

Wager Watson Collection

Repository: Utica College: Harry F. Jackson Welsh Collection Gallery

Creators: Family members of the Wager and Watson families, including relatives with the surnames: Salisbury and Wardwell; 3 items from a Mary E. Root; 1 item from a Mary A. Hughes

Title: Wager Watson Collection

Size: 99 items total

Inclusive languages: English, French, Welsh

Citation: Wager Watson Collection, Harry F. Jackson Welsh Collection, Special Collections, Utica College.

Scope and Contents:

The Wager Watson collection mainly consists of books collectively owned or passed down through the Salisbury, Wager, and Watson families. The majority of book signatures belong to Henry Wager Jr. of Western, N.Y., whose father was a founding settler of the town of Western, New York. Mr. Wager Jr.'s ancestors can be traced back to the UK, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and several locations in New York State, including Oneida, Jefferson, and Dutchess Counties, and the towns and villages of New Hartford, Marcy, Western, Westernville, Adams, Ghent, Whitesboro, Rome, and Holland Patent.

The collection includes hand written records of the Wager and Salisbury families, and describes the military service accounts of multiple family members in the Continental and Union Armies before and during the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. The subject matter of the books in this collection includes fictional literature, works concerning New York State vegetation and legislation, French language and educational texts, sketches of women and local history, etiquette and religious texts concerning the Methodist Episcopal faith, and biographies of prominent historical figures. Other items include portraits, photographs, maps and a herbarium created by Wager family members, and books and notebooks owned, written, or signed by a Mary A. Hughes of Paris, NY, and a Mary E. Root of New Hartford, NY, whose connections to the Wager family and its relatives are currently unknown.

Biographical Notes:

This collection is a random amalgamation of 62 books, 4 maps, 4 notebooks, 2 hand drawn portraits, and 2 photographs collected and passed down through multiple generations of Wager family members, their ancestors, and descendants. Biographical family sketches of the Wager, Salisbury, Whipple, Watson, and Wardwell families provided below demonstrate the Welsh lineage and Central New York residency of the Wager family, and highlight the marriage relations that tie these families, and the items in this collection together.

The Salisbury Ancestors:

The Welsh lineage of the Wager family has been traced back to the mid-1300s to Sir Ralph Salisbury (1336-1372), born in Wales.¹ His descendant, Thomas Salisbury (1409-1471)² and his wife traveled from Wales to America. Their descendants primarily remained in Wales, with the exception being Roger Salisbury (1491-1550), who was born in France.³ Another descendant, John Salisbury (1587-1675) relocated from Wales to America.⁴ Cornelius Salisbury (1668-1722) was the first Salisbury to both live and die in America, in what is now Massachusetts.⁵ In 1725, Jonathan Salisbury (1692-1740) married Sarah Whipple (1701-1763).⁶ Their granddaughter, Charlotte Salisbury Smith (1770-1813) married David Smith (1771-1844),⁷ and had a son, Willard Smith (1797-?),⁸ and a daughter, Harriet Salisbury Smith (1806-1858). Willard married Hannah Wager (1800-1844),⁹ and their daughter, Elizabeth Wager Smith married William Wardwell (1834-1907).¹⁰ Harriet Salisbury Smith (1806-1858) married Henry Wager Jr. (1806-1861), and had a daughter named Harriet Smith Wager (1841-1951).¹¹ One book in this collection includes a handwritten list of Salisbury family members and their birth dates. An included notebook from a Wardwell family member also describes the military services of the Salisbury, Whipple, and Wager ancestors in the Continental Army and supporting local militia during the American Revolution and War of 1812.

The Whipple Ancestors:

The marriage between Sarah Whipple (1701-1763) and Jonathan Salisbury (1692-1740) links the Salisbury and Whipple families into the Wager family lineage. The Whipple ancestors were French, Scottish, and English, and have been traced back as far as Francis I Duke Brittainy Whipple (1414-1450).¹² The first Whipple born in America was John Whipple Jr. (1643-1700),¹³ and the Whipple ancestors in America can be traced back to Rhode Island,¹⁴ Massachusetts,¹⁵ and Vermont.¹⁶ One book in this collection is authored by a Whipple, and includes inlaid photos of two Whipple ancestors, and a letter introducing two relatives of the Wager and Bradford family branches to the Governor of Hawaii.

The Wager Ancestors:

The Wager family includes Austrian and German origins, and has been traced back as far as Thomas Waeger (1590-1648) of Austria. The first known Wager born in Germany was Leonard Wager (1665-1731). His grandson, Barent J. Wager (1734-1801) emigrated from Germany, settled in Ghent, New York, and married Elizabeth Schafer (1737-1825).¹⁷ Their children include Henry Wager (1764-1840), who relocated to Oneida

