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Abstract

This collection consists of family letters of the members of two families: the Meads of Albany and the Wilsons of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, covering the years 1824-1870, with a 1930 letter to Alice Duer Miller, a noted author, who was a descendant of both families. Miller wrote a brief history of both families, which is included in the collection.

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Biographical/Historical

John Meads, born January 3, 1777 in Polesworth, England, was the son of Elias and Sarah Alsop Meads. He learned the trade of cabinet-maker and carpenter and later immigrated to the United States to New York City. In 1802, he settled in Albany and partnered with William Alvord until around 1847. At that time, he continued his successful business either alone or with his son John, Jr. Many households in Albany still have furniture made by Meads.

John Meads married Louisa Crane of Albany, who was the daughter of Daniel Crane of Crane, Wilson and Company, lumber dealers in Albany. In 1829, Meads built a house at 99 Columbia Street, which he designed, and built a beautiful concave front doorway which is now the property of the Albany Institute of History and Art. John Meads was a director of the Great Western Turnpike Company and the Albany Water Works Company. He designed the decorations at the City Hall for the one hundredth birthday celebration of George Washington, for which the city presented him with a silver pitcher. Meads died in 1869.

John Meads and Louisa Crane had six children: Orlando (1806-1884), who became an attorney; Charlotte; Louisa (-1847), who married Stephen Alexander of Princeton, New Jersey; James (1820-1849); John Jr., who became a cabinet maker and upholsterer; and Sarah Ruth.

Thomas Wayte also appears often in the early correspondence. Wayte was a cousin of John Meads and wrote the letters for Sarah Meads (John's mother), who apparently was unable to write.

Orlando Meads (1806-1884), attended Albany Academy and graduated from Union College in the Class of 1826. He studied law for three years and became a successful attorney in Albany, a warden of St. Peter's Church, Vice Chancellor of the Albany Episcopal Diocese, and President of the Albany Institute. He was a close friend of Dr. Thomas Hun and of Professor Joseph Henry, as well as Martin Van Buren. Orlando Meads married, in April 1835, Elizabeth Brant Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson of Elizabethtown, New Jersey. Much of the correspondence in the papers is between members of the Wilson family and their sister, Elizabeth Wilson Meads, in Albany. The Wilson family consisted of: Nicholas, who became a clergyman; Henrietta, who married William Fonday; Anne, who married Reverend Oliver Magie; Elizabeth B., who married Orlando Meads; Mary, who married Charles Davis; James, who served as a Colonel during the Civil War; Eleanor; Andrew; and Hugh N. who became a clergyman.

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Orlando Meads Papers, 1824-1833		
1. Orlando Meads to Dr. Hun. About leaving the Academy. O'Shannessy and O'Donnell will also leave, 24 October 1824 2. J. Meads, Albany to Mother. Some weavers have arrived from Ireland, which generally affords the worst of immigrants, 5 July 1828	1	1

<p>3. Meads also T. Wayte, Burton-upon-Trent. To J.M. about the U.S. raising the tariff which would hurt England, 8 September 1828</p> <p>4. Orlando Meads to T. Hun. Dudley had been made U.S. Senator in place of Van Buren and I hope to be Mayor in his place, 16 July 1829</p> <p>5. Orlando Meads to T. Hun. Big day on the 4th. I read the Declaration, 19 July 1829</p> <p>6. Sarah Meads & T. Wayte, Burton-upon-Trent to J.M. There is much misery among the working community because of the currency and free trade, 17 September 1829</p> <p>7. Elizabeth to Brother. Mentions the death of Dr. R. Halstead, E.B. Hendricks</p> <p>8. Elizabeth to sisters. Family letter</p> <p>9. Elizabeth to [?]. About studies and school. Mentions Mr. Dayton, K. Salter, Miss Van Verveer, J. Trumble, Mr. Shipley, who was dissipated, Mr. Crane</p> <p>10. Elizabeth and Henrietta to J. Wilson. James Crane is very serious now and I want you to make an effort to get into the kingdom</p> <p>11. E.B.W. to sister. Long family letter. Several of the school girls are going to make a profession of religion</p> <p>12. Elizabeth to M.A. Wilson. Religious letter. Hugh thinks that last Monday evening he gave himself to Christ, 21 March</p> <p>13. Orlando Meads, Albany to [?] A. Wilson. A long gossiping letter</p> <p>14. Elizabeth to H.N. Wilson. You have heard of the rebellion at Yale. A. Manning, one of the rebels is in town, 13 August 1830</p> <p>15. Elizabeth W. to H.N. Wilson. Letter about school, 20 September 1830</p> <p>16. Elizabeth W. Jamaica, L.I. to Henrietta. About attending the examination. Bring my spencer and your black stockings., 4 October 1830</p> <p>17. Sarah Meads to J.M. Just returned from Ashbowen. Family letter, 10 September 1830</p> <p>18. Elizabeth to Henrietta W. Long letter about sister's visit to New Brunswick and about school, 8 February 1831</p> <p>19. Henrietta to brother H.N. Wilson. Family letter. C. Smith has become pious at Pittsburgh, 5 April 1832</p> <p>20. Elizabeth W. Elizabethtown to H.N. Wilson. All about family matters, 26 April 1832</p> <p>21. Henrietta to Brother Hugh. Had a very nice visit to New Brunswick but did not get up to Princeton, 9 May 1832</p> <p>22. Elizabeth to Brother Hugh Wilson. The Christian's God is undoubtedly the God of the cholera, and goes where he sends it, 18 July 1832</p>		
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<p>23. Elizabeth Wilson to Hugh at Princeton. We have several sudden deaths here. Mr. Younge the baker died Friday; was well Thursday afternoon, 8 August 1832</p> <p>24. Elizabeth to Hugh W. There have been no new cases of cholera here today. Mentions Mr. Keys O. Magie, A. Harrison, De Hart, 12 August 1832</p> <p>25. Elizabeth to Hugh W. Dr. Chetwood died of cholera on Monday. Was taken sick on the Sabbath. J. Dehart was taken sick this morning. Is not dead yet but they are digging his grave, 15 August 1832</p> <p>26. Sarah Meads & T. Wayte, Your brothers work hard, and also when they can get it drink hard. The brewing trade is brisk here, 25 February 1833</p> <p>27. Elizabeth W. to Bro. Hugh. Had a sleigh ride to New Providence and what made it better we had an upset. Fine Sleighing, 11 March 1833</p> <p>28. Elizabeth to H. Wilson. All got sick when the roof was painted with a mixture of fish-oil, coal and tar. About a death in the family, 16 September 1833</p> <p>29. Henriette to Hugh Wilson. Wanted Mr. Meads to stay all night, but it is a rather delicate affair to ask a gentleman to stay all night, 1 December 1833</p> <p>30. Orlando Meads, Albany, to T. Hun. Dr. March has hired Kips & Deys rooms and the garret for \$110 a year, 1 April 1834</p> <p>31. Orlando Meads to Charlotte Meads. Long family letter. James returns to Jamesborough with Mr. Talcott, 2 May 1834</p> <p>32. Orlando Meads to T. Hun in Paris. About the death of Hun's sister who died yesterday afternoon. Was buried at 6:30p.m. today. Dr. Sprague officiated at the funeral, 20 June 1834</p> <p>33. Orlando Meads to T. Hun. About sister's death and her property and other of the Doctor's business, 25 July 1834</p> <p>33. Orlando Meads to T. Hun. Reported Gansevoort will make an effort to get Maiden Lane opened from Market St. down. Mentions Wynkoop, A. Jackson, 22 August 1834</p> <p>34. E.B.N. Elizabethtown to O. Meads. Long family letter, 24 November 1834</p> <p>35. Orlando Meads to H. Wilson at Princeton. Friendly letter. Have not read much of Cousin, 27 December 1834</p>		
<p>1. Lizzy to H. Wilson. The sleighing has been fine and I quite want to jump in a sleigh and be off, 10 January 1835</p> <p>2. Orlando Meads to My Dear Girls. About a trip to New York. The stage agents, drivers, landlords are a pack of scoundrels, 14 January 1835</p> <p>3. Orlando Meads to Wilson. Had a fatiguing trip home, the roads so bad in Highlands stagers were tipped over last week, 2 February 1835</p>		2

