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Willers family.

Willers family papers, 1820-1908.

2.8 cubic ft.; 2 v.; 1 folder.

Diedrich Willers Sr. was born in Germany and came to the United States after having served with the Hanoverian forces at the Battle of Waterloo. Diedrich Willers Jr. (1833-1908) was secretary of New York State (1878), and a Democratic assemblyman from Seneca County.

Summary: Letters and other material relating to patronage and machine politics of the Democratic Party in Seneca County; other topics include draft exemptions, laws relating to the hiring of substitutes in the Civil War, pardons, Poor House investigations, canals and canal appointments, letters concerning Governor Tilden's policies, Horatio Seymour's stand on the subject of bounties, and actions taken by the Romulus Convention (1875). Also, papers relating to the German Reformed Church at Bearytown, Seneca County, New York.

Indexes: Guide available.

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Diedrich Willers, Sr., 1798-1883, and Jr., 1833-1908. Papers, 1820-1908 and n.d.

Shelflist (7 o.s. 4" boxes):

- Box 1, 1820-1874 and undated
- Box 2, 1875-1878 - a few letters in German
- Box 3, 1879-1889
- Box 4, 1890-1908
- Box 5, German letters and misc. material; sermons and German, Latin, Greek, Hebrew vocabulary; photo of Diedrich Willers, D.D. and undated material.
- Box 6, Newspapers and undated material.
- Box 7, Newspapers and clippings; photos; book of psalms and Hymns; bound vol. containing Centennial Historical Sketch of the Town of Fayette (ca. 1900); and Centennial Celebration of the Official Organization of the Town of Romulus, Seneca County, New York (June 13, 1894).

→ 1 large vol. loose on shelf: Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants of the Reformed German Churches of Fayette Township, Seneca Co, N.Y., 1833. [Partially written in German].

NOTE: Pre-1833 vol. in the ^{Seneca Falls} ~~Seneca Falls~~ Historical Society, ^{Seneca Falls} ~~Seneca Falls~~, N.Y., per researcher, Larry C. Porter, 8-71. Waterloo is correct - see #6050. See reference to DW Papers at Seneca Falls HS in D. Bakken's letter of June 10, 1969 to Mrs. George E. Patterson, Director.

Yes. See NY HRC, # SN821-720-0085.

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The Willers Collection

The Willers Collection consists mainly of the personal papers of Diedrich Willers Sr. and Jr. Willers Sr. was born in Germany and came to this country after having served with the Hanoverian forces at the Battle of Waterloo. Eventually he settled at Fayette, Seneca County, where he was the minister in the German Reformed Church until shortly before his death in May, 1883. Most of the early papers in the collection relate to Willers Sr., especially to events connected with his pastorate or the German Reformed Church in general.

The bulk of the collection concerns Diedrich Willers Jr. At an early age Willers Jr. entered politics and throughout most of his adult life he was an important figure in the Seneca County Democratic Party. In the mid-70's he was the Secretary of State of New York State and later he served a term as Assemblyman from Seneca County. His personal correspondence contains interesting references to state and local politics, particularly with respect to patronage. In his later years Willers became very interested in local history and genealogy and there are many letters in the collection dealing with these subjects.

Diedrich Willers Papers (1826-1927)

Card entries; for papers in German only:

