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**Perkins Family  
Papers, 1754-1997**

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**Perkins Family**

**Box 1**

Joseph Perkins

Financial papers, 1754, 1804

John Perkins (son of Joseph Perkins)

Financial papers, 1829-1839

Thomas Perkins (son of John Perkins)

Copy about 1810, when ten years old, of the Lord's Prayer Letter from "Cousin" Rufus Choate (1799-1859), on feeling the "blues" and on choosing an academy for the following school year, May 15, 1815

Letter from Choate seeking information concerning Benjamin F. Putnam and the firm of B.F. and J.H. Putnam, in a legal matter, March 25, 1833

Letter to father regarding farm matters and family news, January 3, 1853

Financial papers

Correspondence, 1833

Promissory notes and bills of sale, 1830-1837

Daybook of accounts, 1836-1853

**Box 17**

Real estate papers, 1820, 1829, 1844, 1847

Elizabeth Perkins (wife of Thomas Perkins)

Obituary (clipping)

Estate Papers, 1881

Francis "Frank" B. Perkins (1841-1937, son of Thomas Perkins)

## Biographical material

Correspondence, 1891, 1924, 1931, 1936

Correspondents include Mary Downs (niece) and Georgiana Robinson of the Daughters of the American Colonists. Subjects include family news, church, and the fiction writing of Mary Downs.

## Artwork

Drawings, etchings, paintings of landscapes and buildings, including the old Choate House, Essex, Massachusetts (1725), the first house in Elgin, Illinois (1836), and the Perkins neighborhood school (1846) and the Perkins cabin, Barrington, Illinois.

## Education papers

## Compositions

Elgin Academy, circa 1856-1860

Beloit College, 1861

Elgin Academy Veterans of the Civil War, Records and Reunions, circa 1908

## Estate papers

Legal documents and related papers, 1937-1938

## Financial papers

Loan Receipts, Promissory Notes, 1887-1889, 1897

## Military service

Orders and Special Orders, 1861

Newspaper Clippings, 1933

U.S. Army, Honorable Discharge certificate, 1864

Real estate papers, 1881-1898

**Oversize folder h001**

## Education

Diploma for Elgin Academy [honorary], 1903

## Organizations

Sons of the Revolution certificate, 1908

Grand Army of the Republic certificate, 1935

Thomas E. Perkins (1872-1938, son of Francis B. Perkins)**Box 1 (cont.)**

## Biographical material

Correspondence. Clippings and Letters of Reference, 1912, 1926, 1985; letter from Charles L. Morgan regarding sacred music and the tradition of singing in church, August 21, 1920

## Estate papers

Legal documents and related papers, 1938-1940

## Financial papers

Accounts and stock papers, 1905, 1926

## Military Service

Illinois National Guard Honorable Discharges, 1919, 1921

Real estate papers, 1926

Speech regarding the Elgin, Illinois, YMCA

Wedding Book, 1910

**Oversize folder h001 (cont.)**

Education

Metropolitan College of Music, New York City, diploma, 1897

Organizations

Sons of the Revolution Membership Certificate, 1908

**Box 16**

*Prelude (for a Solemn Festival)*, Thomas E Perkins, January 1917

*A Grecian Frieze*, for wind and string ensemble, with lyrics

Draft of an untitled composition for ensemble, 52 pages

Draft of an untitled composition for ensemble, 69 pages

Untitled composition for ensemble, 64 pages

Untitled composition for wind and string ensemble, 18 pages

Alfred J. Perkins (1912-2002, son of Thomas E. Perkins)

**Box 1 (cont.)**

Biographical material

Vita

Correspondence (general), regarding genealogy, 1945, 1960, 1976,  
1983, 1986-1987, 1991

Artwork

Photographs [see Box 4]

Education papers

**Oversize folder h002**

Diplomas

Elgin High School, 1929

Kenyon College, 1933

Johns Hopkins University, 1937

**Box 1 (cont.)**

Elgin High School

Commencement program, 1929

Class reunions news, 1989, 1996-1997

Kenyon College

Transcript, 1929-1933 (1954)

