

Locust Grove Archives

Finding Aid

Series J: **Young Family Collection**
Subseries: **Mary E. Dwight Young**

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Volume: 1.5 cubic feet
3 boxes

Acquisition: Bequest of Annette Innis Young.

Access: Monday thru Friday, by appointment with the Curator.

Copyright: See Curator for details.

Biographical Sketch

Mary Eliot Dwight Young (1817-1890) was born in Geneva, New York to Rev. Henry Dwight and his wife Susan M. Hopkins Dwight. In 1841, Mary E. Dwight met Henry Lathrop Young, they married in June, 1842. Mary and her husband moved to a small farm in Avon Springs, New York (near Rochester). They remained there until 1853, when the family moved to Poughkeepsie. Mary and her husband, Henry had five children – Henry Dwight born in 1843, Edmund born in 1845, James Hyde born in 1847, Mary Dwight born in 1851 and William Hopkins born in 1855.

Collection Description

The papers of Mary Eliot Dwight Young (1817-1890) are relatively few. Much of the collection consists of correspondence to Mary from family members (primarily her parents, husband, and sister). Other notable items include several hand written recipes and a music book.

The collection is organized into two series: 1.) Correspondence, 1832-1871; 2.) Personal Papers. All items are arranged in chronological order if possible. The series descriptions will provide additional information on these categories.

The overall state of the collection is good. The letters are in reasonably good condition and legible. The music book (dating from 1832) is fragile and requires careful handling.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence (1832-1871)

This series is divided into three sections: 1.) Correspondence-Dated, 2.) Correspondence-Undated, 3.) Empty Envelopes. All correspondence is filed in chronological order when possible. Undated correspondence follows.

Series 2: Personal Papers

Mary Dwight Young's personal papers, like her correspondence, were part of Annette Innis Young's 1975 bequest to found the museum at Locust Grove. They consist of 12 folders covering a variety of subjects and are filed in alphabetical order. In general because these papers were dispersed throughout the Locust Grove mansion and were not arranged by their creator, unless otherwise noted subject categories have been artificially created to improve access.

Box and Folder Lists

Box 1

Series 1: Correspondence 1832-1871

- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1832
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1833
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1841
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1842
- *Correspondence from Mary E. Dwight Young-1842
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1843
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1844
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1845
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1846
- *Correspondence from Mary E. Dwight Young-1846

Box 2

Series 1: Correspondence 1847-1871, Undated, Empty Envelopes

- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1847
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1848
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-1849
- *Correspondence from Mary E. Dwight Young-1857
- *Correspondence from Mary E. Dwight Young-1871
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-Undated
- *Correspondence to Mary E. Dwight Young-Undated
- *Correspondence-Empty Envelopes

Box 3

Series 2: Personal Papers "B-W"

- *Bills
- *Deed to Pew 90-Reformed Dutch Church
- *Diary-1829
- *Dwight Trust
- *Estate of Mary D. Young
- *Etchings
- *Music Book
- *Newspaper Clipping
- *Notes and Lists
- *Recipes
- *Will of Henry Dwight
- *Writings