Bayer, Adam	Libraries
Biery, Heinrich	Life History
Beechers, G. Rev.	List of Names
Buettner, Dr.	Magazine of the German Reformed Church
Busche, L. F. Rev.	Marriage
Dreyer, Joh. J.	Mormons*
Geiger, Jacob	Music
Gerhart, Isaack, Rev.	Nativism
Gutelius, Samuel	Negroes
Hablston(?) Heinrich	Newspapers
Hacke, M.P. Rev.	Photography
Kohler, H. G.	Politics
Knoepfel, Rev.	Reconstruction
Kriest, I. B. Rev.	
Marcy, W. L.	Sermon Notes and Vocabulary
Mayer, Lewis	Statistics
Meyer, Burchard	Vital Statistics
Roeck (?) Joh. Rev.	Waterloo, Battle of
Schneck, B. L. Rev.	
Saymour, Horatio	
Smith, Joseph	
Ungerer, John J. Rev.	
Wesselhoeft, W.	
Willers, Diedrich, Rev.	
Willers, Diedrich, Jr.	
Zeiher, Rev.	
Christ Church	
Marshal and Franklin College	
Missionary Society of the German Reformed Church	
State Teachers College in N.Y. State	
Germany (Bremen, Halle)	
Livingston County (Danesville)	
Maryland (Baltimore)	
Seneca County (Fayette)	
Seneca County (Varick)	
Seneca County (Waterloo)	
Wayne County (Lyons)	
Albany Freie Blätter (newspaper)	
Church (German Reformed)	
Church Laws	
Churches (local)	
Education (public schools, New York State)	
Evangelische Zeitung	
Genealogy (Willers)	
German Reformed Church of North America	
German Reformed Synod (Ordination)	
Government (local)	
Immigration (German)	

*made by Sister Meyer,
summer '53*

For report on...

Up to 1875?

INDENTURES: (1) Contract of indenture between Catherine Stahl and Amy Stahl [Turbot township, Northumberland County, Penna.], 12 February 1820; (2) Contract of indenture whereby Margaret Bowers became the indentured servant of Isaac Gambers, 2 April 1856

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: Copy of resolution made between the towns of Romulus and Fayette, N.Y. to build a connecting road, 2 April 1813.

STATEMENT OF CHARACTER: Affidavit made by Daniel Philip Lange (of York County, Penna.) stating that Diedrich K. Willers (Sr.) of good character etc.; it also relates briefly Willers life history, 5 April 1820.

copy made considerably later

STATE (N.Y.) COURTS: Copy of an act of the N.Y. Assembly, passed 29 March 1822 authorizing courts to meet in Ovid and Junius, although both towns were located in Seneca County.

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CERTIFICATE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Issued to William Deppen by Diedrich Willers, pastor of the Fayette German Reformed Church, 24 March 1826.

CITIZENSHIP: Sworn statement made by Diedrich Willers in the Seneca County Common Pleas Court that he wishes to become a citizen of the United States, October term, 1830; this repeated in October term, 1834; see statement sworn on 8 October 1839.

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH: (1) Letter from the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of the Church to Diedrich Willers stating that he will receive Missionary Soc. pamphlets in both English and German, 15 March 1832; see letter from A Wagner to Willers, 3 July 1832. (2) Minutes of a meeting of the elders of the Church at Fayette, Seneca County, 27 July 1837.

CHURCH DISPUTES: Series of documents, primarily legal, relating to the suit for libel brought against Michael Brown Jr. by Diedrich Willers and the problems Willers had in collecting the damages awarded him, 9 January 1838-5 November 1838.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY: (of the German Reformed Church)

Letter from Diedrich Willers to Rev. Benjamin Schneider concerning a foreign mission in Turkey; see also letter dated 7 Nov. 1838 from Willers to the American Board of Foreign Missions; see letter from Willers to F. Hoffheintz, 7 January 1840.

POLITICS: (1) Campaign of 1840, letter from H.E.W. Evans to Diedrich Willers explaining why Evans, an Ohioan, supports Harrison in the current presidential campaign; Harrison is a man who has had a "...long life of moral and political honesty." 15 August 1840; see also letter from Matthias S. Weaver to Willers, 16 Nov. 1842; (2) Local Politics: Letter from Diedrich Willers Jr. to Messrs. I. and L.H. Parker discussing recent political events in the town of Varick, 19 September 1848; see letter from D. Willers Jr. to A. Sears requesting ~~his~~ support for his candidacy for School Commissioner of Seneca County; Willers mentions ~~that~~ his qualifications which include loyal support to the Democratic Party. *24 May 56.*

(3) Inauguration of 18 Buchanan: Description of trip made to Wash D.C. by Diedrich Willers Jr. to see inaugural of Buchanan, also to make contacts with political leaders, 18 March 1857. (4) Election of 1864: letter from Diedrich Willers Jr. to Calvin Willers (his brother) discussing the county (Seneca) Democratic ticket and possible results for Calvin if the Democrats are successful in the state and local campaign, ~~25 Sept 1864~~; see also

