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**PALMER-GAVIT FAMILY PAPERS**

preliminary inventory

**BOX 1**

Flat box labelled, "Miscellaneous Letters of John E. Gavit"

Blue three-ring binder, correspondence of Joseph Gavit, 1916-1941

Manila folder, correspondence of John Palmer Gavit, 1916-1932; includes photograph of Stewart Edward White, invitation to JPG for inauguration of Woodrow Wilson, 1913

Journal of Frances Palmer Gavit, 1927, includes clippings, letters, other miscellaneous items

Bible of John E. Gavit, given to him in 1832 by John E. Downey (?)

The Apocryphal New Testament, London: William Hone, 1820, John E. Gavit bookplate

Traveling communion set (?), sterling silver chalice, glass bottle, silver plate with inscription, "In memory of John E. Gavit and Margaret S. Gavit," M.H. Gates stamped on box top

Sketchbook, John P. Gavit, includes pencil and watercolor sketches, dated October 29, 1894

Typescript, "Talking Across -- A Record of Many Conversations," appears to concern communicating with the dead

Autobiography of Margaret Sophia Robinson Gavit, typescript, includes correspondence (Walter Palmer Gavit and others), obituaries of John E. Gavit and others (their children)

Photograph scrapbook, includes photos of summer home in Berkshires, Wawbeek Lodge (Stonycreek, New York), correspondence, 1907-1923

Photograph and negative in envelope, 8x10, of John E. Gavit family party taken at

residence in Stockbridge in Fall 1872 (?), most identified

Diaries of Margaret R. Gavit, total of 18, 1858-1888

## **BOX 2**

Metal box containing photos and correspondence of John P. Gavit, includes photos of Woodrow Wilson, William Howard Taft, Mussolini (??), other notable people

Wooden box of photos, Gavit family and others

Two-ring binder with correspondence and poetry (JPG ?), 1920

Folder with article by John P. Gavit, letters from Joseph Gavit, poetry, 1911 issue of "Everybody's Magazine," containing story by JPG

Metal clip binder, correspondence, 1907-1949

Tied manila folder, religious material relating to Graham Taylor, includes correspondence with John P. Gavit, telegram, photos

Tied bundle, correspondence of John P. and Lucy Gavit with Graham Taylor, 1893-1899

Separate loose stack of correspondence, photos of John P. Gavit, pamphlets ("Some Inf'mation for Mother," about sex education by JPG; "Americans from Abroad," a 1926 American Library Association publication by JPG; "Thoughts," 1937, poetry by Lucy Gavit; "Assurance of Immortality," 1938, based on a college address by JPG), newsletter, "Winter Park Topics," 1937, with JPG photo

Maroon three-ring binder, typed essays and poems by JPG, 1922

Folder labelled "JLG War Service," material relating to the World War I service of Joseph Lamont Gavit

Folder with rusted metal clip, "Notes from an Odyssey," a typed account with clippings of JPG and LLG's trip to the Mediterranean, 1931

Folder labelled "The Burglar's Secret," includes program from Proctor's JPG play, ("His Neighbor's Window"); telegrams and correspondence of JLG and JPG, 1918; JPG newspaper column, 1921; scripts for "His Neighbor's Window," 1903, and "The Burglar's Secret," 1905

### **BOX 3**

Four diaries of Walter Launt Palmer, 1908, 1913, 1914, and 1915, discussing eye problems, social occasions, art works

Loose material, including letters from Maybelle Mann, 1980s

Folder with information and AIHA paperwork about WLP show at AIHA, 1984-85

Scrapbook of reproductions of art work, articles about WLP

Three-ring binder with letters from Joseph to Walter Palmer Gavit, clippings, 1916-1955

Scrapbook with pictures of WLP, clippings of WLP's published writings and poetry, 1894-1923, other newspaper clippings

Scrapbook of trip by WLP and wife to Japan and China in 1899, including letter of introduction to Dewey from Theodore Roosevelt, photos, clippings, postcards, letters to Fanny Palmer Gavit, assorted memorabilia

Scrapbook of reproductions of art works, a few WLP, bearing WLP stamp

Scrapbook with Palmer bookplate of WLP and wife travel to Europe in 1900 and 1902, New York and Maine trips in 1901, includes photos, postcards, menus, receipts, programs, a few letters, other memorabilia

Scrapbook labelled "Press Notices" (label has fallen off) of newspaper clippings re exhibitions of WLP art work, 1880-1925, includes 1860 and 1866 sketches of boats, letter electing WLP to American Watercolor Society, 1890

### **BOX 4 \***

Loose photos, Frances Palmer Gavit and daughter

Expense book for exhibition of the Palmer Marbles, 1856-57

Expense book with EDP sketches, 1856-57

Expense book with EDP sketches, 1857-1862

Expense book with EDP poem (?) and sketches, 1845-48

Expense book with EDP writings (?), 1857

Expense book with EDP sketches, 1851-55

Expense book labelled "EDP, Utica, 1844," 1844-46

Diary without cover of EDP trip to Europe, cursory entries, 1873

Envelope with photos, EDP, John E. Gavit family, 1870-1899

Large manila envelope labelled "EDP 4-10, 4-17" with photos of WLP, EDP, family and friends, 1869-1898, ink sketch on cardboard, photos of EDP art

Framed photo of EDP from daguerreotype, 1842 (?)

