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Finding Aid for the MARY G. CARY AND JOHN R. CARY PAPERS,  
1780-1920

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All correspondence dates are standardized rather than transcribed, viz: yr mo/day.

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**RESTRICTIONS**

No restrictions

**ABSTRACT**

Letters, documents and photographs of 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> -century family members of the mostly Quaker Cary, Cope, Elkinton, Gilpin, Newlin, Stokes and Waln families.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Mary Goodhue Cary, mother of John Cary, was head of the Peace Collection at Swarthmore College; she was not a Quaker, though the rest of John Cary's family were Quakers. Cary's grandmother was an Evans from Germantown.

Roderick Scott, Haverford College, class of 1906, received his M.A. from Haverford in 1907 and another from Harvard in 1908. He was also Phi Beta Kappa. In 1909-13, he taught English at Earlham College, then served the Y.M.C.A in Russia, 1913-14 and in Indiana, 1914-15. He returned to teach English at Oberlin College, 1915-

16, but then went to Foochow (Fuzhou), China as a member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions as a Professor of English and Philosophy and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; in 1919-20, he was Acting President of Fukien Christian University.

John Stokes (1800-1868) married Hannah Smith (1799-1859) in 1823. Their children were: Elizabeth Waln Stokes (1823-1902), Mary Stokes (1825-1847), Joseph Waln Stokes (1829-1831), Henry Waln Stokes (1830-1855), Francis Stokes (1833-1917; m. Katharine Wistar Evans); Joseph Waln Stokes (1835-1863), Hetty Newlin Stokes (1838-1899), Eleanor Tyson Stokes (1840-1919), Thomas Pym Cope Stokes (1843-1918) and Joseph Stokes Jr. (1845-1853). John Stokes was a member of Germantown Particular and Frankford Monthly Meeting.

(Information from donor; Haverford College Matriculate Catalog; internal evidence; Stokes, Cope, Emlen, Evans Genealogy; The Friend)

### **SUBJECT HEADINGS**

Scott, Roderick, 1885-  
Stokes, John, 1800-1868

Cary family  
Cope family  
Elkinton  
Evans family  
Gilpin family  
Newlin family  
Stokes family  
Waln family

690 - Conscientious objection – Religious aspects – Society of Friends  
690 - Family – Religious life – Society of Friends

### **ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

Series List:

Series I. Correspondence and Documents  
Series II. Photographs

### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

Issues of domestic life and family relations, as well as attendance at Meeting are the focus of this collection of letters and documents relating to the Quaker families: Evans, Gilpin, Newlin, Stokes and Waln. The greatest number of letters was written by

John Stokes (1800-1868) to Hannah Smith who would later become his wife. In addition, there are typed transcriptions of letters of Evans, Stokes and Waln family members, including an account of an encounter between English and French fleets during the American Revolutionary War. Also typed and transcribed are letters regarding treatment of Quakers as conscientious objectors during the Revolutionary War.

In addition, there are photographs of members of the Cary, Cope, Elkinton, Evans, Garrett and Stokes families.

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

### **Series I. Correspondence and Documents:**

Cary, Mary Goodhue letters to Eleanor Stokes Smith, 1909-13. 1 folder (7 items items).

Note: The originals of these letters were sent to Swarthmore College Peace Collection, including a cover letter from Eleanor Stokes Smith in 1965 returning Cary's letters to her. These are affectionate letters to her cousin with great approval of events in Smith's life.

Cope, Evans and Gilpin Families. 1 folder (6 items)

Including:

- Cope, A. to John [Stokes?]. n.d. [re news of a ship and Barbary pirates]
- Evans, J. Wistar to John Stokes, Ellie (Stokes?) and Hettie (Stokes?). 1866. 3 items. [asking consent to ask Ellie Stokes to marry him; 2 others ]
- Account of Joseph Gilpin who came to Pennsylvania from England in 1682 as given by G.G. Smith and recorded by his nephew, H.N. Stokes, 1883 11/11.
- List of the ten children of Joseph Gilpin and Mary Caldwell, m. 1729 10/1

Newlin Family. 1 folder (7 items)

Including:

- Newlin, Nathaniel to John Stokes. Philadelphia, 1823 8/2.
- List of the ten children of Nathaniel Newlin of Concord, son of Nathaniel Newlin of Ireland, and his wife Esther Metcalf. 2 versions.
- Account of the last illness of Levis Newlin, d. 1844 7/2.
- Removal of Nicholas Newland/Newlin from England, 1682 (copy)
- Record of marriages and deaths of Parker and Newlin families
- Hair of Nathaniel Newlin (d. 1829) and Mary Newlin (d. 1816)

Scott, Roderick & E. Smith. 1 folder (3 items)

Including:

- Scott, Roderick to Richard Cary. Foochow, China, 1917 12/12. [waits for Cary's response to his letters; what are Americans thinking about the war. They get the

- China Press, but need information from friends; he is teaching at the Union College freshman English and Shakespeare for juniors, next year a philosophy class for seniors; reports on his understanding of Chinese]
- Smith, E. to Mary. [18]59] 9/18.
  - Smith, E. to Ellie. 1860 11/11.