"Electrical Measurements" notebook, 1932-1933

Campus photograph, circa 1940s

Johns Hopkins University

Transcript, 1933-1937 (1954)

Estate papers, 1920, 1927

Farm papers (copies, 1844-1845)

Financial and real estate papers

Correspondence, 1942, 1949, 1955

Legal documents and related papers, 1927-1977

Honors and awards, 1935-1984

**Box 17 (cont.)**

State of Illinois Department of Agriculture, Centennial  
Farm Certificate, 1983

**Box 1 (cont.)**

Local history papers  
 Elgin history material  
 Newspaper clippings on Elgin Congregational Church

Military Service  
 Correspondence, 1943-1952  
 Administrative file  
     Travel vouchers, Per Diem details, itineraries, 1945-1957  
     Certificates of Individual Performance, 1950-1953  
 Chemical Warfare Services Technical Command, Formulas, 1945  
 Honorable Discharge certificates, 1945, 1954  
 Identification cards and permits, 1940-1947  
 Information bulletins, 1950  
 Meeting notices, 1950  
 Notes on research and meetings, circa 1940s  
 Officers' clearance papers, 1945-1951  
 Orders, 1942-1953  
 Personnel rosters  
     Officers at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas, 1942-1946  
     5008th OR. Research and Development Unit, Navy Pier, Chicago, 1950  
     Project outlines, 1949  
     Project reports, 1949-1952  
     Promotions and citations, 1945-1947  
     Radiological Training School lectures, 1950  
     Reports (drafts), circa 1940s  
     Retirement benefits papers, 1949-1952  
     Special orders, 1945

Organizations  
 Columbia Yacht Club  
     Correspondence, 1963, 1983  
 Midwest Open Racing Fleet  
     Constitution and bylaws, membership rosters, event programs and results, photographs, 1970-1975

Professional papers  
 Argonne National Laboratory  
     Correspondence, 1961-1970  
     Administrative file, 1960-1970  
     Report of Foreign Travel, 1972  
     Research designs, 1968-1969

DuPont  
     Employment contract, 1936

**Box 2**

University of Illinois College of Pharmacy  
 Correspondence, 1940-1978  
 Employment contracts, 1946-1975  
 Letters of recommendation, 1960-1975  
 Sabbatical Year at University of Bristol  
     Correspondence and related papers, 1967-1969  
 Professional certificates, 1946

Publications (reprints, offprints, manuscripts) [includes related correspondence]

Claudia Perkins (daughter of Alfred J. Perkins)

Commencement program, Evanston Township High School, 1968

Perkins Genealogy

Perkins family history

George A. Perkins, *The Family of John Perkins of Ipswich, Massachusetts*, 1882

D.W. Perkins, *Perkins Families in the United States in 1790*, 1911

J. Montgomery Seaver, *Perkins Family History*, 1929

Kane County Federal Land Grant records (copies)

Burlington Township Cemeteries, Kane County (Illinois), 1978

Ephemera (etchings, prints, paintings of churches, animals)

**Box 17 (cont.)**

The Boston Newsletter, No. 1, April 17 to April 24, 1704  
[reprint]

**Mann Family**

**Box 2 (cont.)**

William Mann

Military service

Revolutionary War records (copies), circa 1782-1783

**Box 17 (cont.)**

James Mann (1794-1898, son of William Mann)

Real estate papers, 1849, 1860-1861, 1866

**Box 2 (cont.)**

Franklin Mann (1816-1881, son of James Mann)

Biographical material

Estate papers, 1881-1883

Electa Mann (1816-1888, wife of Franklin Mann)

Estate papers, 1888

Sylvester "S. S." Mann (1827-1885, son of James Mann)

Biographical material

Estate papers, 1885-1888

Alfred J. Mann (1835-1907, son of James Mann)

Biographical material

Correspondence, 1882, 1886, 1889, 1891, 1893

Correspondents include Lovina Baker (cousin), Franklin Mann (brother), Albert B. Sherman (cousin), and Dan [Sherman] (nephew). Subjects include family news. Dan Sherman (March 7, 1891) discusses the U.S. cotton and linen business and describes his experiences in Millville, New Jersey.

