1831-1913) were married in 1867.

Jennette "Nettie" Darby Eby (1870-1964) was the daughter of Susan (Darby) and John

Dorman Eby. "Nettie" and Charles Oren Perry (1869-1940) were married in 1895.