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Guide to the Frederick W. Rhineland family papers , 1842 – 1911

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Descriptive Summary

<i>Collection Identifier</i>	MS.101
<i>Title</i>	Frederick W. Rhineland family papers
<i>Creator</i>	Rhineland, Frederick William, 1828-1904
<i>Date</i>	1842 – 1911 (bulk 1842 – 1888)
<i>Extent</i>	1 Box including academic records, bookplates, correspondence, and approximately 70 photographs.
<i>Abstract</i>	This collection contains correspondence, photographs, and other material from the extended family of Frederick William Rhineland of New York and Newport.

Historical Note

Frederick William Rhinelanders (1828-1904) was born in New York to his father of the same name and Mary Lucy Ann Stevens Rhinelanders. He graduated from Columbia College in 1847. In 1851, he married Frances D. Skinner, daughter of the Reverend Thomas H. Skinner. Together, they had eight children, Mary, Frances, Ethel, Frederick William Jr, Alice, Helen, Thomas Newbold, and Philip.

He was a member of Knickerbocker, City and Southside Sportmen's Clubs, the Downtown Association, the Mendelssohn Glee Club and American Geographical Society. He served as vice president and president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He died of heart failure in Sturbridge, Massachusetts in September, 1904.

Scope and Content

This collection contains approximately 35 letters and approximately 70 photographs, from the extended family of Frederick William Rhinelanders of New York and Newport, as well as pieces from the Skinner and Cameron families. The letters reveal domestic and business matters from Frederick and his wife, Frances Skinner Rhinelanders to and from their children. Also, letters between the children from New York, Newport, St. Paul's School in Concord, NH and Harvard University. Other family names mentioned are Newbold, King, Jones, and Edgar. Highlights include charming illustrated letters from Helen Rhinelanders Cameron to her older brother Thomas "Maso," describing childhood activities in New York and Newport. Attending photos parties and playing games with friends and cousins such as Edith "Pussy" Jones, later Edith Wharton. Other highlights include, attending theater productions at Madison Square by the actor Edwin Booth (brother of John Wilkes Booth) and refusing to attend Theodore Roosevelt's wedding because of the heavy rain. Also included in the gift is an engraved copper plate of Skinner coat of arms, with several printed bookplates belonging to Thomas H. Skinner.

Subject Access

People

Cameron, Helen Lucretia (Rhinelanders), 1864-1892
Cameron, Lewis
King, Ethel Ledyard (Rhinelanders), 1857-1925
Rhinelanders, Alice K.
Rhinelanders, Frances D. (Skinner)
Rhinelanders, Frederick William, 1828-1904

Rhineland, Frederick William, 1859-1904
Rhineland, Philip Mercer, 1869-1939
Rhineland, Thomas Newbold, b. 1865
Rives, Mary F. (Rhineland)
Skinner, Thomas H.
Wilcox, Isaac

Subjects

Families--United States
Socialites
Rhode Island--History
Social life and customs

Form/Genre

bookplates
correspondence
report cards
photographs

Access and Use

Physical Access

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Descriptive Rules Finding aid based on *Describing Archives: A Content Standard* (DACS)

Accession Info The Frederick W. Rhineland family papers were received as a gift to the Newport Historical Society in June 2011.

Accession Number: 2011.18

Inventory

Series 01: Correspondence and other materials , circa 1842 – 1911

Series comprises of letters and academic records. The majority of the of the correspondences are letters between siblings Helen Rhineland Cameron and Thomas Newbold Rhineland. Within the letters the family discusses domestic and business matters, and other family names that are mentioned are Newbold, King, Jones, and Edgars. Highlights include Helen's illustrated letters, such as dinner party seating arrangements. Letters to Thomas also describe childhood activities in New York and Newport, such as attending parties and playing games with friends and cousins such as Edith "Pussy" Jones, later Edith Wharton. Letters also discuss attending theater productions at Madison Square by the actor Edwin Booth (brother of John Wilkes Booth) and refusing to attend the wedding of Theodore Roosevelt due to heavy rain.

File 01.001: Academic Records , circa 1911

Cameron, Helen fourth grade report card (1911 April-May) Cameron, Helen report

card from National Cathedral School (1885-1890)

File 01.002: Bookplates

Skinner, Thomas H. copper printing plate has been stored separately from the manuscripts in this collection (undated) Skinner, Thomas H. bookplate printings (undated)

File 01.003: Correspondence , 1842 – 1905

Rhineland, Frances Skinner letter to mother (1842 September 01) Valentine poem 1847(February 13) Rhineland, John R. letter to Frederick W. Rhineland (1848 May 03) Rhineland, Frederick W. letter to Frances Skinner Rhineland (1857 October 14) Rhineland, Frederick W. letter to F (1864 July 23) Rhineland, Frederick W. letter to mother (1866 February 14) Rhineland, Thomas Newbold letter to Frederick W. Rhineland (1866 July 4) Skinner, Nancy letter to her family (1869 April 7) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1878 September 22) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1879 March 18) Rhineland, Philip M. letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1879 April 29) Rhineland, Philip M. letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1880 February 08) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1881 October) Rhineland, Frederick W. letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1881 November 24) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1882 May 08) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1883 April 29) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1885 December 06) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1887 January 28) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1887 March 22) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (1888 May 05) Rhineland, Frederic W. letter to Ethel Rhineland King (1900 January 11) Unknown author letter to Mary, this letter is mostly illegible (1905 April 7)

File 01.004: Correspondence

This folder also contains envelopes that have been separated from their corresponding letter. Rhineland, Thomas Newbold letter to Frances Skinner Rhineland (February 3) ARR letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (February 28) Rhineland, Frederick W. letter to Grandmama (August 19) Rhineland, Frederick W. letter to Ethel Rhineland King (September 9) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (September 23) Cameron, Lewis letter to

Ethel Rhineland King Letter is dated "St. Andrew's Day" (November 30 in Scotland) Aegis, Bous letter to Isaac Wilcox (undated) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (undated) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (undated) Cameron, Helen Rhineland letter to Thomas Newbold Rhineland (undated) Rhineland, Frances Skinner letter from mother (undated) Skinner, Nancy letter to my family (undated)

Series 02: Photographs , 1900 – 1925

This series includes photographs from the Rhineland family vacations in Europe, child portraits and the Berkeley Estate. Highlights include photographs of the siblings playing tennis, as well as writing on the backside of photos reveal family nicknames such as "Turkey," and images of the Rhineland daughters walking on Rhode Island beaches with their pet dog named Peter.