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Biographical Information

Obituaries, Henry G. Little (1900) and Fidelia M. Stoddard Little (1890) 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Newspaper Clipping, 1886 Correspondence

Reverend C. J. Tenney [Little's uncle] (Wethersfield, Connecticut) to John F. Willan and Henry G. Little (Wethersfield, Illinois), October 1836 informing Willan and Little that they have been named of the [Wethersfield] Connecticut Association, and that they should survey the site of Wethersfield, Illinois, to prepare it for settlement; emphasizing that prospective settlers must be of good character; and providing instructions for labor practices and worship in the settlement (includes Circular issued by Wethersfield, Connecticut, regarding the settlement in Illinois).

Nancy Little [Little's mother] (Wethersfield, Illinois) to "Dear Sister Tenney" [her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Tenney] (Hollis, New Hampshire), June 20, 1841 regarding news about family and settlers of Wethersfield, Illinois; the development of the settlement, including descriptions of construction, farming, education, and religion; and the availability of food on the frontier.

Nancy Little to "Brother and Sister" [Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tenney], June 15, 1844 regarding news about family and settlers of Wethersfield, Illinois, and ignorant preachers on the western frontier.

General Martin Kellogg (Newington, Connecticut) to Henry G. Little (Kewanee, Illinois), March 24, 1857

regarding news about family in New England and on the western frontier Henry D. Smith (Plantsville, Connecticut) to Henry G. Little (Grinnell, Iowa), December 7, 1896

regarding news about family and friends; commenting on portraits of Little and his wife; and praising Little's newspaper articles about the early history of Newington, Connecticut.

Henry D. Smith to Henry G. Little, January 11, 1897 commenting on Little's reminiscence "Report to Class of 1844 Yale College 30 Years after Graduation." [with reminiscence attached]

L. F. Berry (Chicago, Illinois) to Henry G. Little, April 6, 1899 reporting the death of Henry D. Smith

Joshua C. Dodge [old friend of Little] (Arlington, Massachusetts) to Mrs. Macy [Little's daughter, Maude L. Macy] (Grinnell, Iowa), November 3, 1900 regarding Little's health and his own health.

Writings

"'Run, Speak to This Young Man.' An Incident of Seventy Years Ago," newspaper article, February 8, 1894

"Early Newington Days," newspaper serial, Hartford [Connecticut] Daily Times, 1894-1897 [pasted into Eighth Biennial Report, Iowa State Agricultural College and Farm, 1878-1879]

"Six Weeks in Newington" newspaper article, *Hartford Daily Times*, December 18, 1895

"Early Days in Newington: Stray Leaves from a Journey to the 'Far West' in 1835" newspaper serial, *Hartford Daily Times*, 1896

"Early Settlement of Henry County/Early Days of Henry County" newspaper serial, *Henry County Arena* and *Kewanee Star-Courier*, 1897-1899

"Reminiscences of an Early Day in Henry County as Told by an Old Pioneer" newspaper serial, *Cambridge Chronicle*, 1899

Handwritten drafts of reminiscences [incomplete]

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Dr. A. A. Dunn, "History of Kewanee and Wethersfield" newspaper serial, Cambridge Chronicle, circa 1894-1895 [pasted into Ninth Biennial Report, Iowa State Agricultural College and Farm, 1880-1881]

Ephemera

Rebecca Perley Reed [granddaughter of Little], "The Family Circle. Grandpapa." Poem

Envelopes