

Guide to the Terry-Slocomb Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 483

CREATOR: Terry family

TITLE: Terry-Slocomb family papers

DATES: 1809-1891

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, a diary, household accounts, and professional documents relating to William Terry; his wife, Maria Roxana Slocomb Terry; his sister, Esther Asenath Terry; and their family and friends in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Whitlock's in 1942.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Preferred Citation

Terry-Slocomb Family Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

William Terry, son of Daniel and Mary Pease (Parsons) Terry, was born in Sutton, Massachusetts on June 8, 1822. He studied at Amherst College and in 1846 received his M.D. from Pennsylvania College. He practiced in Sutton, Massachusetts until 1860, when he moved to Ansonia, Connecticut. During the Civil War, Terry served as an assistant surgeon in a military hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. He died in 1908. Esther Asenath Terry, sister of William Terry, was born in Enfield, Connecticut on January 24, 1818. She was a nurse in military hospitals during the Civil War, a teacher of freedmen in Virginia and Georgia after the war, and a missionary in New York City. Terry died in Ansonia, Connecticut on November 16, 1880.

Scope and Contents

The Terry-Slocomb Family Papers consist mainly of correspondence, the bulk of which is letters addressed to William Terry; his wife, Maria Roxana (Slocomb) Terry; and his sister, Esther Asenath Terry, between 1840 and 189-. They wrote to one another and also received letters from friends and colleagues and from other members of the Terry and Slocomb families in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota. This is mainly personal correspondence, but the letters of William and Esther include accounts of their experiences as physician and nurse in U.S. Army hospitals during the Civil War, and Esther's later letters describe her work as a teacher in freedmen's schools in Virginia and Georgia and as a missionary among the Jews of New York City. There are also letters of their father Daniel Terry, from (his brother-in-law?) David Parsons, Harpers Ferry, Virginia, 1817-1821. All the letters are catalogued by sender and recipient in the Union and departmental manuscript catalogues.

The rest of the collection consists of a diary and professional documents of William Terry, household account books of Maria Roxana (Slocomb) Terry, and miscellaneous papers belonging to them and other members of the Terry family.

The Terry-Slocomb Family Papers were purchased from Whitlock's in 1942.

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b. 1	Correspondence	1817-1886
b. 2	Correspondence	1887-1891
b. 2	Maria Roxana (Slocomb) Terry Household account books	1848-1854
	William Terry	
b. 2	Certificates of his performance as student and teacher	1837-1846
b. 2	Diary	1841-1867
b. 2	Tickets of admission to medical lectures and facilities	1843-1846
b. 2	List of subscriptions to help him care for the sick and poor	1870
b. 2	Legal and financial papers	1809-1881
b. 2	Miscellaneous papers	undated
b. 2	Genealogical notes	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

African Americans
Education
Educators
Families
Freedmen
Jews
Medicine
Missionaries
Nurses
Physicians
Women

Geographic Names

Ansonia (Conn.)
Connecticut
Harpers Ferry (W. Va.)
New England
Southern States
Sutton (Mass.)
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
-- Medical and sanitary affairs

Names

Parsons, David, -1872
Terry, Esther Asenath, 1818-1880
Terry, Maria Roxana Slocumb, 1824-
Terry, William, 1822-1908

Families

Slocum family
Terry family