Chase-Cromwell-Underhill family papers
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Summary Information

Repository          Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator             Chase, Thomas, 1827-1892

Creator             Cromwell, Caroline Anne

Creator             Cromwell, James W., 1842-

Creator             Cromwell, Lincoln, -1952

Creator             Cromwell, William, 1800-1972

Title               Chase-Cromwell-Underhill family papers,

Date                1782-1952

Extent              25.0 Folders

Language            English

Abstract            The collection is concentrated on the period of 19th to early 20th century and includes the correspondence, diaries, genealogies, wills, deeds and scrapbooks of the Quaker Chase, Cromwell and Underhill families.

Preferred Citation note

Haverford College Library, Haverford, PA, Special Collections, Quaker Collection, Chase-Cromwell-Underhill family papers, Coll. No. 1238
Biographical/Historical note

The donor of the collection Logan Goodman, discovered this collection in a barn on her property. No information on the previous owner is known.

James W. Cromwell (1842- ) was a member of Haverford College class of 1859. He was one of the founders of the literary society at Haverford, Athenaeum, secretary of the Henry Society. After graduation, he became a mercantile banker and a member of the firm of William Iselin & Co. He was a night hospital nurse during the Civil War at the New England Soldiers' Relief Hospital in NY. He was a member of many clubs -- arts, sciences and business.

From: Haverford College Matriculate Catalog, p. 91

Lincoln Cromwell (-1952) was elected a trustee of the Bowery Savings Bank in 1917 and remained so until his death. He was a partner in William Iselin & Co (drygoods company) from 1898.

William Cromwell (1800-1872) was the son of James and Charlotte Cromwell. He married Caroline Underhill in 1825. He was a member of the Society of Friends and was active in working toward emancipation and the humane treatment of Indians. He was a member of the House of Refuge for Juvenile Delinquents. He was a trustee of the Bowery Savings Bank. His daughter, Alice, married Thomas Chase, president of Haverford College.

From internal evidence

Eleanora Kissel was a member of the American Expeditionary Forces with the YMCA Army of Occupation in France and Germany from March 1918-July 1919. She was also painted landscapes, still lifes and figures

Thomas Chase (1827-1892), son of Anthony and Lydia Chase, was president of Haverford College, 1875-1886. A New Testament scholar and a member of the American Committee for the revision of the Bible, Thomas Chase came to Haverford from Harvard as Professor of Philology and Classical Literature dedicated to high scholarship and community for its 40-some students. He authored numerous publications on classical subjects. His address at the Friends' School on Whittier in 1884 was said by the poet to be "the most discriminating, just and sympathetic criticism of his literary work that he had seen, and he made him one of his literary executors." He married Alice Cromwell.

Alice Cromwell Chase (1837-1882) was the daughter of William Cromwell and a member of Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia for the Western District. She married Thomas Chase.

From The Friends' Review

Scope and Contents note
The collection includes members of the Quaker Chase, Cromwell and Underhill families. The principal authors are Lincoln Cromwell, Thomas Chase and Alice Cromwell Chase. The papers are oriented toward business -- several of the Cromwells and Underhills were involved in the Bowery Savings Bank in New York, for example. The letters are primarily on topics of health and daily life. There are a few diaries by women in the collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Conditions Governing Access note
This collection is open for research use.

Conditions Governing Use note
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Custodial History note
Logan Goodman gift, November 1995

Related Materials

Separated Materials note
"Oration by Thomas Chase and Poem by John G. Whitter ...", 1860. Printed obituary of Alice Cromwell Chase To Quaker Collection.

Controlled Access Headings
Family Name(s)

- Chase family
- Cromwell family
- Underhill family
# Collection Inventory

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<th>Box</th>
<th>Thomas Chase and Alice Cromwell Chase</th>
<th>1.0 Item</th>
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**Scope and Contents note**

- Biography of Thomas Chase written by Rhode Island Historical Society, n.d. Typescript
  Perhaps presented to Augustine Jones, Head of Friends School in Providence
- Alice Cromwell (later Chase) diary, 1854

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<th>Box</th>
<th>Chase, Cromwell and Underhill family photos</th>
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**Scope and Contents note**

Photos are of:

- Daniel Cromwell, J.W. Cromwell, Thomas Chase, wife of Thomas Cromwell, tennis players: Mabel Cromwell, Bessie Wheeler, Mabel Wheeler Cromwell?, Lincoln Cromwell and other children, Everett Smith, Joshua Underhill and Stuart Cooper

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

Photos are water-stained
Letters of Cromwell family members and others 1840-1894  6.0 Items

**Scope and Contents note**

Letters primarily on topics of health and daily life.

Highlights include:


Caroline Anne Cromwell diaries 1839-1849  2.0 Items

Cromwell family genealogical information  1.0 Folder

Cromwell family documents 1782-1858  14.0 Items

**Scope and Contents note**

Documents include wills, deeds, financial or estate statement, a copy of a memorial and a marriage certificate (1782)

James Cromwell Sr. deeds 1800-1868  5.0 Items

**Scope and Contents note**

Deeds are for property in Orange County, NY, 1800-1868; also, terms of sale of land in 1868, after death of James Cromwell

James W. Cromwell papers  11.0 Items
Scope and Contents note

Included is correspondence, 1880-1920 (5 items), certificates, including as a trustee of the Bowery Savings Bank, Manhattan Union Club minutes, 1864, and an article about Cromwell that appeared in the Haverford News in 1932.