<p>4. Lizzie to Brother Hugh. Family letter. We greatly need a revival in our hearts and in the church, 4 February 1835</p> <p>5. Charlotte to Dear Girls. Very long family letter ending with an original rhyme, 15 February 1835</p> <p>6. Orlando Meads to H. Wilson. Read Dix's report. It is creditable to him as a scholar and of liberal views, 23 February 1835</p> <p>7. Elizabeth to Hugh W. At the Temperance Meeting Mr. Magie came out very decidedly on the wine question, 2 March 1835</p> <p>8. Henriette to H. Wilson. Family letter. If you don't go after Rachel I will put crooked straws in your bed, 10 March 1835</p> <p>9. Orlando Meads to H. Wilson. We have a vile pack of rascals in charge of affairs in Washington. The Senate has stood firm against Jackson, 13 March 1835</p> <p>10. Orlando Meads to H.W. I hear that you have made your debut as a preacher, 8 May 1835</p> <p>11. Orlando Meads & Elizabeth to H.W. Morning after you left Dr. Cogswell brought us a beautiful bunch of flowers. Just married, 22 May 1835</p> <p>12. Orlando Meads to T. Hun, Paris. Long gossipy letter. J. Norton is at length married to Miss Stewart. P.S. Henry is married to H. Townsend, 15 September 1835</p> <p>13. Orlando Meads to T. Hun. About damages for opening Maiden Lane. Gansvoort had been well repaid for his interference. Anna Townsend and H. Martin married, 9 October 1835</p> <p>14. Orlando Meads to H. Wilson. Have you seen accounts of the attempted abolition convention in Utica? It was very ill-timed and ill-judged, 26 October 1835</p> <p>15. Orlando Meads to H.W. Family letter. Mr. Potter returned a fortnight since. His church is not yet finished, 11 November 1835</p> <p>16. T. Wayte, Burton-upon-Trent. To J. Meads. About the death of John's mother. Buried in grave with father, 29 December 1835</p> <p>17. Elizabeth to Mother. About her baby boy, 22 March 1836</p> <p>18. Orlando Meads to G. Armstrong. About purchasing the Bain farm, 27 April 1836</p> <p>19. Orlando Meads to G. Armstrong. About signing the contract to buy the Bain farm, undated</p> <p>20. Orlando Meads to H. Timmerman. About buying the Bain Farm, 13 May 1836</p> <p>21. Orlando Meads to Mother. About the trip to Elizabethtown, 9 June 1836</p> <p>22. Elizabeth to Sister. About the wedding of my sister and Louisa Meads. Mentions C. Grant, C. Zabriskie, July 1836</p> <p>23. Elizabeth to Hugh. Very long family letter, 25 August 1836</p>		
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<p>24. Orlando Meads to H. Wilson. About his wife's health, 21 September 1836</p> <p>25. Orlando Meads to Mother. Family letter. Baby sick, 24 October 1836</p> <p>26. O.H. to Mother. New Years was wholly occupied receiving visits of gentlemen, 4 January 1837</p> <p>27. Orlando Meads to C. Bain. Farm has been sold to Mrs. Hartshorne & I. Williams. Ordering him to move from the farm, 7 January 1837</p> <p>28. Orlando Meads to Mother. Long family letter, 27 February 1837</p> <p>29. Orlando Meads to C.L. Allen. About payment of a suit on Bain estate, 14 March 1837</p> <p>30. Elizabeth to Sister. Ellen Winne is married and secretly since last September, 4 May 1837</p> <p>31. Orlando Meads to Mother. Wife has been ill, 8 November 1837</p> <p>32. Orlando Meads to Mother. Elizabeth is getting better, 26 November 1837</p> <p>33. Orlando Meads to Mother. Family letter, 23 November 1837</p>		
<p>1. M.H.F. to Mother. Accident at State St. Bridge. Many immortals plunged into eternity. Mr. Kennedy of Galway may be our minister, December 1837</p> <p>2. Elizabeth to Mother. All about her little fellow and his grandpa, 13 [?] 1837</p> <p>3. Elizabeth to Mother. River has been open for a number of days. Family letter, 13 January 1838</p> <p>4. Henriette to Mother. Our sleighs are enclosed like carriages. Could not stand an open sleigh I this bleak weather, 2 February 1838</p> <p>5. Elizabeth to Mother. Have had much scarlet fever here, 21 February 1838</p> <p>6. Elizabeth to Mother. I have got the old Dr. Nott stove in place. It warms both the parlors and the bedroom. I. Townsend died, 24 February 1838</p> <p>7. Elizabeth to Mother. I am making shirts, night-gowns and under clothes and have Johnny to rig out, 19 March 1838</p> <p>8. Elizabeth to Mother. C. Arrowsmith is engaged. Family letter, 2 April 1838</p> <p>9. Elizabeth to Mother. Grandma Crane died. We had a very quiet Fourth for so large a place, 6 July 1838</p> <p>10. Henrietta to Mother. Brother's July Fourth oration published, 2 August 1838</p> <p>11. Elizabeth to Mother. Took a trip to Lebanon which is about 25 miles from here with Mr. Edwards, Mr. Potter and Orlando, 2 August 1838</p>		3

