Josephus N. Larned, 1836-1913 papers, 1808-1959 (bulk 1861-1909)

Administration Information
Creator
Josephus N. Larned (Josephus Nelson), 1836-1913

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Extent
1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

Abstract
Primarily a collection of personal letters to and from Josephus N. Larned, 1836-1913, between 1861 and 1909 along with brief genealogical data, photograph and newspaper clippings.

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Biographical / Historical Note
Josephus Nelson Larned was born on May 11, 1836 in Chatham, Ontario. He was the son of Henry Sherwood and Mary Ann Nelson Larned, U.S. citizens who lived in Canada at the time of Josephus birth. In 1848, at the age of 12, Josephus and his father moved to Buffalo where Josephus was public school educated until 16. At 17 he worked as a bookkeeper in a ship chandlery business. At 18 he worked as a clerk in a transportation house of P.L. Sternberg & Co. and later with Western Transportation Company.

After a short move to Iowa, Larned returned to Buffalo in 1859 to work for Buffalo Express, where he stayed until 1872. In 1871 he was elected as Superintendent of Education and in 1876 was nominated as a Republican Assemblyman in the 3rd District, but lost. From 1877 to 1897 he worked as a librarian for the Young Men’s Association (today, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library) making major professional contributions to their catalog and circulation services. In 1894 he was elected President of the American Library Association.

On April 29, 1861 he married Frances A.K. McCrea and had three children, Sherwood J., Mary and Anne M. He was a member of the Nameless Club, Thursday Club, Civil Service Reform Association, Municipal League, the School Association and honorary member of the Saturn Club. Larned died at his home in Orchard Park on August 15, 1913.
Scope and Content Note
Largely correspondence from Josephus N. Larned, received by Larned, sent by Sherwood J. Larned, sent from Mabel S. Hall and miscellaneous. Also includes a marriage license for J.N. Larned, brief genealogical data, photograph and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement

Container List
Box and Folder List:

Box 1

II. Letters received by Josephus N. Larned, 1861-1901 and undated.
T.L.S., Harper and Brothers to J.N. Larned, New York, Apr. 6, 1893, 1p.
T.L.S., Henry Holt & Co. to J.N. Larned, Boston, Apr. 11, 1893, 1p.
T.L.S., Estes & Lauriate to J.N. Larned, Boston, Apr. 11, 1893, 1p.
T.M., D. Lothrop Co. to J.N. Larned, Boston, Apr. 11, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., T.Y. Crowell & Co. to J.N. Larned, Boston, Apr. 11, 1893, 1p.
T.L.S, Roberts Brothers-Alcott Pratt to J.N. Larned, Boston, Apr. 12, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., T.M., D. Lothrop Co. to J.N. Larned, Boston, Apr. 12, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Robert Clarke & Co. to J.N. Larned, Cincinnati, Apr. 17, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Signature illegible to J.N. Larned, Ithaca, N.Y., Apr. 18, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., John C. Palfrey to J.N. Larned, Boston, Apr. 18, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Samuel Figgis to J.N. Larned, Dublin, Apr. 18, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Wm. Blackwood & Sons to J.N. Larned, Edinburgh, Apr. 18, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Sir Spencer Walpole to J.N. Larned, Isle of Man, Apr. 19, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Signature illegible to J.N. Larned, Schenectady, [N.Y.], Apr. 19, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., James Schouler to J.N. Larned, Boston, Apr. 20, 1893, 1p.
T.L.S., David Hays to J.N. Larned, Rochester, N.Y., Apr. 20, 1893, 1p.
T.L.S., Ellis H. Roberts to J.N. Larned, New York, April 20, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., J.D. Cox to J.N. Larned, Cincinnati, Apr. 20, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Mary S. Long to J.N. Larned, Charlottesville, Va., Apr. 21, 1893, 1p.
T.L.S., Chas. C. Haskell to J.N. Larned, Norwich, Conn., Apr. 21, 1893, 1p.
T.M., George Mathews to J.N. Larned, Cincinnati, Apr. 22, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Signature illegible to J.N. Larned, Boston, Apr. 22, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Signature illegible to J.N. Larned, New York, Apr. 25, 1893, 1p.
T.L.S., Charles Scribner’s Sons to J.N. Larned, New York, Apr. 25, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., John Yeats to J.N. Larned, Chepstow, [Wales], Apr. 25, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., S. Lane Poole to J.N. Larned, [London], Apr. 25, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., A. Silva White to J.N. Larned, Menton, France, Apr. 27, 1893, 1p.
T.M., Charles C. Haskell to J.N. Larned, Norwich, Conn., Apr. 29, 1893, 1p.
T.L.S., G.P. Putnam's Sons to J.N. Larned, [New York], May 1, 1893, 1p.
T.L.S., Signature illegible to J.N. Larned, New York, May 7, 1893, 1p.
T.M., Charles C. Haskell to J.N. Larned, Norwich, Conn., May 11, 1893, 1p.
T.M., Charles C. Haskell to J.N. Larned, Norwich, Conn., May 18, 1893, 1p.
T.M., Dodd, Mead & Co. to J.N. Larned, New York, June 23, 1893, 1p.
T.M., Charles C. Haskell to J.N. Larned, Norwich, Conn., May 18, 1893, 1p.
T.M., Charles C. Haskell to J.N. Larned, Norwich, Conn., May 18, 1893, 1p.
T.M., Charles C. Haskell to J.N. Larned, Norwich, Conn., May 18, 1893, 1p.
A.L.S., Sherwood J. Larned to [Anna Larned], Edgerley Place, Aug. 2x, 1888, 3pp.
A.L.S., Sherwood J. Larned to [Frances Larned], Ithaca, [N.Y.], Feb. 9, 1890, 4pp.
A.L.S., Sherwood J. Larned to [Anna Larned], Ithaca, [N.Y.], Mar. 9, 1890, 4pp.
A.L.S., Sherwood J. Larned to [Frances Larned], Ithaca, [N.Y.], Mar. 29, 1890, 1p.
A.L.S., Sherwood J. Larned to [Frances Larned], Ithaca, N.Y., June 1, 1890, 4pp.
A.L.S., Sherwood J. Larned to [Frances Larned], Ithaca, N.Y., June 8, 1890, 3pp.
A.L.S., Sherwood J. Larned to [Mary Larned], Brooklyn, [N.Y.], July 8, 1890, 5pp.