Framed photo of EDP from daguerreotype in manila envelope labelled "EDP 6A and B," 1842 (?)

EDP's flute and tuning fork

\* Many of the items in this box are described in the attached inventory compiled by Walter West, although some descriptions of the "EDP-#" envelopes are no longer accurate.

Scrapbook made for Joseph Lamont Gavit as a child by Mrs. E.D. Palmer in 1899, animal pictures taken from books

Small framed photo of EDP, brass colored metal frame

Envelope labelled "EDP-2," photos of EDP, one framed, one copper photogravure plate

Folder labelled "E.D. Palmer," correspondence of Walter West and EDP biographer, J. Carson Webster, 1974-1984, includes inventory of items labelled "EDP-#"

Envelope labelled "Fort Orange Club Papers" and "EDP-9," includes list of charter club members compiled by Joseph Gavit, 1948, references to work EDP did for the club

Envelope labelled "EDP-1," two small oil paintings on paper, 1873 and 1874, one canvas on wood frame painted by Henry Ferguson, no date

Envelope labelled "EDP-5A and B," framed photo of Albany panorama showing house where JPG lived, 3 Lafayette Street, in the 1880s (?)

Envelope with EDP scrapbook labelled "EDP 1817-1904," includes newspaper clipping about EDP and his art, drawing by Madeleine Palmer (daughter), poetry (some by John Dix), letters

Envelope labelled "EDP 8-a-g" and "EDP 8-4," includes various EDP-related items such as photo of EDP and wife in horse-drawn carriage; EDP letters, 1874-1891; letter to WLP from the National Academy of Design, 1925; catalog of Palmer Marbles exhibition, 1856; clippings about EDP, various dates; EDP pamphlet, "Philosophy of the Ideal," 1855; photos of EDP and daughters at Appledale, 1890 (?), EDP, EDP art work; catalog from Sanitary Bazaar exhibition at EDP studio, 1864

Empty envelope

Loose photo of "Angel at the Sepulchre" (badly foxed)

Badly decomposed box with caliper, scale, oval brass box

### **BOX 5 (metal, labelled "Miscellaneous Family Gavit and Palmer Papers, etc.)**

Loose correspondence, Gavit family

Instructions for using the metal box

Envelope with New York State Library School cards for Joseph Gavit

Envelope with postcards of Gavet, France, to Joseph Gavit from JPG, 1929; receipts for items ordered from West Cambridge company by Gavit family; Gavit family correspondence

Book of scientific information (almost all blank), inscribed "John E. Gavit," 1846

Book (ledger?) with entries for various banks, inventory of trunk contents, references to Margaret S. Gavit, 1850s-60s

Envelope with genealogical information such as pamphlet written by Joseph Gavit, "Philip Gavet and Some of His Descendants," 1923, inscription to Helen G. West; correspondence regarding genealogy

Separate sheets torn from bible (?), "Births," "Deaths," and marriage certificate for Arthur E. Montague and Cassie Groesbeck, 1875

Envelope of drawings by Christopher West as a child

Envelope labelled "Compositions, High School '25, H.M.G. (West)," Helen Gavit school compositions, 1924-26; Christopher West, grade school drawings and tests

Notebook, John P. Gavit, notes for plays, no date

Tied letter-sized manila envelope labelled "Genealogical Letters, Jos. Gavit, Librarian," Bloomer family, original correspondence, 19th century, and JG correspondence about Bloomers, 1930s

Letter-sized manila envelope labelled "Early Robinson, Palmer and other letters," Robinson, Palmer, Seamans, and Gavit correspondence, early 19th century

Tied letter-sized manila envelope labelled "Genealogy Misc.," genealogical chart for Gavett family, correspondence with notes (added by JG?), late 19th century, letter to JG from Mrs. Will Low, JG correspondence, 1930s

Letter-sized manila folding envelope with metal tabs labelled "Genealogical Letters, Individual Charts," correspondence, military documents for Joseph Gavit, newspaper clippings, notebook labelled "Index to Gavet Genealogy"

Embossed cover notebook dated "about 1864 or 65" (not accurate), poetry (by others?), appears to have been used at two separate times, the first time presented to W.H. Fassett on his 21st birthday, 1866, the second presented to JLG on his 21st

birthday, 1919

Loose Gavit family correspondence, separated by sheets identifying various family members with correspondence following, late 19th century

Loose newspaper clippings of Gavit family members, article by JPG

**BOX 6 (closed cardboard marked "Family")**

Album of Christmas cards, inscribed "Joe from Brother Jack, Christmas 1885"

Books:

College, JPG, Harcourt Brace, 1925 (two copies)

Americans by Chance, JPG, Harper & Brothers, 1922, first edition

Opium, JPG, George Routledge & Sons, 1925, includes letters/documents related to the League of Nations

Pamphlets:

"Thoughts," LLG poems, 1937

"Why Go to College?," JPG

Framed document of speech conferring the Doctor of Human Letters on JPG, June 17, 1935 (university unknown)

Notebook, wedding invitation list for JPG and LLG, May 8, 1980

Small three-ring notebook, JPG poems, notes, clippings, 1930s

Leather-bound maroon notebook, JPG writing to his son, 18 pages completed, first entry dated 1906, last dated 1912