County, New York, with his wife, Laetitia Ismond Wager (1764-1839), and was one of the prominent settlers that helped establish the town of Western, New York.¹⁸ Hand drawn portraits of the couple are included in this collection. Henry was a wealthy farmer, with several siblings, who served as town supervisor for several years.¹⁹ His children include Catherine Wager (1796-1868), Elizabeth Wager (1798-1870), Hannah H. Wager (1800-1844), David Wager (1804-1870), and Henry Wager (1806-1861).²⁰ Catherine Wager (1796-1868), married into the Halleck family in 1811.²¹ Elizabeth Wager (1798-1870) married a Whipple.²² Hannah H. Wager (1800-1844) married a Willard Smith in 1819, and had a daughter named Elizabeth Wager Smith, who married into the Wardwell family.²³

The Halleck / Hallock Ancestors:

The Hallock / Halleck family ties into the Wager family with the marriage between Joseph Halleck and Catherine Wager (1796-1868). Together, they had 13 children, including Henry Wager Halleck (1815-1872), who attended Union College, attended West Point Military Academy, served as an army general under President Abraham Lincoln, and married Elizabeth Hamilton (1831-1884), granddaughter of U.S. Secretary of Treasury, Alexander Hamilton. The Hallock / Halleck family were another of the prominent families that helped settle Western, NY. Joseph Halleck served as a magistrate for 30 years, and as an assemblyman in 1841. He also served as a lieutenant in the War of 1812. The Hallock / Halleck family ancestor Peter Hallock emigrated from England to New Haven, Connecticut in 1640. His descendent, Deacon Jabez Hallock was born on Long Island, and helped found the Presbyterian Church in Westernville in 1818.²⁴ No items in this collection appear to have been owned or signed by a Halleck / Hallock family member.

The Watson Ancestors:

The Watson family ties into the Wager family with the marriage between Harriet W. Wager (1871-1955) and William J. Watson Jr. (1864-1930) in 1893.²⁵ William J. Watson Jr. lived in Marcy and Utica, of Oneida County, NY, and his father was born in Scotland.²⁶ 4 items within this collection bear signatures of William, Harriet, or their daughter, Leila Watson.

The Wardwell Ancestors:

The Wardwell family ties into the Wager family with the marriage between Elizabeth Wager Smith (1835-1911) and William Wilberforce Wardwell (1834-1907). They lived in Rome, NY. The Wardwell family has been traced back seven generations to William Wardwell (1606-1670).

A notebook belonging to Elizabeth W. Wardwell is included in this collection.

The Root Family:

The link between the Wager and Root families is currently unknown. Three notebooks in this collection are the personal diaries of a Mary E. Root (1849-1872) of New Hartford, NY. Mary E. Root married a Joseph F. Barns (1838-1905) of Oneida, NY,²⁷ and referred to herself using the nickname Mollie in one of her notebooks.

The Hughes Family:

The link between the Wager and Hughes families is also currently unknown. One book in this collection is presented to a Mary A. Hughes in an inscription, and signed by Mary A. Hughes of Paris, N.Y. Mary Hughes married an Evan Hughes. The couple settled in Paris, Oneida County, NY, and both were born in Wales.^{28 29}

Processing Notes:

Items with mold and red rot have been treated with kitty litter and placed in sealed bags. Fragile items requiring safe storage and extra support have been placed in custom phase boxes. Items in phase boxes have been labeled with identifying information. Items in bags that cannot be easily identified by their spines or covers have a label with identifying information included in their bags.

This collection was kept in original order until processing began in March of 2018, when a series arrangement scheme was imposed to better organize books, notebooks, maps, portraits and photographs, and miscellaneous items included in this collection. This collection is currently undergoing conservation treatments for red rot and mold. Processing is expected to be completed in May of 2018, and is being done by Lauren Robinson, with advisement from Deborah Seiselmyer and Herb LaGoy.

Finding Aid Author: Lauren Robinson

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Acquisition Source: Information about the origin of this donation is unconfirmed, but believed to have been received from a member of the Watson family of Marcy, N.Y. roughly 25 years ago.

Access Headings:

Halleck, H. W. (Henry Wager), 1815-1872.
Oneida County (N.Y.).
New York (State) - Genealogy.
New York (State) – History - Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.
New York (State) – History - Revolution, 1775-1783.
New York (State) – History - War of 1812.
Rome (N.Y.) – History.
Wager family – New York (State) – Western - History.
Wager family – New York (State) – Westernville - History.
Salisbury family – Massachusetts - History.
Whipple family – Rhode Island - History.
Whipple family – Massachusetts - History.
Whipple family – Vermont - History.
Hughes family – New York (State) – Paris – History.
Root family – New York (State) – New Hartford - History.
Watson family – New York (State) – Marcy - History.
Watson family – New York (State) – Utica - History.
Wardwell family – New York (State) – Rome – History.
Halleck family – Connecticut – New Haven - History.
Hallock family - Connecticut – New Haven - History.

Collection Inventory:

Series 1 – Books

Size: 62 books; paperbacks, leather, or cloth bound

Inclusive Publication Dates: 1727-1918

Scope and Contents:

Series 1 consists of randomly curated books, some of which include signatures of family members and supposed family acquaintances, along with personal family birth date listings, and residence locations of various family members. This information offers names, dates, and location information that aid genealogical research concerning the ancestry of the Wager family, and their relatives, ancestors, and descendants. This series is arranged alphabetically by book title, and additional information concerning authors, publication information, and other relevant description notes are provided where available.