<p>12. Elizabeth to Mother. Had a call from Kate Eigenbrodt of Troy, 22 August 1838</p> <p>13. Elizabeth to Mother. Louise Salter dined with me, then with Mrs. Fondy on Colonie St., 6 November 1838</p> <p>14. Henrietta to Mother. On Monday a boat tried to leave but had to force its way through the ice, 4 December 1838</p> <p>15. Elizabeth to Mother. Long family letter, 12 December 1838</p> <p>16. Orlando Meads to Mother. All about Johnny's illness, 12 January 1839</p> <p>17. Elizabeth to Mother. Streets covered with water. Cellars on N. Market St. filled. The poor are suffering very much, 11 February 1839</p> <p>18. Elizabeth to Mother. I have a mind to leave my stockings till you come up and have you darn them, 13 May 1839</p> <p>19. Orlando Meads to T. Hun. Happy to hear of your safe arrival in the U.S., 16 May 1839</p> <p>20. Elizabeth to Mother. Dr. Hun brought us a number of handsome [?] from Paris, 19 June 1839</p> <p>21. Louisa to Sister. Don't want to take the congress water unless Dr. Eights insists on it, 27 June 1839</p> <p>22. Orlando Meads to T. Hun. About getting information for Hun, 17 July 1839</p> <p>23. Elizabeth to Mother. I am sitting to freeman, which takes two hours a day, 18 September 1839</p> <p>24. Elizabeth to Mother. Urging her mother to make a visit, 14 November 1839</p> <p>25. Elizabeth to Mother. About home and Christmas. A heavy snow, 15 December 1839</p> <p>26. Elizabeth to Mother. Mr. Knap is preaching in a revival in Baptist Church. Has no education. Was horse trader and could drive a sharp bargain, 23 January 1840</p> <p>27. Elizabeth to Mother. About weaning the baby, 4 March 1840</p> <p>28. Elizabeth to Mother. Johnny wears his shirts and finds them comfortable, 22 September 1840</p> <p>29. Elizabeth to Mother. Dr. Hun was married Thursday. About Henrietta moving, 1 May 1841</p> <p>30. V.P. Douw to W.H. Fondy. Cars began to run from Greenbush on the Boston Road on the 20th. This will destroy the stage route to New York, 27 December 1841</p> <p>31. Elizabeth to Sister. Mentions Mr. Warren, Margaret Smith, Mrs. Dewitt, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Armsby, Dr. Hun, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Potter, 21 July 1842</p> <p>32. Orlando M. to Sisters. About his being busy in court, August 1842</p>		
<p>1. 2 letters to Rolly to Johnny. Elizabeth to Mother. About the family and the children, 7 September 1842</p>		4

<p>2. Elizabeth to Mother. Long family letter, 22 September 1842</p> <p>3. Orlando Meads to H.W. Fondy. Will hold up the Mexican until Saturday. General and Mrs. Dix may go, 10 October 1842</p> <p>4. Elizabeth to Mother. Arrived at Funchal after a voyage of 26 ½ days. Long letter about her trip, 1842</p> <p>5. Elizabeth, Madeira to Charlotte. Seems to be there for her health. Worry letter about family, 1842</p> <p>6. Elizabeth at Funchal to Mother. Settled with Dix and Family. All about her trip, 21 November 1842</p> <p>7. Elizabeth, Madeira to Dearest Love. About house. Mentions Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Permberton, Mrs. Baman, Mrs. Smith, 30 November 1842</p> <p>8. Elizabeth at Funchal to J. Wilson. Brig Wakallah sails tomorrow. Climate delightful. Want to Santa Plera Convent, 19 December 1842</p> <p>9. Orlando Meads to Mother. About his wife's trip to Madeira, 12 January 1843</p> <p>10. To Mother. Part of a letter. About troubles and Madeirans, 21 January 1843</p> <p>11. Henrietta to Mother from Funchal. Mentions Great Western. Dr. Sewell, Balt. died. Mrs. Winslow, a Quaker, very ill, 24 January 1843</p> <p>12. Sisters to Mother, from Madeira. A long worrying about their health, 19 February 1843</p> <p>13. Bill of Fare for Spanish Dinner, 26 March 1843</p> <p>14. Elizabeth at Albany to Mother. All about her returning home from the long journey, 23 May 1843</p> <p>15. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. About getting their new home ready, 24 May 1843</p> <p>16. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Mrs. Johnson wants the little room where your things are stored, 29 May 1843</p> <p>17. Elizabeth to Mother. Long letter about settling their home, 24 June 1843</p> <p>18. Orlando Meads to Charlotte. The water works is erecting a wall around the reservoir. J. Wilson married, 7 July 1843</p> <p>19. Elizabeth to Sister. About Madeira. Mentions Mr. March, Mrs. Sprague, Mr. Perkins, H. Hawley, Miss Barnard, H. Bleecker, 18 July 1843</p> <p>20. Orlando Meads to Mother. Sending interest from C. Gillett, 1 August 1843</p> <p>21. Elizabeth to H.W. Fondy. About children visiting her mother. Mentions Mrs. Gray, Mr. Edwards, 10 August 1843</p> <p>22. Elizabeth to Henrietta. About sending furniture on towboat, 20 September 1843</p> <p>23. Henrietta to Elizabeth. Long family letter, 22 September 1843</p>		
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<p>24. Child's letter from Johnny to Grandma, 23 November 1843</p> <p>25. Elizabeth to Henrietta. All about a burglar in McElroy's house on Daniel St., 13 November 1843</p> <p>26. Elizabeth to Henrietta. Dr. Bigeler arrested for assaulting his wife at Rochester, 7 December 1843</p> <p>27. Letter from Johnny to grandma with pencil sketch of bridge. Kate Bulston will be married to Mr. Pruyn, 22 December 1843</p> <p>28. Elizabeth to Henrietta. Kate Bleecker was married at her Aunt Dudley's. Father refused to attend the wedding, 18 January 1844</p> <p>29. Elizabeth to Henrietta. Mrs. Martin's child died this morning. About renting a house to J. McHarg, 27 January 1844</p> <p>30. Elizabeth to Mother. Mentions Mrs. Pemberton, Captain Deming, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Taylor. L. Fowler will be married to Mr. Hubbel, 16 February 1844</p> <p>31. Johnny to Aunt Henrietta. Mrs. Roe, the Nurse gave us a dog, 18 March 1844</p> <p>32. Elizabeth to Mother. About interest from M.R. Peake, 12 March 1844</p> <p>33. Elizabeth to Mother. Mentions Morgan Dix, Jen, Cooke, Mr. Smith, Long letter about Italy, 1 April 1844</p> <p>34. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Arrest of Eastman & Fondy for fraud, 10 April 1844</p> <p>35. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Long letter about Eastman & Fondy failure and paying a note, 18 April 1844</p> <p>36. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Mentions Mrs. Johnson, Mr. McHarg, Dr. Nelson, 25 April 1844</p> <p>37. Elizabeth to Mother. Mrs. Potter and others are trying to found a hospital. Have about \$6,000, 6 July 1844</p> <p>38. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. William Post was in Albany, 26 August 1844</p> <p>39. Elizabeth to Mother. Mrs. J.V.L. Pruyn lost a little girl of 18 months from whooping cough. Mrs. Cooper's daughters each have twins, 17 September 1844</p> <p>40. Henrietta to Eleanor Wilson. Jonny, Polly and David Potter have raised a Clay & Frelinghuysen flag. Mentions Mrs. Douw, 15 October 1844</p> <p>41. Henrietta to Mother. Went with Miss Cooper to hear D. Pohlman. So crowded benches were brought in the aisles, 11 November 1844</p> <p>42. Elizabeth to Henrietta. Altering undershirts for the boys, 28 November 1844</p> <p>43. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Mentions G. Waggoner. As boat leaves early I will have to hurry to get this aboard, 2 December 1844</p> <p>44. Mentions Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. DeHart, 15 December 1844</p>		
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<p>45. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Family letter, 3 March 1845</p> <p>46. Elizabeth to Henrietta. Mr. Love was not out of the way in churching a woman the first time she was out of confinement, 26 April 1845</p> <p>47. Elizabeth to Mother. Dr. Hun had to bleed Mrs. Roe again, 25 May 1845</p> <p>48. Elizabeth to Mother. Long family letter, 30 May 1845</p> <p>49. Elizabeth to Mother. Orlando has just returned from Canada, 3 July 1845</p> <p>50. Elizabeth to Sister. Mentions Mrs. Salter, C. Armstrong, Professor Jack, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Lush, 12 August 1845</p> <p>51. Elizabeth to Mother. Mrs. Lansing died yesterday. O. Van Benthuisen is buried in new cemetery, 9 September 1845</p> <p>52. Elizabeth to Mother. Letter about her baby, 27 September 1845</p> <p>53. Elizabeth to Sister. Family letter, 6 October 1845</p> <p>54. Elizabeth to Mother. Mentions Mrs. Cooper, Major Douglass. Thinks Burke's concert exceeds Ole Bull, 11 December 1845</p> <p>55. Elizabeth to Mother. Death of F. Dwight. Major Douglass delivered his last lecture on Friday. Plans for Christmas, 21 December 1845</p>		
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<p>1. Elizabeth to Mother. Mentions Mr. Packard, Dr. Potter, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Wheeler, Major Douglas, Mrs. Stevens, Mary Townsend, 11 January 1846</p> <p>2. Elizabeth to Sister. About Johnny's birthday party, 20 January 1846</p> <p>3. Elizabeth to Mother. I want you to read the poem of Professor Longfellow on the Old Clock on the Stairs. Mentions Mrs. Gibson, 15 February 1846</p> <p>4. Elizabeth to Henrietta. Mrs. Beekman through her extravagance has involved herself, 17 September 1846</p> <p>5. H.W. Fonday to E. Wilson. Mr. Pierson just returned from Baltimore, 28 September 1846</p> <p>6. Mother to Henrietta. Mentions Mary Davis, Mary Harris, Mr. Ayres, Mr. Brittain, Mr. Burrows, Miss Young, J. Meeker, 19 October 1846</p> <p>7. Elizabeth to Henrietta. Everybody is furnished with pistols, but I think the burglars are caught. Mentions Dr. Campbell, 22 November 1846</p> <p>8. Henrietta to Mother. Very good Thanksgiving, 28 November 1846</p> <p>9. Elizabeth to Sister. Furniture of Mr. Wheaton's new house was on the wrecked Mohegan, 7 January 1847</p> <p>10. Orlando Meads to Father. On the death of Louisa at Princeton, 24 January 1847</p> <p>11. Elizabeth to Sister. Letter about Louisa's death and funeral, 25 January 1847</p> <p>12. Elizabeth to Mother. Louisa Packard will be married to Dr. Richie of Frederic, 17 February 1847</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>1</p>