Stokes Family: John & Mary. 1 folder (22 items)

Including:

- Stokes, John to Hannah Smith. 1821-1823. 14 letters. [attends Yearly Meeting where Stephen Grellet and William Foster were in attendance; has no favorable opinion of Negroes or the Southern States (4/11/1821); health issues relating to family, friends, acquaintances; daily life, including family visits; longing to see her]. Stokes addresses Smith as his sister, but she becomes his wife in 1823.
- Stokes, John to family. 1853 7/18. [on the death of his son]
- Stokes, Mary. 1882-83. 4 items. [directions for her nieces to carry out after her death]
- Stokes, Mary. 1820 & 1920. 2 items. Dinner invitation.
- Stokes, Mary. Account of her death, 1847 10/10 as recorded by Mary Stokes.

Stokes Family: E.T., Hettie, and Joseph. 1 folder (5 items)

Including:

- S[tokes?], E.T. to Wistar. 1866 12/14 & 1867 2/3. 2 items.
- Stokes, Hettie N. to sister and brother. 1863 3/25.
- Stokes, Joseph. A short account of the last sayings of Joseph Stokes, copied by his daughter Mary Stokes from the original document. Copy from 1852.
- Stokes, Joseph to cousin. [19]39.

Waln Family. 1 folder (2 items)

Including:

- Waln, Elizabeth Stokes (1780-1852) (daughter of John and Mary Stokes). [Description of her death; instructions re distribution of her personal property, written by Elizabeth Stokes Cope and Mary Stokes]
- Waln, Nicholas. Message in 1772 Meeting, copied from "Select Miscellany"

Typed and transcribed letters and documents: Evans, Stokes and Waln Families and Conscientious Objection. 2 folders (ca. 25 items)

Note: a letter from Alison Stokes MacLean to Stokes and Evans family. Potomac, MD, 1976 describes finding the Francis J. Stokes family letters and photographs in a tin box and having them transcribed and typed

Typed and transcribed letters and documents:

I.

- Evans, Jonathan to Francis Stokes (cousin). 1868 8/21.
- Evans, Thomas, 1830s-1860s. 8 letters.
- Evans, William (loyalist in the Revolutionary War). Antigua, W. I., 1780 6/4. [account of encounter between English and French fleets]
- Stokes, Francis to Katherine Evans Stokes. 1902-1904 & n.d. 3 items.
- Stokes, Joseph to Francis Stokes. 1862 3/12 & 3/15.
- Waln, Nicholas. Philadelphia, 1791 9/24. [opinion concerning will of Joseph Stokes]

II. Conscientious objection during the Civil War:

- Commissioner to Francis Stokes. Philadelphia, 1862 9/15. [informing him of his exemption from military service and obligation to pay a sum as "an equivalent"]
- Society of Friends in PA, NJ and DE to U.S. Congress. 1863 2/24. [on right to refuse payment in lieu of military service]
- Evans, Thomas to Isaac Newton. 1863 9/16. [Friends' refusal to bear arms]
- Society of Friends in PA, NJ and DE to President of U.S. and Secretary of War. 1863 7/23. [regarding treatment of Quakers in Southern army captured at Gettysburg]
- Hinshaw, Thomas, Jacob Hinshaw, Nathan Barker and Cyrus Barker to Officers of the 52<sup>nd</sup> N. C. Regiment. [petition for release from fighting or for paying equivalent tax]
- Evans, Thomas to Edwin M. Stanton (Secretary of War). 1863 8/24. [on behalf of Quakers captured at Gettysburg]
- Evans, Thomas to Edwin M. Stanton (Secretary of War). 1863 9/20. [on behalf of Nathan Blackburn, Quaker from Brownsville, PA]
- Stanton, E.M. to Thomas Evans. 1863 10/13. [reports discharge of Nathan Blackburn]
- Evans, Thomas to Pres. Lincoln. N.d. [re discharge of Quakers captured at Gettysburg]
- Evans, Thomas to E.M. Stanton. 1864 1/23. [re discharge of Charles B. Clayton]

**Series II: Photographs**

Including:

- Cary, Richard at Haverford College, 1906. 3 photos. Views of Haverford College while Richard Cary was a student (ca. 1906). 6 photos
- Cope, Elizabeth Waln. 2 photos
- Elkinton, Kitty (Katharine) Wistar Mason. 2 photos
- Evans, John Wistar. 1 photo
- Evans, Hannah Bacon. 2 photos
- Evans, Jonathan. 1 photo
- Evans, Katharine Wistar. 3 photos
- Garrett, Eleanor Evans. 4 photos

- Scott, Dr. Math prof. at Bryn Mawr College and friend of Hetty Stokes
- Stokes, Hettie (Hetty) Newlin. 1 photo
- Stokes: Esther, Hannah, John. 1 photo

### **MATERIALS REMOVED**

To PG: "Some notes concerning Caspar Wistar (Immigrant) and the Origin of the Wistar and Wistar Families" / by Caspar Wistar Haines. 1926 5/25

To PG: Obituary for Thomas Evans: "Thomas Evans, from North American and U.S. Gazette" / by Edward Hopper. 1868 6/22.