Estate papers, 1898, 1909-1911, 1921-1922

**Oversize folder d007**

Plat of Burlington, June 27, 1898 [Includes original and 4 photostat copies]

**Box 2 (cont.)**

Financial papers

Tax receipts and promissory notes, 1885-1897

Legal papers

Elgin Butter Co., 1897-1902

**Box 17 (cont.)**

Organizations

Masonic Benevolent Association of Central Illinois, membership certificate, 1884

Real estate papers

Personal real estate, 1845-1905 [See also Miscellaneous for plat map of Burlington Township, oversize folder]

Citizens of Elgin, Illinois, circa 1840s-1910s

**Elsie J. Mann (1835-1920, wife of Alfred J. Mann)**

[Alfred J. and Elsie J. Mann's daughter Effie Clare married Thomas E. Perkins in 1910, linking the families.]

Biographical material

Correspondence, 1886-1887, 1913

Correspondents include Alice Howe (friend), Mary O'Connor (niece), Florence [?] (niece), and Gertrude [?] (niece), regarding family news.

Real estate papers, 1912

**Effie Clare Mann Perkins (1875-1912, daughter of Alfred J. Mann)****Oversize folder f003**

Education papers

Diplomas

Elgin High School, 1894

University of Michigan, 1899

Organizations

Daughters of the American Revolution certificates (2), 1901

**Box 2 (cont.)**

Real estate papers, 1910

**James F. Mann (1866-?, son of Alfred J. Mann)**

Correspondence from R.P. Brackett (fiancé), regarding family news, 1886

**Mann Genealogy**

Mann family history

Sherman-Mann genealogy

Manns in County Histories

Manns in Burlington, Illinois

**Box 17 (cont.)**

Family Tree

**Related families****Box 2 (cont.)****Campbell Family**Harriet S. Campbell

Scrapbook, circa 1880s-1920s

**Downs Family**Mary Downs (niece of Frank B. Perkins)

Correspondence, 1891, 1896, 1911

Correspondents include Frank B. Perkins, regarding family news.

**Raymond Family**Augustine Raymond (1802-1857, father of Mary Raymond Perkins)

Correspondence with his wife Nancy, 1837-1838, 1842

Augustine Raymond, originally of Albany County, New York, began working as superintendent of canal repairs on the Chenango Canal, at Sherburne, New York, in 1837. That same year he began corresponding with his future wife Nancy, widow of his friend Henry Williams, of Knoxville (now Knox), Albany County. The couple's first letters, from June 1837 until their marriage in February 1838, reveal the passion and longing they felt for each other, intensified by Augustine's move to Sherburne, 90 miles from home. Their philosophical, beautifully written letters discuss religion, nature, love and death, politics, social interactions, and family life. (Nancy had a young son, Henry, Jr.)

The distance between Sherburne and Knoxville forced Augustine to court Nancy through his letters, and through their exchanges we learn that Augustine was in love with Nancy even when her husband was alive; that he believed he would never have Nancy, and had resigned himself to the life of a bachelor; and that Nancy loved both her dead husband and Augustine, who eventually came to terms with her feelings.

Following the couple's marriage on February 8, 1838 (Augustine was 36, Nancy in her early 20s), their letters became less romantic, and more practical. Although a few of Nancy's letters contain serious discussions of religion and her struggles between godly love and carnal love, Nancy mostly discusses the couple's mortgage and expresses anxiety about her brother's upcoming trip to New York City (where he will surely be exposed to temptation and vice). Augustine's letters discuss a smallpox outbreak in Sherburne, Nancy and Henry, Jr.'s plan to move to Sherburne in June 1838, and an encounter with a



Portland, Maine, man, bound for Alton, Illinois, who lost his fortune in the Panic of 1837.