<p>13. H. Wilson, Southampton, New York, to Elizabeth. About the death of Louisa and his ministry, 22 February 1847</p> <p>14. Elizabeth to Sister. Mentions Spencer Stafford, Dr. Bullions, 27 February 1847</p> <p>15. Elizabeth to Mother. Mentions Mr. Miller. Helena Townsend is carrying on a flirtation with Mr. Sickles, a member of the house, 24 March 1847</p> <p>16. Elizabeth to Sister. Death of Mrs. Potter. Professor Reid of Schenectady preached at the funeral service, 14 June 1847</p> <p>17. Orlando Meads, Princeton to Henrietta. Letter about death in the family, 25 June 1847</p> <p>18. Elizabeth to Sister. Mentions Mrs. C. Lansing, Sarah Hall, General Dix, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Warren, July 1847</p> <p>19. Orlando Meads to Charlotte. Leave jacket on steamboat in care of Mr. Southmayd, 25 July 1847</p> <p>20. Orlando Meads to Charlotte. Mentions Dr. Cogswell; family letter, 27 July 1847</p> <p>21. John M. to Father, from Southampton. Talk about fishing in a pond with Mr. Orton, a teacher, 31 July 1847</p> <p>22. Elizabeth to Sister. Mentions J. McLean, Mr. Alexander, Mrs. Dix, 9 August 1847</p> <p>23. Elizabeth to Henrietta. Mentions Mr. Foster, Mrs. Arrowsmith, Miss Spaulding, Mrs. Haines, 26 August 1847</p> <p>24. Elizabeth to Mother. Family letter, 31 August 1847</p> <p>25. Elizabeth to Mother. Mentions Mr. Spencer, Mr. Peters, 4 October 1847</p> <p>26. Elizabeth M. to Henrietta, F. Freeman has sent out a number of valuable lamps to be disposed of by raffle, 24 October 1847</p> <p>27. Elizabeth to Mother. A fire burned the houses and stables on both sides at the Little Basin. Death of Mr. Douw, 25 April 1848</p> <p>28. H. Potter, Philadelphia to Mrs. Fonday. Cannot make the visit to Elizabethtown, 5 May 1848</p> <p>29. Elizabeth to Henrietta. Dr. Potter gave an excellent sermon this morning. About the many fires in the city. Mr. Evertson is dead, 26 May 1848</p> <p>30. Elizabeth to Mother. Reorganization of the Albany Academy. Dr. Bullions dismissed. Dr. Beck has taken house next to Crosswell, 16 July 1848</p> <p>31. Henrietta to Elizabeth. About getting a place to stay at Hampton for a vacation, 28 July 1848</p> <p>32. Elizabeth to Mother. Miss Henry was here a few moments, 4 September 1848</p> <p>33. Elizabeth to Mother. Son of Major Vinton who was killed at Vera Cruz has been with us a few days, 11 October 1848</p>		
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<p>34. Elizabeth to Mother. Mr. Payne of Schenectady preached today. 300 at Lydia's party. T. Olcott got the cold shoulder. Mrs. Fish, 14 January 1849</p> <p>35. Elizabeth to Sister. Christine Kean is too friendly with the heathen here. Mentions Mrs. Fish, J.S. Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Livingston, 26 January 1849</p> <p>36. Elizabeth to Sister. Fire at Mrs. Satterlee's party. Mentions Anne Townsend, Mr. Kip, Mrs. Fish, J.C. Maurice, I. Townsend, 6 February 1849</p> <p>37. Elizabeth to Mother. The only cholera has occurred on the boats and on the docks. Anna Stafford married but the groom lost the ring, 27 June 1849</p> <p>38. Elizabeth to Mother. New York is unusually sickly. 1,000 deaths last week, 17 July 1849</p> <p>39. Elizabeth to Henrietta. I. Smith lost his wife to Cholera. She was a Miss Bell of New Jersey, 17 July 1849</p> <p>40. All Meads family to Grandma. Mrs. J. Townsend, 23 August 1849</p> <p>41. Elizabeth to Sister. Mrs. Potter is not pretty but has a sensible face. Mentions Mrs. Taylor, Julie Townsend, 17 October 1849</p> <p>42. Elizabeth to Mother. River is still open. The Winnes are stopping at Congress Hall, 29 November 1849</p> <p>43. Elizabeth to Mother. Mrs. Fondhey is crazy about the water cure. About Christmas, 28 December 1849</p> <p>44. Elizabeth to Mother. The sidewalks are one glare of ice. The boys skating and riding down them make them worse, 11 January 1850</p> <p>45. Elizabeth to Mother. Mentions Lydia Townsend, 23 March 1850</p> <p>46. Elizabeth to Mother. Death of Lieutenant C.M. Armstrong, is he Mrs. Salter's brother?, 1 May 1850</p> <p>47. Elizabeth to Mother. Mentions Mrs. Potter, Mary Bradford, 1 June 1850</p> <p>48. Elizabeth to Mother. Family letter, 19 June 1850</p> <p>49. John M. to Mother. About his studies and fishing, 7 August 1850</p> <p>50. Elizabeth to boys. Mr. Hale knocked over by engine, 9 August 1850</p>		
<p>1. Orlando Meads to Mother. Family letter about wife at Southampton, 10 August 1850</p> <p>2. Elizabeth to Sister. Letter about returning home after visit, 12 August 1850</p> <p>3. Mother to Sister, to Boys. About the boys staying at Uncles, 14 August 1850</p> <p>4. Elizabeth to Sister. Mentions Dr. Potter, Emily Davis, A. Bullions, Mr. P. McNaughton, Mrs. Adams has a boy, 16 August 1850</p> <p>5. Elizabeth to Mother. Mentions Mrs. Ten Eyck, Mr. Roe. Mr. White consented to sell my large shawl, 21 August 1850</p> <p>6. Grandchildren to Grandma. About their vacation at S. Hampton, 22 August 1850</p> <p>7. Elizabeth to Mother. Family letter, 6 October 1850</p>		2