Inventory List:

Acts Passed at the First Session of the Twenty-Third Congress of the United States / by Authority. Washington : Francis Preston Blair, 1834.

An Alarm to Unconverted Sinners : In a Serious Treatise / by Joseph Alleine. Boston : F. Draper, 1727.

Description Note: Contains handwritten lists of Salisbury family members and their corresponding birth dates.

Annual Report of the New York Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1886 and 1887 / by The New York Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. New York : Phillips & Hunt, [date unknown].

The Beauties of Shakespeare / by Rev. William Dodd, L. L. D. Philadelphia : J. Locken, 1830.

Description Note: Marginalia: "Oneonta" (???)

The Complete Angler; or Contemplative Man's Recreation: Being a Discourse on Rivers, Fish-Ponds, and Fishing with the Lives of the Authors and Notes, Historical, Critical, and Explanatory by Sir John Hawkins, Knt. vol.1 / by I. Walton and C. Cotton. Chiswick : C. & C. Whittingham, 1826.

Description Note: Marginalia includes math note annotations.

Corsica in 1868 with a Comparative View of the Riviera of Genoa and of Corsica, Considered as Health Stations M.D.A.B.T.C.D. / by H. P. Ribton. Nice : [publisher unknown], 1868.

Description Note: Edited by B. Visconti.

The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, Revised and Approved at the General Conference Held at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, in November, 1792; in which Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury

Presided: To which are added, The Minutes of the General Conference Held at Baltimore, October 20th, 1796 / [author unknown]. Philadelphia : Henry Tuckniss, 1797.

Description Note: Sold by John Dickens; Marginalia: "Henry Wager his discipline bought of the Rev John ? on December the 12 yr 1799. ? for you to look upon to this when I am dead and gone Henry Wager is my name Western my dwelling place & Christ is my salvation."

Eighteenth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York on the Condition of the State Cabinet of Natural History and the Historical and Antiquarian Collection Annexed Thereto / by The Regents of the University of the State of New York. Albany : C. Wendell, Legislative Printer, 1865.

Description Note: Marginalia: "Dr. V. J. Hoberer 66 Miller Ln, Utica, NY 12/25/96 / 12/25/1902." Page margins and back cover heavily annotated with notes for local locations of listed items.

Etiquette for Ladies; with Hints on the Preservation, Improvement, and Display of Female Beauty / [author unknown]. Philadelphia : Lea & Blanchard, 1839.

Exercices Elementaires / by M. Chapsal. Paris : [publisher unknown], 1866.

Description Note: Published in French; Marginalia includes pencil underlining and page margin notes.

A Fage Illumined / by Edward P. Roe. New York : Dodd, Mead & Company's Library of Fiction, 1878.

Description Note: Marginalia: "Learns from Ottawa(?) in this book of names."

A Few Stray Leaves in the History of Whitesboro / [author unknown]. [Publication information and date unknown].

Description Note: Includes inscription: "Mrs. William Watson Jr. Burnside Farm Marcy, N.Y." ; Signed by Harriet W. Watson

A Few Stray Leaves in the History of Whitesboro / by a villager. Utica, N.Y. : T. J. Griffiths, Printer, Exchange Buildings, 1884.

Description Note: Signed by Leila J. Watson ; pencil marking: "3.50"

Fifth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1885-6 / by The Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Cincinnati : Western Methodist Book Concern Press, 1886.

[The Forest Boy] / [author and publication information unknown].

Description Note: Title page missing ; Title information supplied from spine and running title on page headers

Geography Made Easy: Being an Abridgement of the American Universal Geography / by Jedidiah Morse, D. D. Boston : Thomas & Andrews, 1816.

Description Note: 18th edition ; 6th abridgement ; signed by David Wager ; Marginalia includes marginal notes in front and back covers of planets and their distance measurements. Inscription: "David Wager's book."

Girls Scrapbook for 1839 / [author unknown]. [Publication location unknown] : American Sunday-School Union, [date unknown].

The Good Fellow vol. 1 + 2 / by Paul De Kock. Philadelphia : E. L. Carey & A. Hart, 1837.

Description Notes: Volume 1 - Dedication page: dedicated to Theodore G. Heyliger, Esq. Title page: Translated from French. Inscription on first page: "Henry Wager Jr. April 27th 1840" ; "H. Wager Jr. April 27th 1848." Volume 2 - Title page: Translated from French. Inscription on 1st page: "H. Wager Jr. April 27th 1840."

Historical Sketches of the Late War between the United States and Great Britain / by John Lewis Thomson. Philadelphia : Thomas Desilver ; Clark & Raser Printers, 1818.

Description Notes: Title page: Improved 5th edition ; First page signed by Henry Wager

The History of Virgil A. Stewart and His Adventure in Capturing and Exposing the Great "Western Land Pirate" and His Gang, in Connection with the Evidence; Also of the Trials, Confessions, and Execution of a Number of Morrells Associates in the State of Mississippi During the Summer of 1835, and the Execution of Five Professional Gamblers by the Citizens of Vickburg, on the 6th July 1835 / Compiled by R. H. Howard. New York : Harper & Brother, 1839.

