

# **Guide to the William Woodbridge Rodman Collection of Pomeroy Family Genealogy**

**GEN MSS 1095**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1095

**CREATOR:** Rodman, William Woodbridge, 1817-1900

**TITLE:** William Woodbridge Rodman collection of Pomeroy family genealogy

**DATES:** 1885-1908

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4 linear feet (14 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of correspondence, data forms, name indexes, and pedigree charts related to William Woodbridge Rodman's work on the genealogy of the Pomeroy family. Also present is the correspondence of Rebekah Pomeroy Bulkley, who continued Rodman's work after his death.

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

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Anna Pomeroy Rodman, 1913.

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### Custodial History

According to an autograph note inside the front cover of volume 1 of his correspondence scrapbooks, William Woodbridge Rodman began researching the Pomeroy family when he was 70 years of age.

Albert Alonzo Pomeroy, who completed and published *The History and Genealogy of the Pomeroy Family* (Toledo: Franklin Printing and Engraving Company, 1912), states on page 3 of his preface that following the death of Rodman, the genealogy project was taken up by Rebekah Wheeler Pomeroy Bulkley, and after her death in 1908 the family records were transferred to him by Anna Pomeroy Rodman. Albert Pomeroy sent the collection to Yale University Library in April 1913 at the request of Anna Rodman, following the directive William Woodbridge Rodman's wrote inside the front cover of his first scrapbook.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection includes materials previously identified by the following call number: Uncat MS Vault Pomeroy and Uncat MS Vault Rodman

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## William Woodbridge Rodman (1817-1900)

William Woodbridge Rodman was born on April 1, 1817, in Stonington, Connecticut, the son of William Woodbridge Rodman (1789-1854) and Lucy Sheldon Woodbridge Rodman (1794-1865). He graduated from Yale College in 1838 and from Jefferson Medical College in 1844, after which he opened a medical practice in Waterbury, Connecticut. On November 26, 1844, Rodman married Jerusha Pomeroy (1820-1871), the daughter of Benjamin and Jerusha Williams Pomeroy of Stonington, and on December 26, 1872, married his wife's sister, Anna Grosvenor Pomeroy (1840-1919). By his first wife he had four children, Charles Shepherd (1845-1925), Fanny (1848-1920), William (1853-1896), and Emily Taylor (1856-1906). By his second wife he had two children, Henry Bulkley (1874-1963) and Thomas Wheeler (1875-1949).

William Rodman moved his medical practice to New Haven, Connecticut in 1860, and died there on March 30, 1900.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of correspondence, data forms, name indexes, and family pedigree sheets related to William Woodbridge Rodman's work on the genealogy of the Pomeroy family. Also present is the correspondence of Rebekah Wheeler Pomeroy Bulkley, who continued Rodman's work after his death.

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## Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Correspondence, 1885-1908. II. Documents, undated. III. Pedigree Sheets, undated.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Scrapbooks and Correspondence, 1885-1908

2.63 linear feet (8 boxes)

William Rodman assembled his correspondence in six scrapbooks and created indexes for finding family names on the numbered pages within. After his death, work on the Pomeroy family genealogy was continued by his sister-in-law Rebekah Wheeler Pomeroy Bulkley (Mrs. Henry Thorp Bulkley, 1835-1908), and letters to her are in box 8.

Series I is organized into two subseries: Scrapbooks and Correspondence.

#### Scrapbooks

b. 1	Volume I, pages 1-248	1885-1893
b. 2	Volume II, pages 249-610	1885-1893
b. 3	Volume III, pages 611-850	1885-1893
b. 4	Volume IV, pages 851-1006	1885-1893
b. 5	Volume V, pages 1007-1249	1885-1893
b. 6	Volume VI, pages 1250-1426	1885-1893
b. 7	Scrapbook name indexes <i>6 Folders</i>	undated

#### Correspondence

b. 8	Perkins, Sarah Dewey	1904-1906
b. 8	Pomeroy, Hiram Sterling	1901-1904
b. 8	Pomeroy, Sylvester G.	1902-1908
b. 8	Other letters <i>5 Folders</i>	1890-1908

**Series II: Documents, undated***1 linear foot (5 boxes)*

The series holds documentation on the Pomeroy family, including data sheets that were sent out to family members to complete and return, a volume with family mailing addresses, and a two-volume set of records of family marriages, with additional material.

b. 9	Pomeroy Family Association data sheets <i>8 Folders</i>	undated
b. 10	Pomeroy Family Association data sheets <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 10	Family address book	undated
b. 10	Other notes	undated
b. 11	Unidentified index	undated
b. 12	Pomeroy Marriages, volume I (A-K)	undated
b. 13	Pomeroy Marriages, volume II (L-Z)	undated

**Series III: Pedigree Sheets, undated**

*0.13 linear feet (1 box)*

The series holds a variety of oversize family trees for the Pomeroy and related families.

b. 14 (Oversize) [Family charts](#)  
*7 Folders*

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**

Genealogists -- Connecticut  
Genealogy

### **Genres / Formats**

Genealogical tables -- United States -- 20th  
Century  
Scrapbooks -- United States -- 19th century

### **Occupations**

Genealogists -- Connecticut -- 19th century  
Genealogists -- Connecticut -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Bulkley, Rebekah Wheeler Pomeroy, 1835-1908  
Rodman, William Woodbridge, 1817-1900

### **Families**

Pomeroy family

### **Corporate Body**

Pomeroy Family Association