<p>8. Elizabeth to Sister. Helena Townsend will be married in June, 7 August 1850</p> <p>9. Elizabeth to Mother. Mrs. Russell's grandson jumped from the window of Mansion House. Miss Cassidy's school on Chapel St., 11 September 1850</p> <p>10. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. About Elizabeth's sickness, 8 October 1850</p> <p>11. Mother to Hugh. Mentions Mr. Van Pelt, D. Arrowsmith, Mrs. Magin, Mrs. Williamson, 30 October 1850</p> <p>12. Eleanor Wilson to H. Going to Mrs. Davis for humane society meeting, 5 November 1850</p> <p>13. Henrietta to Mother. Dr. Murray preached for Dr. Sprague. Mentions Dr. Potter, A. Davis, Mrs. Ralston, 5 November 1850</p> <p>14. Elizabeth to Mother. About her sickness and going South, 10 November 1850</p> <p>15. Orlando Meads to Dr. Hun. About my wife arriving in New York, 15 November 1850</p> <p>16. Orlando Meads Savannah to Father. About Savannah. Mentions Mr. Welther, J. French, F. Hastings, Miss Plumb, Mr. Gallup, J. Warren, 20 November 1850</p> <p>17. Henrietta to Mother. Savannah hotels are as crowded and exorbitant as possible. About a trip by water, 20 November 1850</p> <p>18. Mrs. W.H. Fondey to Mother. Long letter about Savannah, 2 December 1850</p> <p>19. Henrietta to Sister. Savannah is quite a rural town with wide tree shaded streets, 5 December 1850</p> <p>20. Orlando Meads to Charlotte. Yesterday was Thanksgiving Day in Savannah. Mentions Dr. Hitchcock, Mr. Edwards, 13 December 1850</p> <p>21. Orlando Meads, Elizabethtown to Charlotte. About bringing my wife back from Savannah.</p> <p>22. Orlando Meads to Sister. Mentions Mrs. J.V.L. Pruyn, Mr. Hoyt. Appears as though Elizabeth has died, 25 September 1851</p> <p>23. Rolly & John M. to Aunt. New engine of the New York & Philadelphia Railroad named J.P. Jackson so I want to wait for that train, 2 May 1851</p> <p>24. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Just a year ago that mother died. Sends his little girl a Christmas present, 29 December 1851</p> <p>25. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Sad letter about the death of my wife a year ago, 5 January 1852</p> <p>26. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Mentions Dr. Potter, F. Townsend, King bought Root House, Anna Townsend married to Van Santvoordt, 24 January 1852</p> <p>27. Orlando Meads to Bessie. To his little girl. Ice broke up in the river and two men were drowned, 20 February 1851</p> <p>28. J.H. Meads to Bessie. Letter about the pet squirrel, 4 March 1852</p>		
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<p>29. John M. to Aunt. Artillery and fire companies have just gone up the street escorting a hearse and they have some good music, 28 March 1852</p> <p>30. 1852. Apr. 6. Henrietta to Rolly. All about Bessie and a penciled letter in her hand, 6 April 1852</p> <p>31. Henrietta to Mother. Steamer Alex. Scott on Ohio River. About her trip in the West, 1 May 1852</p> <p>32. Orlando Meads to Sister. Palmer has finished the upper part of the monument. Mrs. J. Kane was buried yesterday from St. Paul's, 14 May 1852</p> <p>33. Orlando Meads to Sister. Letter from his little girl and a long letter from her Dad, 11 June 1852</p> <p>34. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Mentions Mrs. Viele, Dr. Potter, Mr. Stevenson, 19 June 1852</p> <p>35. Orlando Meads to Sister. About the burning of the Henry Clay, a Hudson River Dayline Boat, 6 August 1852</p> <p>36. Orlando Meads to Sister. Mentions Mr. Seymour, Townsend engaged to S. Van Rensselaer's daughter, 14 September 1852</p> <p>37. Orlando Meads to Hugh. Represented the local Bar at the funeral of Mr. Webster. Fine letter about Daniel Webster, 2 November 1852</p> <p>38. Roll and John to Henrietta. River freezes. Had to chop canal boats out of ice, 29 November 1852</p> <p>39. Henrietta to Mother. Went with Mrs. Viele to the Middle Dutch Church and the anniversary of Albany Tract. Society, 19 December 1852</p> <p>40. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Frank Townsend married. Letter to his little girl, 1853</p> <p>41. Orlando Meads to Sister. About his children, 1853</p> <p>42. John M. to Henrietta. Dr. March accompanied us from St. Louis, 13 May 1853</p> <p>43. J.M. to H. Wilson. Letter about his trip, 26 May 1853</p> <p>44. John M. to Uncle Hugh. Drove with Grandfather to Sharon Springs. Had a breakdown and an exciting experience, 17 June 1853</p> <p>45. Orlando Meads to Bessie. About the racket of firecrackers, pistols, etc., 4 July 1853</p> <p>46. Charlotte from Princeton to Bessie. Little girl's letter to another little girl, 15 November 1853</p> <p>47. Rolly to Aunt H. About taking the train to Albany, 17 December 1853</p> <p>48. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. About John being on an ocean voyage, 5 April 1854</p> <p>49. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. Mentions Mrs. Viele, Mrs. S. Townsend, Mr. Edwards, 27 May 1854</p> <p>50. Lottie to Bessie. My doll is lonely without you. Child's letter, 12 June 1854</p>		
<p>1. Orlando Meads to Henrietta. About his children, 7 September 1854</p>		<p>3</p>