The Instructor: Or the American Young Mans' Best Companion / by George Fisher. Worchester, Massachusetts : Isaiah Thomas, 1786.

Description Notes: 2nd Worchester enlarged and improved edition ; Front cover inscription: "Zadok Smith, this book price (?) bought at Providence 1790 and sold to Henry Wager Dec. 1798." Back cover inscriptions "Elizabeth Wager," "Job(?)"

The Koran; Commonly Called the Alcoran of Mohamet / [author unknown]. London : S. and R. Bentley, 1824.

Description Note: Title page signed by Henry Wager ; First page stamped initials "H. W." ; illegible note.

The Life of Benjamin Franklin Together with His Essays, Humorous, Moral and Literary / by Benjamin Franklin. Auburn, N. Y. : J. C. Derby & Co. Geneva : Geo. H. Derby and Co., 1846.

The Life and Exploits of Don Quixote De La Mancha: Translated from the Original Spanish of Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra vol. 1, 3, and 4 / by Charles Jarvis, Esq. Exeter : J. & B. Williams, 1828.

Description Notes: Volume 1 marginalia: “Henry Wager Jr. Western, Oneida N. York, Boston 8th June 1833.”

The Life of George Washington and Curious Anecdotes, Equally Honourable to Himself, and Exemplary to His Young Countrymen / by M. L. Weems. Philadelphia : Joseph Allen, 1838.

The Life and Letters of Samuel Wells Williams, LL. D. Missionary, Simplomatist, Sinologue / by Frederick Wells Williams. New York and London : G. P. Putnam’s Sons: The Knickerbocker Press, 1889.

Description Notes: Marginalia: “William Watson Jr. From his sincere friend, H. Dwight-Williams, Ithaca June 2 of 1895.”

The Life of the Rev. John Wesley A. M.; Sometime Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, and Founder of the Methodist Societies / by Richard Watson. Albany, New York : W. Disturnell, 1834.

Description Note: Signed by Henry Wager

The Lights and Shadows of a Long Episcopate Being Reminiscences and Recollections of the Right Reverend Henry Benjamin Whipple, D.D., LL.D. Bishop of Minnesota with Portrait of the Author, and Other Illustrations / [author unknown]. New York : Macmillan Company, 1900.

Description Notes: Marginalia: note inside front cover “(?) Charlotte and Harriet Wager with the love of Bishop and Mrs. H, B. Whipple;” signed by Harriet Wager Watson; “Yours faithfully H. B. Whipple Bishop of Minnesota.” Inlaid items include a letter of introduction to the Governor of Hawaii introducing Miss Wager and Mrs. Bradford, a dedication to Cornelia Whipple, and 3 photos notated “Bp Whipple,” “Bishop Whipple Minn.” and “G.P. Austed(?) Adams, NY.” Two of the photos depict the same male figure, and the third photo depicts a female.

Marriage Customs and Ceremonies and Modes of Courtship of the Various Nations of the Universe; Selected from the Most Approved Authors, with Remarks on the Condition of Women, Penn’s Maxims, and Counsel to the Single and Married, &ct, &ct. / by T. Moore. New York : W. Borradaile, 1827.

Description Notes: Marginalia: “Westernville H. Wager Jr.,” note on back cover.

Memoir of Mrs. Sarah Louisa Taylor; or an Illustration of the Work of the Holy Spirit, in Awakening, Renewing, and Sanctifying the Heart / by Lot Jones, A. M. New York : Baker & Scribner, 1846.

Description Notes: Title page: 4th edition. Marginalia: Front interior cover: “Present to Miss Mary Hughes” ; “J.B. Soe(?) no. 61.” First page signed:

“Mary A. Hughes Paris, NY.” Back interior cover – “Mary A. Hughes C(?)ss(?)ilk Oneida Co, N.Y.” ; also includes handwritten poem written by Mary.

Memoirs of Celebrated Women vol. 1 / Edited by G. P. R. James. Philadelphia : E. L. Carey & A. Hart, 1839.

Description Notes: Marginalia: “H. Wager Jr. April 27th, 1840;” note on front flyleaf

Memoirs of Celebrated Women vol. 2 / Edited by G. P. R. James Esq. Philadelphia : E. L. Carey & A. Hart, 1839.

Description Notes: Marginalia: “daubine (?”;” “H. Wager Jr. April 27th, 1840;” “onue(?)”

Noel et Chapsal: Abrege de la Grammaire Francaise / [author unknown]. Paris : [publisher unknown], 1866.

Description Note: Published in French language.

Oneida Historical Society. Men Events, Lawyers, Politics and Politicians of Early Rome / by D. E. Wager. Utica, NY : Ellis H. Roberts & Co., 1879.

Description Notes: Title page states this speech was delivered to the Oneida County Historical Society on Jan. 28, 1879; and previously delivered to the Young Men’s Christian Association on Feb. 4, 1879.