Highlights include:

Chase, Thomas. Haverford College, 1880 2/6. Not a problem that Cromwell didn't come to judge some event at Haverford. He attended the first meeting of the American Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis in NY. Haverford catalog includes list of prizes

Cromwell, James W. to his sister, New York, 1880 2/28. Happy to have been elected a trustee of the Bowery Bank as was his father. Selling some real estate and hopes to realize $40,000. Has vaccinated his family himself, have gotten animal virus from the "Vaccine Farm" in New Jersey

Townsend, Gerard B. New York, 1920 12/7. Sends certified copy of Cromwell's father's will which includes the real estate in Orange County

The mission of the Manhattan Union Club was to reelect Abraham Lincoln. James W. Cromwell was the secretary of the club.

Lincoln Cromwell papers 3.0 Folders

Scope and Contents note

Included is correspondence (1894-1942), events and memorials, business, compositions and papers relating to academic life and scrapbook

The correspondence (ca. 20 items, almost exclusively letters to Cromwell) relays information on Cromwell's engagement to Mabel W. Smith and from her after marriage, his engagement and promotion by the firm of Wm. Iselin & Co., on his daughter's progress at the Mt. Kemble School and in 1942 a letter on Cromwell's fine character.

Events and memorial include The Hermean Society, The Society for Literary Knowledge, a dinner for Charles Eisenman and memorial upon Cromwell's death (1952).
Business includes 2 leases.


Papers relating to public school, Brooklyn Polytechnic and Columbia University

The scrapbook, which includes an index, includes Cromwell's speeches, reports, copies of his letters, poems or odes to various people, several family trees

William Cromwell papers  1.0 Folder

Scope and Contents note

Includes a sketch of the life of William Cromwell written by his son, James W. Cromwell, document referring to probate of Cromwell's will, 1872, letters (2), business papers (3), passport
to Ann Underhill. Lawnside, 1862 4/20. Has seen Thomas Chase and wife and baby, will attend meeting to choose a new clerk

James Cromwell family tree  1.0 Item

Scope and Contents note

In roll form, the descendants of James Cromwell (1752-1858) have no dates. Thomas Chase who married Alice Cromwell is included

Underhill family

Underhill family papers
Scope and Contents note

Included are:

Marriage certificate of Joshua Underhill and Mary Sutton, 1789;

Articles of copartnership between William Cromwell and Abraham Underhill, 1844;

Letters (7) of Underhill family members, 1839-1913?, including from:

Alice, Anna, AU, Eliza, Ira, John, Mother on various family topics, including health, the help, death of a sister and father, request for copy of the charter of the Bowery Savings Bank

Genealogical information on the Underhill family

Diary, 1849-1858. Unsigned, but by the sister of Caroline Underhill. Reports on many events, including Meeting, a school run by her, being at Haverford. The diary begins: "Richard Mott preached an excellent sermon. After tea father and I called at Stephen Grellett's. He gave us some very good advice."

Family history and genealogy, 1880. Including descriptions of assistance in the Underground Railroad, Yellow Fever, Nine Partners School (bound notebook)

Album of verse by S.F. Underhill, including accomplished drawings, one signed "HU" (bound notebook)

Miscellaneous

Histories of Bryn Mawr, Smith family and miscellaneous 1.0 Folder

Scope and Contents note
1. Bryn Mawr before the Civil War. by unknown writer. Ms. and Ts. Includes information on Levi Morris and Naomi McClenaghan, p. 20 (see Morris, Shinn, Maier papers, coll. no. 1191)

2. Recollections of Life on a Pennsylvania Farm 50 Years Ago by unknown writer.

3. Address delivered by Dr. Cornelius B. Smith at Trinity College, 1912

4. Biographical information on Nathan Smith (1808-1878)

5. Biographical information on Dr. Cornelius B. Smith, son of Nathan Smith

6. "The Three Mrs. Paynes": a play by Mrs. Jarvis Cromwell

7. "Just before Vespers" by Barbara Cromwell

Eleanora Kissel letters 1918-1919  1.0 Folder

Scope and Contents note

ca. 25 items

The Kissel letters are addressed to her father and Mayta with detailed descriptions of location, and apparently, the canteen where she works where there are 1200 men on leave. Her work begins in France in 1918, but moves to Germany in early 1919, with descriptions of the surrounding areas. Watched Gen. Pershing review the troops; goes sightseeing and to parties.

There is one letter from Wolff to Jarvis Cromwell, Berlin, 1947, stating that he has broken with his earlier ideas, his economic situation desperate and hopes Cromwell will help. His sister had been violated 3 times by the Russians and committed suicide. His mother died of weakness and malnutrition. He, himself, had been captured by the British

Stuart, Bull and Jones families

Scope and Contents note
Includes biographical information on the Stuart, Stimson and Bull families, as well as a copy of the will of Col. John Jones