<p>2. J.H. Meads to Aunt C. How is 99 Columbia St.? Albany classmates are Boyd, Strong, Young, all members of our Boarding Club, 9 September 1854</p> <p>3. Orlando Meads to Hugh. Mentions Mr. Stevens of Rochester. About John and Rolly at school, 6 October 1854</p> <p>4. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mentions Mrs. Arrowsmith, Dr. Potter elected Bishop, Mr. Woodruff, Dr. Alexander, 15 October 1854</p> <p>5. J.H.M. to father. Mentions Mr. Warren, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Whetten, Mr. Brant, S. Stutherford, 25 October 1854</p> <p>6. J.H.M. to Sarah. Will buy woolen stockings, 6 November 1854</p> <p>7. Orlando Meads to sister. Dr. Potter expects to have a great gathering of Northern clergy here next week, 7 December 1854</p> <p>8. J.H.M. to Aunt C. Nassau. There is lots of shivering in all quarters and from all quarters. The Southerners at college stand it well, 11 February 1855</p> <p>9. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Children's play at Mrs. Vanderpool's called Cinderella, with A. Van Buren, Elly Paige and Miss Temple, 17 February 1855</p> <p>10. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Rolly had a wart removed from the inside of his mouth by Dr. March, 7 March 1855</p> <p>11. Bessie to Aunty. A child's letter, 9 April 1855</p> <p>12. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mentions L. Woodruff, next door neighbor Miss Tucker married a Mr. Potter, Mrs. Milligan. Returned home. Newton, 10 May 1855</p> <p>13. H.B. Haines to Brown, Shipley & Co. London. About state rooms on the Pacific. Young Meads is much worse, 4 August 1855</p> <p>14. Invitation to the funeral of J.H. Meads at 4 Pine St., 24 August 1855</p> <p>15. Bessie M. to Grandma. A Christmas from the little girl, 24 December 1855</p> <p>16. Bessie & Henrietta to Mother. Mrs. Viele took me in her sleigh to Colonie St. C. Edwards taking us to see Pilgrim's Progress, 4 January 1856</p> <p>17. M. Viele to Henrietta. Mr. Evans married Miss Redfield in New York, 18 February 1856</p> <p>18. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Bishop Potter is now staying with me, Sarah Gourley married. Caty Hilton will be, to J. Packard, 30 March 1856</p> <p>19. Henrietta at Dorchester to Bessie. Mrs. Baker is better, 4 April 1856</p> <p>20. Orlando Meads to Bessie. A short letter from Dad, 18 April 1856</p> <p>21. Rolly to Bessie. About his studies at the Institute, 19 October 1856</p> <p>22. Orlando Meads to Bessie. A rather sad letter to his little girl, 9 November 1856</p> <p>23. Rolly to Bessie. Mentions Mr. Bleecker, family letter, 26 November 1856</p> <p>24. Rolly to Bessie. Fire at East Albany destroyed the freight house and cars belonging to Hudson River Railroad, 14 December 1856</p>		
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<p>25. A. Magie to Bessie. From one little girl to another, 18 March 1857</p> <p>26. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Will take a violet from your garden plot, 8 May 1857</p> <p>27. Rolly to Bessie. Mrs. Waddy died the other day, over 90 years old, 1 June 1857</p> <p>28. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mentions Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Potter, W. DeLancey. Henry King married and there is a party for them at F. Townsends, 23 June 1857</p> <p>29. Henrietta to Bessie. Mrs. Day and the Kelloggs have returned; you heard of their accident at the Flume House, White Mountains, 22 July 1857</p> <p>30. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mrs. Adams, Miss Dexter, Mrs. Martin have told me of your trip to Fire Island, 31 August 1857</p> <p>31. Father to Bessie. Bishop Potter is with me for a few days, 7 September 1857</p> <p>32. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Went to Christening of the Ogden baby, 15 September 1857</p> <p>33. Bessie to Aunt. Professor Henry had been staying here. Very long letter in fine script from a little girl, 18 January 1858</p> <p>34. Orlando Meads to Hun. Mentions Bayard, Mrs. Adams, Barnard, Thayer, Peters, Mitchel. The stores were closed for Wilder's funeral, 18 July 1858</p> <p>35. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Bishop Potter is here. Mentions Dr. Pitkin, Plumb, Dr. Gould, Mrs. Bayard, Van Rensselaer is very weak, 9 September 1858</p> <p>36. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Jessie McNaughton married. T. Kendrick and Maggie Van Vechten will be. Dr. Willard engaged to Miss Sprague, 23 October 1858</p> <p>37. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mr. Bayman of Madeira sends frocks to be sold for the benefit of the poor, 29 October 1858</p> <p>38. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mentions Mr. Alexander, family letter, 22 January 1859</p> <p>39. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mr. Berry writes from Pau that Bayard Van Rensselaer died, 2 February 1859</p> <p>40. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Grandpa died today, 10 February 1859</p> <p>41. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Our old church is unroofed, the steeple is down. Grandpa's Old Bill has been put out to pasture, 14 March 1859</p> <p>42. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mentions Dr. Adams. Family letter, 19 December 1859</p> <p>43. Orlando Meads to Bessie. About Miss Harris bill for schooling, 8 February 1860</p> <p>44. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Am now assigning seats in our new church, 28 June 1860</p> <p>45. Kitty Temple to Bessie. Address your letter to James Dexter. They open everything at the Convent, 8 September 1860</p>		
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46. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Had a very nice visit at Mrs. Van Cortlandt's, 10 September 1860		
<p>1. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mr. Boyd died at Luzerne. Mentions Mr. Paige. D. Nott, 13 September 1860</p> <p>2. Orlando Meads to Bessie. What a disturbed and anxious condition the country is in. I once sympathized with the South but not now, 22 November 1860</p> <p>3. H.W.F. to Bessie. Family letter, 27 November 1860</p> <p>4. To Bessie. Heard a burglar and called the watch, 27 November 1860</p> <p>5. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Hoping for a nice Thanksgiving, 28 November 1860</p> <p>6. Orlando Meads to my dear sweet sixteen. A birthday letter, 11 January 1861</p> <p>7. To Bessie. From a love-sick girl, 20 September 1861</p> <p>8. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Copy of letter sent to Miss H.B. Hainet about school, 27 September 1861</p> <p>9. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mr. Reynolds left to go on a western shooting tour, 27 September 1861</p> <p>10. Orlando Meads to Bessie. About her school, 1 October 1861</p> <p>11. Susan L. Fish to Bessie. Mentions G. Heckscher, M. Wadsworth, M. Griffin, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Pruyn. Girlish letter, 6 October 1861</p> <p>12. Orlando Meads to Bessie. New minister Mr. Wilson was with us Sunday, 8 October 1861</p> <p>13. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Long letter about troubles with the cook, 10 October 1861</p> <p>14. Orlando Meads to Bessie. More trouble with the cook. Met Dr. Cogswell this morning, 12 October 1861</p> <p>15. S.L. Fish from Belmont to Bessie. Long girl letter. Nothing in it, 17 October 1861</p> <p>16. S.L. Fish to Bessie. Mentions J. Cushing. Long letter about Henry, 24 October 1861</p> <p>17. H.W.F. to Bessie. Uncle James may come home to recruit, 24 October 1861</p> <p>18. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Our new pastor's sermons are excellent, 30 October 1861</p> <p>19. To Bessie from S.L. Fish. About her father's death, 6 November 1861</p> <p>20. Orlando Meads to Bessie. About the death of Nettie Scott, 8 November 1861</p> <p>21. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Professor Alexander announces Mary's engagement to Frank Hodge. Margaret Vosburg died, 20 November 1861</p> <p>22. Minnie to Bessie. Is Miss McIntosh a Secessionist?, 20 November 1861</p> <p>23. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Set of sables will cost \$125.00. Too much for these hard times, 2 December 1861</p>		4