In the sole letter from 1842, Nancy discusses her brother's excitement about moving to Illinois, and suggests that her entire family will eventually move west. By 1847, Augustine and Nancy's family had settled in Elgin.

#### Letters

Augustine Raymond to J.T. Gifford, March 19, 1838 (printed)  
 Augustus Adams to Augustine Raymond, July 30, 1847,  
 regarding issues at the 1847 Illinois Constitutional  
 Convention (tax, judicial, and naturalization provisions,  
 the last leading to a duel)

Receipts for Burial Plots, Elgin, Illinois, 1846

Circular (by V. Ten Eyck, Chief Clerk), regarding the Chenango  
 Canal Fund, 1841

New York State Barge Canal Planning and Development Board, *Canal  
 Laws, Rate of Toll, Regulations, and Names of the  
 Principal Places...*, 1841

[Augustine and Nancy Raymond's daughter, Mary, married Francis "Frank"  
 B. Perkins, linking the families.]

#### Harvey Raymond (brother of Augustine Raymond)

Correspondence with Augustine and Nancy Raymond, 1837-1838

Harvey Raymond's letters to his brother and sister-in-law describe: the "Eden-like" Rock River Valley, which Harvey considers ideal for steamboat navigation; the fine furniture, libraries, and fashions he did not expect to find on the frontier; the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal (Harvey Raymond worked on the canal at Lockport, Ill.); pork, beef, flour, oats, potato, corn, and butter prices; land rights in Northern Illinois; his distaste over squatters on the frontier; moral and social conditions of Illinois; lack of religious options in Illinois; and the quality of the people in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin. Raymond also recounts a story about a contractor named Mr. Brooks who shot an Irish laborer and then blew up the man's house with gun powder. This drew a Chicago militia to the scene and resulted in the arrest of 12 persons. Those arrested escaped, but were later re-captured.

Raymond's high opinion of Illinois is evident in his statement, "There is throughout this region an early and commendable attention manifested for laying the foundation of literary, moral, and religious institutions, that promise well for the future." Of the Rock River Valley, he writes, "It would seem that the Great Architect left the loveliest impress of his creative powers, and in relenting benevolence let the curse fall lightly on this favorite labor of his hands."

B.W. Raymond

Real estate papers

Abstract of title for B.W. Raymond Subdivision, Elgin, Kane  
County, Illinois, 1874Mary A. C. Raymond

Real estate papers, 1880

Raymond Genealogy**Box 3**Samuel Raymond, *Genealogies of the Raymond Families of New  
England, 1630-1 to 1886*, 1886Earle F. and Elizabeth D. Johnson, *The Raymond Ancestry*, 1952-  
1959**Terwilliger Family**

G.C. Terwilliger, Jr., "Terwilliger Genealogy," 1980-1981

Related materials

**Box 17 (cont.)**

Family tree

**Wheeler Family****Box 3 (cont.)**Alijah Wheeler (great-great-grandfather of Frank B. Perkins)  
Will, 1759**Perkins Family photographs****Box 4**

Family scrapbook

Three-ring binders

Identified

Mostly identified

Mostly unidentified

Large framed photographs

**Oversize folder h004**

Terwilliger family photograph

Group photograph of veterans gathered for a GAR(?) event

Portrait of Frank B. Perkins

**Oversize folder h005**

Portrait of Frank B. Perkins with unidentified man

Portrait of Frank B. Perkins with Thomas E. Perkins as a child,  
1874**Oversize folder h006**

Portrait of Mary Raymond Perkins

**Perkins Family Artwork****Oversize folder h004 (cont.)**

Black and white watercolor painting of the original Perkins Cabin

**Oversize folder h006 (cont.)**

Two paintings, one of a woman and one of a man, by J.W. Dodge,  
1880

**Box 5**

Albums  
Loose photographs (mostly unidentified)  
Tintypes (unidentified)