Primary Arithmetic and Table-Book; Designed for Beginners; Containing the Elementary Tables of Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, and Denominate Numbers with a Large Number of Easy and Practical Questions, Both Mental and Written / by Charles Davis, LL. D. New York : A. S. Barnes & Co., 1856.

Description Notes: Part of the National School Series. Includes marginalia and currency rubbings.

Rhamant Bywyd Lloyd George / by Beriah Gwynfe Evans. Utica, N.Y. : Thomas J. Griffiths, 1916.

Description Notes: Published in Welsh language. Marginalia: “1.00.”

The Scottish Chiefs: A Romance vol. 1-3 / by Jane Porter. Brattleborough : John Holbrook, 1818.

Description Notes: Five volumes in three. Volume 1 includes marginalia: number annotations. Volume 2 includes marginalia: “Henry Wager Jr., Western NY.”

[The Silent Instructor] / [author and publishing information unknown].

Description Notes: Title information supplied by running title on page headers ; Marginalia: heavily marked with –‘s and x’s. Inlaid items include 2 newspaper clippings in three pieces pertaining to horticulture, farming, and gardening.

Some Eminent Women of Our Times: Short Biographical Sketches / by Mrs. Henry Fawcett. London and New York : Macmillan Co., 1889.

A Theoretical and Practical Grammar of the French Language; in which the Present Usage is Displayed Agreeably to the Decisions of the French Academy with Numerous Corrections and Improvements and with the Addition of a Complete Treatise on the Genders of French Nouns, as also with the Addition of all the French Verbs, both Regular and Irregular, Conjugated Affirmatively-Negatively- Interrogatively-and Negatively and Interrogatively / by A. Bolmar. Philadelphia : Carey & Hart, 1846.

Description Note: 25th edition

Thirty Years Ago; or the Memoirs of a Water Drinker vol. 1 + 2 / [author unknown]. New York : Bancroft & Holley, 1836.

Description Note: Marginalia: "H. Wager Jr. April 27th 1840."

The Vegetation of the Eastern End of Oneida Lake / by Homer D. House. Albany, New York : University of the State of New York, 1918.

Description Note: Signed by "Wm. Watson Jr."

Series 2 – Notebooks

Size: 4 composition notebooks

Inclusive Dates: 1860-1864; 1898

Scope and Contents:

Series 2 consists of 4 notebooks. Three of the notebooks belonged to Mary E. Root, who sometimes referred to herself as "Mollie." The fourth notebook belonged to Elizabeth Wardwell and contains an additional entry written by Harriet S. Wager. These notebooks are listed and arranged alphabetically according to owner's last name, then chronologically by inscription date. These notebooks describe the linked lineage of the Wardwell, Wager, Whipple, and Salisbury families, and help link the Wardwell and Root families to New Hartford, and Rome, Oneida County, NY.

Inventory List:

Mary E. Root. 1860-1861.

Description Notes: Written by Mary E. Root of New Hartford, N.Y. Entries date from January 4th, 1860 – March 16, 1861. This notebook includes an inlaid donor's note listing items not found in this collection, and describing a marriage certificate between Mary E. Root and a Joseph F. Barns dated from September 6th, 1864. Also included are two inlaid newspaper clippings of poems. One poem is titled 'The Withered Daisies.'

The Second poem is titled 'At Port Royal – 1861.' Inscription from first page: "Mary E. Root, New Hartford, Oneida Co. N.Y."

Mollie [Mary] E. Root. 1861-1863.

Description Notes: Written by Mary E. Root of New Hartford N.Y., using the nickname "Mollie." Entries date from September 4th, 1861-January 9th, 1863. Inscription from first page: "Mollie E. Root, New Hartford, N.Y., Sept. 4th, 1861."

Mary E. Root. 1863-1864.

Description Notes: Private diary of Mary E. Root of New Hartford, N.Y. including entries from September 9th, 1863 – July of 1864. Entries describe a cousin named George, a brother named Augustus, and mention Mary's father commuting to Clinton, NY. Several of the entries pertain to Harriet's school lessons in Grecian history, geography, painting, her personal health, and experiences with visiting relatives and house guests. Mary had a close friend named Mary E. Goodfellow that died in 1863. Other notable entries describe attendance of a state fair, Whitestown seminary school, and a school in Clinton, NY. This notebook includes an inlaid newspaper clipping pertaining to a marriage announcement of Lieut. W. H. Sanford and Kittie L. Barker in Clinton, NY on June 5th. Inscription from first page: "Private Diary ; Mary E. Root, New Hartford, N.Y. 1863-4."

Elizabeth W. Wardwell. 1898.