<p>24. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Don't know what presents to get for Mrs. Adams, Mrs. V.R. and the Barnards. Mr. Wilson is coming to dine, 12 December 1861</p> <p>25. Orlando Meads to Bessie. About Christmas, 17 December 1861</p> <p>26. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Am sending some stamps, return one soon, 10 January 1862</p> <p>27. Orlando Meads to Bessie. I do not make myself uneasy as some do over your gaiety of spirits, 16 January 1862</p> <p>28. Orlando Meads to Bessie. I wish you were here to enjoy the deep snow. Mentions A. Van Buren, E. Paige, H. Crosby, 20 January 1862</p> <p>29. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Party at Judge Parker's. A knitting party at Mrs. Pumpelly's and a men's party at Mr. Pruyn's, 24 January 1862</p> <p>30. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mentions A. Van Buren, Mrs. Pumpelly. I wish you to look ahead about money matters, 27 January 1862</p> <p>31. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Dr. Pitkin has resigned as our rector, 6 February 1862</p> <p>32. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Attended a dinner party at Mrs. Pruyn's. Governor King was there and lively as usual, 14 February 1862</p> <p>33. H.W. Fondy to Bessie. They have made a splendid victory at Fort Donelson, but have heard from Uncle James, 25 February 1862</p> <p>34. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Dined at Miss King's, then Mr. Kidd's and sat between General Cooper and Mr. Wilson, 27 February 1862</p> <p>35. Bessie to Grandma. Had a pleasant time with Mrs. Griffin, 4 March 1862</p> <p>36. H.W.F. to Bessie. Uncle James was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, 14 March 1862</p> <p>37. Orlando Meads to Bessie. A criticizing letter. Mentions Mrs. Woodruff, 21 March 1862</p> <p>38. Orlando Meads to Bessie. A great victory for the southern army, 9 April 1862</p> <p>39. Amy to Bessie. Amasa Parker will come to see you. Give him my love, the sweet thing, 21 April 1862</p> <p>40. Amy at Washington to Bessie. Man crazy letter. Saw Mr. Lincoln and made fun of his looks, 28 April</p> <p>41. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Reynolds and I are in new offices in Kidd building on No. Pearl St., 30 April 1862</p> <p>42. Minnie at Newport to Bessie. Mary Griffin could not go to Hopp. In mourning for her Rebel Uncle General Johnson, 1 May 1862</p> <p>43. Florence of Belmont to Bessie. Girlish letter, 1862</p> <p>44. Orlando Meads to Miss Haines. Wants permission for Bessie to visit Mrs. Tucker, 10 May 1862</p> <p>45. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Young's Night Thoughts is a stupid book, 14 May 1862</p> <p>46. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Family letter, 19 May 1862</p> <p>47. Orlando Meads to Bessie. About painting and papering the house, 28 May 1862</p>		
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<p>48. Bessie's annual school report. Ranks 7, June 1862</p> <p>49. Orlando Meads to Bessie. About a battle being fought at Richmond, 30 June 1862</p> <p>50. Bessie to Aunt. Went with Father to see the picture, The Heart of the Andes, June 1862</p> <p>51. Navy Yard (no name) to Bessie. This visit to Portsmouth seems like a dream, undated</p> <p>52. Amy to Bessie. The nicest looking man I have seen here is John Hay, The President's Secretary. Visited Mount Vernon, 6 May 1862</p>		
<p>1. Mary L. Griffin to Bessie. Enjoyed my trip to Washington.</p> <p>2. Sue to Bessie. School girl letter.</p> <p>3. Joss to Bessie. A school girl letter.</p> <p>4. 1865. June 23. E. W. Durr [sic] to Aunt Sarah. About the sea voyage on the Persia, 23 June 1865</p> <p>5. Orlando Meads to Charlotte. Writing from steamship Persia. Major General F. Williams on board. Also have four very seasick brides, 22 June 1865</p> <p>6. Orlando Meads London to Sisters. Heard an excellent sermon in Westminster Abbey by the Bishop of London. Very long letter, 12 July 1865</p> <p>7. Orlando Meads to Sisters from London. Mayor and Recorder attended church with mace bearer and sword bearer, and Judges in robes, 2 August 1865</p> <p>8. Orlando Meads to Sisters. From London. Met Dean Ramsey. Very long letter about his travels to England, 6 August 1865</p> <p>9. Orlando Meads to Charlotte, from Switzerland. The glacier looks like a great foaming waterfall. Very long letter about the Alps, 27 August 1865</p> <p>10. E.W. Duer to Grandma from Milan, Italy. Met. C. King. Dr. Chetwood. More about their trip abroad, 5 September 1865</p> <p>11. Orlando Meads to Sister. From Zurich [sic]. The scenery of Switzerland is grander than anything I ever saw, 9 September 1865</p> <p>12. Orlando Meads from Zurich to Sisters. Went by carriage along the whole chain of lakes in Switzerland. Very long letter, 10 September 1865</p> <p>13. E.W. Duer, Paris to Sarah. Cologne dirty, cathedral dingy. Long letter about a clock in Homburg, 30 September 1865</p> <p>14. Orlando Meads Paris, to John. Mentions H. Taylor, Banker, C. King. In the pew in front of us was the Widow Murat, 1 October 1865</p> <p>15. Orlando Meads Paris, to Sisters. Mentions Mr. Pulling, Reverend Lawson, Mr. Cady, Mr. Blodgett, E. Pierrepont, Mrs. Pruyne, C. King, Benkards, 12 October 1865</p> <p>16. Orlando Meads Queenstown to John. Mentions Bishop Lynch of Charleston. About a trip he is taking, 27 November 1869</p> <p>17. Orlando Meads London to Sister. All about the town. Mentions Kilmington's, Mr. Ingles, D. Ramsay, E. King, 4 December 1869</p>		5