IV. Mable & Grace Hall correspondence, 1889-1890.
A.L.S., Mabel S. Hall to “My Dear Papa,” Ayr, [Scotland], June 12, 1889, 7pp.
A.L.S., Mabel S. Hall to “My Dear Papa,” Ayr, [Scotland], June 18, 1889, 10pp.
A.L.S., Mabel S. Hall to “My Dear Mamma,” Ayr, [Scotland], June 29, 1889, 12pp.
A.L.S., Mabel S. Hall to “My Dear Family,” Brussels, Belgium, Aug. 18, 1889, 14pp. w/encl.
A.L.S., Mabel S. Hall to “Dear Papa, Mamma, and All,” Lake Lucerne, [Switzerland], Sept. 1, 1889, 26pp.
A.L.S., Mabel S. Hall to “My Dear Papa, Mamma and All,” Lausanne, [Switzerland], Oct. 20, 1889, 16pp.
A.L.S., Grace Hall to “My Dear Father and Mother,” [Paris], Apr. 11, [1890], 3pp.

V. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1808-1956 and undated.
A.L.S., Walter McCrea to Mrs. F.A.K. [Frances] Larned, Quebec, June 22, 1864, 3pp.
Receipt: W.G. Stedman to J.N. Larned, Cleveland, [Ohio], May 25, 1867.
A.L.S., Walter McCrea to Mrs. [Frances] Larned, Chatham, Ontario, Apr. 17, 1871, 3pp.
A.L.S., Grace Hall to Gilbert [Colgate], Clover Bank, July, N.D., 7pp.

VI. Miscellaneous items, 1861-1912.
Genealogical data: Nelson family, 5pp.; Briggs family, 3pp.
2 – 6 ½ x 4 ½” (approx.) photographs of the summer home of Sherwood and Mabel Larned, East Jewett, N.Y., N.D.

Subject Terms:
Briggs family.
Buffalo (N.Y.) History.
Correspondence.
Hall, Grace.
Hall, Mabel S.
Larned family.
Larned, Anne M.
Larned, Frances A.K.
Larned, Josephus Nelson, 1836-1913.
Larned, Mary.
Larned, Sherwood J.
Nelson family.