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**I. Edwin Lawrence Correspondence**

Letters Sent:

Thomas Lawrence (father), Fresh Meadows, from Flushing, July 8, July 30, and September 2, 1824: report of sprained ankle; Edwin's application to his studies; his outing from New Haven to New York, where he saw Lafayette.

Note, in Edwin Lawrence's hand, outlining the school assignments resulting in the last two of these letters to his father.

Elizabeth Lawrence (mother), Fresh Meadows, from Flushing, July 22, 1824: thankful for God's blessings.

Note, in Edwin Lawrence's hand, stating the assignment that led to this letter to his mother.

James Lawrence (brother), Pleasant Valley, from Flushing, December 2, 1824: report of a trip to visit his uncle; description of a fox hunt.

Mary E. Lawrence (sister), Flushing, from Schenectady, May 16, 1825: comments on the Erie Canal and on Union College.

Unidentified, from Flushing, April 13, 1831: discussion of business affairs, including a request for a better supply of whiskey, references to four employees, and the writer's opposition to construction of a slaughterhouse nearby.

Letters Received:

L. H. Mitchell, Richmond [?], to Flushing, August 22, 1830: advice on settling particular accounts and on stocking certain items, including lemons and limes.

Photographs:

[Lawrence's mother and sister?]. By Briggs & Davis, New York, wrapped in paper imprinted with a Flushing dressmaker's advertisement.

**II. Gerardus B. Docharty Correspondence**

Letters Received:

James Benjamin, East Smithfield, London, to Hempstead, Long Island, May 19, 1840, regarding a voyage from Cape Town to London, with comments on both places.

Morris Franklin, New York City, to Matinecock [?], Long Island, September 19, October 3, and December 22, 1832: comments on the quickening of business in New York, the Kembles in *Romeo and Juliet*, an anti-Jackson meeting, and an approaching marriage; comments on marriage in general, description of

an Anti-Masonic meeting in Schenectady at which he spoke, view that President Jackson will be defeated, and effects of a cholera epidemic on business; speculations on why Docharty has not written, regrets that Jackson won re-election, anticipation of the sleigh-riding season.

Latting, Jno. J. Middlebury, Vermont, to Jamaica, New York, September 26, 1835: comments on college life, including advice to a prospective student on books to study; Middlebury to Hampstead, June 26, 1838: description of a trip to and from Long Island, including a stop at West Point and a meeting with Walter Colton, journalist and author of travel accounts; New York to Flushing, April 28, 1838: appreciative recollection of Docharty's teaching.

Cornelius, Lot [?], Matinecock [?], to Flushing, January 30, 1835: comments on religion and morality in general, with some concluding references to people Docharty knows.

Monfort, John, Cincinnati, to his brother, August 28, 1825 plans to work in a type foundry; requests \$10.

Monfort, William P. On verso of preceding letter, to his brothers and sisters, in an envelope directed to Docharty, in Flushing; two additional letters to Docharty, his uncle, in Hempstead, from Urban College, Prop. Fide., Rome, July 6 [?], 1838 and August 28, 1840: discussion of the curriculum, which stresses Latin and Greek and neglects mathematics.

### III. Gerardus B. Docharty Papers

Application to the Regents of the University of the State of New York to incorporate Trinity College and Grammar School of Flushing, Jan. 16-30, 1845.

Includes a description of the buildings erected in the previous five years, a listing of the books in the library, an inventory of the philosophical apparatus and other property, and names of the trustees. Signed by G. B. Docharty and Daniel T. Smith, and certified by William H. Barroll, counselor at law.

#### Writings by Docharty

Address to a literary association of which Docharty was President, quoting its former secretary, [Lot?] Cornelius, and expressing concern that the association languishes while Bible, missionary, and tract societies prosper.

Address (fragment) on national character, with the view that it is formed more by education than by climate.

Address to a committee, answering charges against Docharty and St. Thomas' Hall, in an article written by P. G. L. [the editor of the *Jamaica Farmer?*].

Address to Odd Fellows (Pacific Lodge No. 85), answering further charges against Docharty by P. G. L., another member of the lodge.

#### Notebooks, photocopied

"A Treatise, Algebra," including a preface and definitions

Paragraphs in Latin

Autobiographical note, June 15, 1804. Early studies, with aptitude for mathematics.

Mathematical problems, mostly algebra

Financial notes, 1823

Names of students in day and evening schools, 1822-1824

### Other Items

Land indenture, from Hewlett Townsend, Jackson S. Townsend, and Robert F. Underhill to George Townsend, relating to property in Lattingtown, Oyster Bay Township, Queens County, conveyed for \$1,525 on April 23, 1829  
Verso of document includes a statement (in pencil too faint to read) for a literary association and the names (mostly in ink) of its members, about 1831  
"The Tree of Dissipation," a statement against drunkenness, written so that the lines suggest the profile of a tree  
Geometrical problem, on a slip of paper  
Note to Docharty for \$93.30, on the Butchers' & Drovers' Bank, and a page evidently used as an envelope for it  
Photograph of Docharty (reproduction, 8" x 10")