**Miscellaneous Personal Papers****Box 6**

Notebook, undated

**Box 16 (cont.)**

Valentines Cards, penwork by Jessie Goodrow, verses by Mary Downs  
"Tiny Twinkle Toe- The Friendly Gnome" arranged by Verner  
Teichen, circa 1934

**Oversize folder d007 (cont.)**

Plat map of Burlington Township showing land ownership in 1840s-  
1850s, undated

**Publications****Box 6 (cont.)**

*Newman's Rhetoric* by Samuel P. Newman, 1846  
*Introduction to the Sciences* edited by Meredith Reese, 1855  
*Elementary School Speller Part II* by J. N. Hunt, 1916  
*A Second Course in Algebra* by Marquis Newell and George Harper,  
1923  
*A German-English Dictionary for Chemists* by Austin M. Patterson,  
1924  
*High School Chemistry* by Charles Dull, 1925  
*The Chemistry of Powder and Explosives* by Tenney L. Davis Ph.D.,  
1943  
*Quantitative Pharmaceutical Chemistry* by Glenn Jenkins, John  
Christian, and George Hager Ph.D.'s, 1957  
*Infrared Absorption Spectroscopy* by Koji Nakinishi, 1964  
*Lays of Ancient Rome* by Lord Macaulay, undated

**Box 7**

*The Holy Bible*, H. & E. Phinney edition, 1842  
*The Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments*, 1859

*A Short Table of Integrals* by B. O. Pierce, 1929

**Box 8**

*Beauties of Church Music: Mason's Sacred Harp Vol 1*, by Lowell Mason and Timothy B Mason, 1840

*The Holy Bible*, William W. Harding, 1866 (gifted Mary E. Raymond by the Reformed Church of Knox)

**Box 9**

*Early Poems* by Russell Lowell, 1865

**Box 10**

*History of the United States* by Emma Willard, 1844

**Box 11**

*Hitchcock's New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible* by Reverend Roswell D. Hitchcock, 1869

**Box 12**

*The Book of the Common Prayer*, undated

**Box 13**

Prayer book, 1814

**Box 14**

*Plymouth Collection of Hymns and Tunes*, 1855

**Box 15**

*Sacred Harmony, or a Collection of Psalm Tunes, Ancient and Modern* by R. Harrison, 1788

*American Sunday School Psalmody* by E. Ives Jun., 1832

*Belshazzar: A Dramatic Cantata, In Five Acts*. By C.R. Blackall and J.A. Butterfield, 1876

*The Jubilee* by Wm B. Bradbury, 1858

*The New Singing Class*, published by the Mason Brothers, circa 1860s

*Perkin's Choir Anthems* by H.S. Perkins, 1884

*Masterpieces of French Operas, Aida*, by M. Ghislanzoni, G. Verdi, and M. Variol, circa 1892

*Masterpieces of French Operas, Faust*, by M. Carre, J. Barbier, C. Gounod, and M. Variol, circa 1890s

*Masterpieces of French Operas, Guillaume Tell* by Bis and Jouy, Rossini, and M. Variol, circa 1890s

*The Beggar's Opera: English Ballad Operas*, incomplete, edited by John Oxenford and J.L Hatton, circa 19<sup>th</sup> century

*The 42<sup>nd</sup> Psalm, As the Hart Pants* by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, circa 19<sup>th</sup> century

*Temple Anthems for the Service of the Sanctuary* by Rev. Robert  
Lowry and W. Howard Doane, 1873  
*The Western Bell* by H.S. Perkins and Frederick H. Pease, 1857

**Box 16 (cont.)**

*The Children's Christmas: Favorite Carols for Singing, Playing  
and Coloring*, arranged by Wayne Norman, 1945  
*Waltzes* by Franz Schubert, selected and edited by Guy Maier, 1951  
*Let Us Have Music for Piano* arranged and edited by Maxwell  
Eckstein, 1940  
*Schubert Hmoll-Symphonie* published by Edition Peters, undated