Description Notes: First page inscription: "Mrs. W. W. Wardwell, Rome, N.Y." ; Second page inscription: "Written for and read before the Fort Stanwix Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution by Elizabeth W. Wardwell Dec. 16, 1898." The main entry in this notebook written by Mrs. Wardwell describes her grandmother, Charlotte Salisbury, Charlotte's six siblings, and her great great grandmother, Abigail, and her great great grandfather, Edward Salisbury, who lived in Providence, Rhode Island and served as a local minuteman. This notebook also includes an entry by Harriet S. Wager describing the military services of her ancestors, the Wagers and Whipples, for the Fort Stanwix Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In the entry, Harriet describes how her ancestor, Barent Wager served in the Continental Army in Albany County, N.Y. defending settlers from invading Native Americans and British soldiers. Harriet also describes how Barent served in the War of 1812, and bought land from the Van Rensselaer family of New York in 1777 that became the Wager family homestead. Additionally, Harriet identifies her great great grandparents as Sarah Whipple and Jonathan Salisbury.

Size: 4 maps

Scope and Contents:

Series 3 consists of 4 hand drawn maps signed by a Harriet Smith and a H. S. Smith. The maps depict the continents of Europe, Africa, Asia, and the world in two spheres. These maps were created by two possible members of the Wager family. The first candidate is Harriet Salisbury Smith (1806-1858), who married Henry Wager Jr. (1806-1861) in 1827.³⁰ The second candidate is Harriet S. Wager (1871-1955), daughter of David Henry Wager (1829-?) and Catherine Caroline Bennett (1836-1878). This Harriet married William J. Watson Jr. (1863-1933).³¹ These maps are stored separately in labeled map tubes, and listed by title, then author where available. The ancestry of the creator(s) directly connects this series to the Wager family, and potentially reinforces the marriage link between the Wager and Watson families. The ancestry of Harriet Salisbury Smith also links to the photo of Catherine Caroline Bennett included in series 4.

Inventory List:

Africa / by H. S. Smith.

Description Notes: '8121"

Size: 17 ½" x 22 ¼"

Asia / by Harriet Smith.

Size: 19 ½" x 27"

Europe.

Size: 19 ½" x 27"

The World / by Harriet Smith.

Size: 31 ½" x 24"

Series 4 – Portraits and Photographs

Size:

2 framed, hand drawn portraits ; 1 matted, unframed photograph ; 1 portrait photograph contained in a small clasp box ; 1 box containing 21 photographs, a postcard, and a letter

Scope and Contents:

Series 4 contains 27 items. Two of the items are hand drawn portraits of Henry Wager and Letitia Ismond Wager. These portraits are the same size, framed in oval shaped frames, and stored in labeled phase boxes with tissue paper. A smaller portrait photograph of Catherine Bennett Wager contained in a small clasp box is also stored in a labeled phase box with tissue paper insulation. A

matted, unframed photograph of an unidentified group of people gathered in front of the First Presbyterian Church in Holland Patent, N.Y. is stored in a labeled, pocket sleeved archival stock folder in this series. These items depict Wager family members, and suggest an unknown relationship between a Wager descendant and the First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent, N.Y. These items are listed and arranged alphabetically by name. Identification information for the three portraits found on included hand written notes with each item are included in the description notes. The last item in this collection is a box containing 21 photographs, a postcard written in Welsh, and a letter written in French. The photographs consist of black and white, and daguerreotype portraits of children, and male or female figures, as well as shot of outdoor settings, and a group photo depicting a group of uniformed men. This box is listed last in this series, and its contents have been kept together.

Inventory List:

Catherine Bennett Wager. Clasp box framed portrait.

Description Note: Included note states: "Catherine Bennett Wager, wife of David Henry Wager." Size: 2.5" x 3" x ¾"

Henry Wager Sr. Hand drawn portrait.

Description Note: framed oval portrait of male figure; included note states: "Henry Wager Sr.; Born: Jan. 30, 1764' Died: Aug. 30, 1840." Size: 7 ¾" x 9 ¾" x 1"

Letitia Ismond Wager. Hand drawn portrait.

Description Note: framed oval portrait of female figure; included note states: "Letitia Ismond Wager; Born: May 28, 1764; Died: Mar. 29, 1839." Size: 7 ¾" x 9 ¾" x 1"

[Paper matted photo]. Housed in labeled folders.

Description Note: Photograph depicts a group of people gathered at the entrance of the First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent, N.Y. The group includes 6 women, 3 men, and 34 children. The church entrance includes a small plaque which states: "First Presbyterian Church, Holland Patent, N.Y. ; Rev. (?) Kellymayer – Minister. (?) 22 Steuben St. ; Stated Services: Lord's Day – 10AM Worship Service, 12(?) Bible School, (?)PM Populary Services ; Weekdays – Wed. 7(?) Service. Thurs. 7(?) Prayer Mtg., Fri. PM 4-3:30 (?) Service ; Welcome Here."

1 box of Wager Watson Collection photographs.

Description Notes: This box includes 25 items total. 2 daguerreotype portraits are included, depicting 2 unidentified female portraits. Also included in this box are a postcard with a list written in Welsh addressed to a Mr. Ellis Williams of 24 Leslie Ave, Utica, NY; and a letter written in

French. The remaining items consist of 21 black and white photographs, which include 12 female portraits, 2 male portraits, 2 portraits of children, 3 photographs of a woman outside, 1 photograph of an unidentified cemetery plot, and 1 photograph depicting a group of uniformed men. The photograph of the uniformed men is labeled: 'A. P. racomber Westernville Co.' The other 20 listed photographs have no identification information or labels.