<p>18. Orleans Meads Oxford to Sister. Mentions Mrs. Adams, Mr. Snively, Bishop Doane, Shaddock, Elliot, Bard, Woolsey. Ely Cathedral a dream, 19 December 1869</p> <p>19. Orlando Meads London to Charlotte. Mentions Bishop Potter, Bishop Doane, Eliot. About town of Torquay, 9 January 1870</p> <p>20. Orlando Meads London to Dear Child. About the death of Lord Derby. Very Long letter, 23 January 1870</p> <p>21. Orlando Meads Paris to Sister. Mentions Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. H. Townsend, Mr. Eliot. Went to see Barber of Seville, 28 January 1870</p> <p>22. Orlando Meads Rome to Sister. Mentions H. Hoyt, E. Duer's engagement to A. Van Buren. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Van Rensselaer. Death of my brother, 15 February 1870</p> <p>23. Orlando Meads Rome to Sister. Carnival going on here for a week. All about Rome, 28 February 1870</p> <p>24. Orlando Meads, Rome to Sister. New Rector at St. Peter's. The son of Mrs. Washington has a fever, and more about Rome, 16 March 1870</p> <p>25. Orlando Meads, Rome to Sister. Went to Naples with H. Bigelow of Boston. Spent night at Benediction Convent at Mount Casino. Grand Establishment, 4 April 1870</p> <p>26. Orlando Meads, Rome to Henrietta. Death of R. Hunt. Mentions Ruggles, St. John of Newburgh. About the Pope and his Council, 5 April 1870</p> <p>27. Orlando Meads, Florence to Charlotte. About his sightseeing and affairs at home in St. Peter's, 11 May 1870</p> <p>28. 38 letters written during his travels abroad, 1870-1873</p> <p>29. Note from Bishop Potter introducing Orlando Meads, 12 May 1873</p> <p>30. Orlando Meads, 4 Pine St. to Bessie. Mentions Cornings, Paiges, Doanes, Mrs. H. Townsend, M. Westerlo, C. Van Rensselaer, Dexter, 12 June 1874</p> <p>31. Orlando Meads to Hun. Mr. Olcott willing to give \$2,500 for a fund for the academy. Members of St. Peters pray for a safe voyage, 14 March 1876</p> <p>32. Orlando Meads to Hun. Mentions Cook, Leonard, Governor Hoffman, Dr. Vanderpool at a meeting at the Institute. B. Banks, Gates, Viele, Rathbone, 5 April 1876</p> <p>33. Orlando Meads to Hun in Europe. Bleecker Banks was elected Mayor. Of special good fortune to the Democrats. Mentions Tilden, Flint, 12 April 1876</p> <p>34. Orlando Meads to Hun. Mentions Mrs. Bernard, Dr. Vanderpool, and about charges against the doctor in the Senate. Dr. Quackenbush, the Doanes, 4 May 1876</p> <p>35. Orlando Meads to Hun. E. Corning in Paris. Dined with the Evans at Mrs. Pruyns. Eliza is quite well and likes her whiskey, 19 May 1876</p>		
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<p>36. Orlando Meads, Venice to Charlotte. Stayed with the Doanes at Paris, later Porters. About the expedition and the displays. Our Philadelphia was just as good, undated</p> <p>37. Orlando Meads Weehawken to Sister. About returning from Europe, 27 October 1878</p> <p>38. Introduction from Orlando Meads from Bishop Doane. In the name of the Father, the son and the holy ghost, 12 January 1880</p> <p>39. Orlando Meads to Sister. Mentions Mrs. Wilson, Viele, Dr. Hun, 6 February 1880</p> <p>40. Orlando Meads, Ireland to Sister. About another trip and the Huns are with him, 28 June 1880</p> <p>41. Orlando Meads, London to sister. Went with Pierreponts to Lake Windermere. Visited Reverend Edwards at Staffordshire. Mentions Sir T. Baker, 21 July 1880</p> <p>42. Orlando Meads, Paris to Sister. Went to see Ober Ommergon [sic] Passion Play. Took 8 hours before 5,000 people, 5 September 1880</p> <p>43. Orlando Meads, 4 Pine St. to Bessie. Confirmation at St. Peters and among others Emily Read and Hattie Pruyn were confirmed</p> <p>44. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mrs. Lamb's lecture in the academy on Van Rensselaer Mansion had good attendance, 11 April 1883</p> <p>45. To Bessie. Trouble with my neck. Oiled silk and cotton at night and Kitty ironing my shoulder every morning, 13 April 1883</p> <p>46. Orlando Meads, Brooklyn to Sister. Mentions Pierrepont, H. Potter, about the church convention, 21 October 1883</p> <p>47. Orlando Meads to Bessie. Mentions Dr. Hanson, W. Warren, Mrs. Wood, 17 January 1884</p> <p>48. C.N. Waldron, Schenectady. To Alice Duer Miller. Information about her grandfather O.M. (Alice was a prominent author.), 20 December 1930</p>		
<p>Early original poem from Caroline to Elizabeth Wilson</p>		
<p>Letters given by Caroline K. Duer of the Wilsons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record of Wood and Mead family, 7 July 1824 2. Part of a very long letter of J.H. Meade from Wales 3. Elizabeth to Sister. A family letter, circa 1840s 4. H. to Mother. Family letter 5. J. Sinclair, London. Sending some copies of a memoir of my late sister whose works have been circulated 6. Typed history of the Wilson and Meads family 7. Lithographed letterhead of Tamworth 8. A child's story of the cat 9. Orlando Meads letters, European trips in 1870's 		
<p>Very fine long typed story of the family by Alice Duer Miller</p>		<p>6</p>