Series 5 – Miscellaneous

Size: 2 books

Scope and Contents:

Series 5 contains two items. The first item is a leather bound bible containing the handwritten records of births, deaths, and marriages of Wager family members, which identifies several generations of Wagers, and their spousal relatives. The Wager family records listed in the bible significantly aid genealogical research concerning the descendants of Henry and Letitia Wager. The second item is a leather bound herbarium containing a collection of pressed flowers. The herbarium belonged to a Wager, and demonstrates an interest in local vegetation, which might account for the books concerning N.Y. vegetation included in series 1. These items were kept separate from the books in series 1 due to their included biological specimens, and unique nature as primary information sources of family records. These books are listed and arranged alphabetically by title, and are contained in boxes and bags to offer text block support, and help contain red rot and biological contents.

Inventory List:

The English Version of the Polyglott Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments, with the Marginal Readings, and a Full and Original Selection of References to Parallel and Illustrative Passages, Arranged in a manner Hitherto Unattempted; to which are added a Critical Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, and to Each of the Books; An Essay on the Right Interpretations of the Writings in which the Revelations of God are Contained, by James Macknight, D. D.; A Geographical and Historical Index, or Bible Gazetteer; A Concordance by Rev. J. Brown; A Complete Index and Concise Dictionary to the Bible; In Which the Various Persons, Places, and Subjects Mentioned in it are Accurately Referred to, and Every Difficult Word Briefly Explained; Together with a Number of Useful and Interesting Tales; A Neatly Engraved Family Record; Finely Executed Maps and Engravings on Steel, and Numerous Wood Cuts Illustrative of the Sacred Text / [no author provided]. Boston : Lincoln, Edmands & Co. and Pierce & Parker ; Brattleborough : Peck & Wood, 1833.

Description Notes: Marginalia: “April of 1850;” “45.00;” “Henry Wager Jr. Western, NY (?) 10th, 1834” ; Includes lists of birth, death, and marriage dates of Wager family members. Size: 7.5” x 11.5” x 3 ¼”

Herbarium / by Harriet S. Wager. [publication and date information not provided].

Description Notes: Leather bound book, containing pressed flowers, many of which are labeled with handwritten measurement descriptions, common, and scientific names for each species. Front cover inscription: “Harriet S. Wager Western, Oneida Co.” Size: 10” x 13.5” x ¼”

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Appendix A: Transcription of handwritten family records from Wager family Bible:

Henry Wager Born: Jan. 30, 1764 – Died: Aug. 9, 1840

Letitia Wager Born: May 28, 1765 – Died: March 29, 1839

The above are the heads of the family.

Catherine Wager Born: Feb. 18, 1796

Elizabeth Wager Born: Dec. 21, 1798

Hannah Wager Born: Aug. 17, 1800 – Died: March 29, 1844

David Wager Born: Mar. 17, 1804

Henry Wager Jr. Born: Sept. 10, 1806

The above are all the children of Henry Wager and Letitia Wager.

Henry Wager was married to Letitia Ismond July 20th, 1784.

Catherine Wager married Joseph Halleck: March 7, 1813

Hannah Wager married William Smith: Sept. 28, 1819

Elizabeth Wager married J. H. Whipple: Sept. 25, 1820

Henry Wager Jr. married Hannah Smith: March 7, 1827 (Hannah died: May 5, 1858)

David Wager married Mary Williams: Jan. 6, 1849

David Henry Wager Born: March 3, 1829 – Died: July. 12, 1890

Barnabus Isaiah Wager Born: Dec. 29, 1830 – Died: Feb. 26, 1832

Elizabeth Whipple Wager Born: Feb. 13, 1833 – Died: Feb. 17, 1887

John Whipple Wager Born: Sept. 5, 1834 – Died: Sept. 8, 1834

Charlotte Smith Wager Born: April 22, 1836 - ?

Harriet Smith Wager Born: June 8, 1841 - ?

Lizzie Whipple Wager married A. C. Bradford: June 18, 1856

Children:

Hattra Wager Bradford Born: 1857 - Died: 1874

Charles Bradford

Wager Bradford

Henry Clarke Bradford

Appendix B: Family Genealogies

This appendix lists the individuals identified in the items within the Wager Watson Collection, as well as their direct ancestors identified during the genealogical research conducted while processing this collection. Additional notes in this appendix include residency information relevant to each family' ethnic ancestry, or their local residence within Oneida County, NY. The information in this appendix was sourced from the Ancestry database, and the signatures and marginalia included in the physical items within the collection.

Hallock / Halleck Family:

[William Hallock \(1555-1606\)](#)

Born: England

Died: England

[William Peter Hallock \(1600-1688\)](#)

[William Hallock \(1615-1684\)](#)

Born: England

Died: NY

[Deacon Jabez Halleck \(1761-1863\)](#)

Died: Westernville, Oneida, NY

[Joseph Halleck \(1784-1857\)](#) (m) Catherine Wager (1796-1868)

Died: Westernville, Oneida, NY

[Henry Wager Halleck \(1815-1872\)](#) (m) Elizabeth Hamilton (1831-1884)

Born: Westernville, Oneida, NY

Union Army General

Hughes Family:

[Mary Hughes \(about 1830-?\)](#) (m) Evan Hughes (about 1828-?)

Born: Wales

Died: Paris, Oneida, New York

Root Family

[Mary Root \(1849-1872\)](#) (m) [Joseph F. Barns \(1838-1905\)](#)

Salisbury Family:

[Sir Ralph Salisbury \(1336-1372\)](#)

Born: Wales

[Henry Salisbury \(1365-1409\)](#)

[Sir Thomas Salisbury \(1409-1471\)](#)

[Sir Roger Salisbury \(1491-1550\)](#)

Born: France

Died: Wales

[John Salisbury \(1587-1675\)](#)

Born: Wales

Died: Massachusetts

[Cornelius Salisbury \(1668-1722\)](#)

Born: Massachusetts

Died: Massachusetts

[Jonathan Salisbury \(1692-1740\)](#) (m) Sarah Whipple (1701-1763)

[Edward Salisbury \(1733-1829\)](#) (m) Abigail Hawkins (1736-1793)

Children:

[Charlotte Salisbury](#) (Smith) (1770-1813)

Wager Family:

[Thomas Waeger \(1590-1648\)](#)

Born: Austria

[Leonard Wager \(1665-1731\)](#)

Born: Germany

[Johann Bernhardt Wager \(1698-1757\)](#)

[Barant J. Wager \(1734-1801\)](#)

(m) Elizabeth Schafer (1737-1825)

Born: Baden-Baden, Germany

Died: Ghent, Columbia County, NY

[Henry Wager \(1764-1840\)](#) (m) [Letitia Ismond \(1764-1839\)](#)

Died: Westernville, Oneida County, NY

Children:

[Catherine Wager \(1796-1868\)](#) (m) Joseph Halleck (1784-1857)

[Elizabeth Wager \(1798-1870\)](#) (m) John H. Whipple (1795-1859)

Children:

[Henry Benjamin Whipple \(1822-1901\)](#)

(m) [Cornelia Ward Wright \(1816-1890\)](#)

Died: Minnesota

[Hannah Wager \(1800-1844\)](#) (m) Willard Smith

Born: Western, Oneida County, NY

Children:

[Elizabeth Wager \(Smith\) Wardwell](#)

[David Wager \(1804-1870\)](#)

Died: Utica, Oneida, NY

[Henry Wager Jr. \(1806-1861\)](#) (m) Harriet Salisbury Smith (1806-1858)

Died: Westernville, Oneida, NY

Children:

[David Henry Wager \(1829-1872\)](#)

(m) Catherine Caroline Bennett (1836-1878)

Born: Oneida, NY

Children:

Henry David Wager (1863-1949)

William Halleck (Willie) Wager (1869-1870)

[Harriet Smith \(Hattie\) Wager \(1871-1955\)](#)

(m) William J. Watson Jr. (1863-1933)

Born: Westernville, NY

Died: Marcy, Oneida, NY
Charlotte Smith (Lottie) Wager (1874-?)
[Elizabeth Wager \(1833-?\)](#)
[Charlotte S. Wager \(1836-?\)](#)
[Harriet Wager \(1841-1915\)](#)

Wardwell Family:

[William Wardwell \(1606-1670\)](#)
Born: England
[Uriah Wardwell \(1639-1732\)](#)
[Joseph Wardwell \(1686-1755\)](#)
[John Wardwell \(1720-1770\)](#)
[Samuel Wardwell \(1755-1819\)](#)
[Judge Daniel Wardwell \(1791-1878\)](#)
[William Wilberforce Wardwell \(1834-1907\)](#) (m) Elizabeth Wager Smith (1835-1911)
Died: Rome, Oneida County, NY

Watson Family:

[William Watson \(1838-1915\)](#)
Born: Scotland
[William J. Watson Jr. \(1864-1930\)](#) (m) Harriet Smith (Hattie) Wager (1871-1955)
[Leila Janet Watson \(1895-1970\)](#)
Died: Holland Patent, Oneida, NY

Whipple Family:

[Francis I Duke Brittney Whipple \(1414-1450\)](#)
Born: France
Died: France
[Sir Thomas Whipple \(1450-1557\)](#)
Born: England
Died: Scotland
[Thomas Whipple \(1475-1535\)](#)
Born: England
Died: England
[Thomas Whipple \(1520-1572\)](#)
[Matthew Whipple \(1538-1575\)](#)
[Matthew Whipple \(1576-1619\)](#)
[Capt. John Whipple \(1617-1685\)](#)
Born: Wales
Died: Providence, RI
[John Whipple Jr. \(1643-1700\)](#)
Born: Dorchester, Massachusetts
Died: Providence, RI
[John Whipple \(1666-1700\)](#)
[Sarah Whipple \(1701-1763\)](#) (m) Jonathan Salisbury (1692-1740)