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Letter of 11 Sept 1864 concerned with the presidential campaign, McClellan's qualifications, and the possibility Horatio Seymour had of securing the Democratic nomination. (5) Senatorial election, 1874: John Kelly to Diedrich Willers Jr. discussing the ~~the~~ candidates who are being considered by the state legislature for the position of U.S. Senator from N.Y., 12 January 1875; see also letter from S.M. Shaw to Willers, 13 November 1874. (5) ~~letter~~ letter from S.A. Bostwick to Willers Jr. stating that, as near as he could discover, a certain Mr. Hough "voted for Tilden and a part of our county ticket." 2 Dec. 1874. (6) Liberals in N.Y. State: C.M. Ridler to Diedrich Willers Jr., discussing the advisability of securing the cooperation and support of the Liberals, 24 Dec. 1873; see also letter of G. Benjamin to Willers, 14 Jan. 1874. ~~Patronage~~ (7) Patronage: Letter from Diedrich Willers Jr. to W. Drake Parsons concerning the filling of certain postmaster-ships in N.Y. and the position of the Democratic party in the state, September 1857; see draft of letter from Willers to G.J. Tucker concerning the appointment of Willers to a clerkship in the State Department at Albany, 7 Dec. 1857; see letter from Willers to Calvin Willers regarding the appointment of Calvin as a Notary Public in Seneca County, 16 March 1864.//// Letter from Wilson S. Hunt to Willers Jr. requesting the appointment of a mutual friend as a Notary Public, 30 Jan. 1875; letter from Elliot Evans to Willers concerning census appointments, 2 Feb. 1875; letter from M.F. Williams to Willers concerning the proposed appointment of a certain person as a deputy in Hudson N.Y. who has "jeopardized" the entire party, 17 April 1874; see also letter from ~~Franklin~~ Henry Stowell to Willers, 28 Nov. and 8 Dec 1874.//// Letter from Robert Finrel to D. Willers Jr. stating that he supported Willers in the last State Convention and helped him secure the nomination of Secretary of State but that, in return, Willers has not rewarded his loyal King's County supporters; thus, Finrel says he will not make the same "mistake" in the next convention, but see letter from Josiah T. Miller to Willers, 25 Dec 1873, and from C.M. Ridler, 24 Dec. 1873.//// Letter from Oideon J. Tucker to D. Willers Jr. concerning the position of Superintendent of Canals, 31 Jan. 1875; see also letter from Wm. W Van D. Mach to Willers, 2 Jan. 1874; concerning appointment of canal superintendent at Seneca Falls, see letter from James Flunkett to Willers, 9 Jan. 1874, ~~and~~ D.E. Slawson to Willers, 10 Jan. 1874, and G.J. Magee to Willers, 10 Jan. 1874; see letter from J.R. Wheeler to Willers concerning the appointment to a clerkship in the canal department, on canal elections and patronage see letters from Clarence Opyke to Calvin Willers, 24 Jan 1874, and Henry Stowell to Diedrich Willers Jr., 23 Feb. 1874; see also letter from ~~James~~ James Lynch to Diedrich Willers Jr., 9 Feb. 1874.//// Letter from D.D. Lefler to Diedrich Willers Jr. requesting his help in securing the promotion of a friend of Lefler's ~~on~~ on the N.Y. police force, 14 Jan 1873.//// Letter from Horatio Seymour to Diedrich Willers, Jr. asking him not to publish the name of a certain Henry J. Miller in his list of appointees, 26 Dec. 1873; //// letter from Stephen Taber to Diedrich Willers, Jr. requesting that part of the printing of the official canvass of the 1873 state election be bestowed upon the Hempstead Inquirer, 29 Dec. 1873; see also letter from D.A. Lamont to Willers, 29 Dec. 1873.

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[POLITICS cont'd] Alonzo W. Cornell: Letter from Wm. D. Van Buren to D. Willers Jr. warning him to be careful of Alonzo Cornell - "He is very cunning and shameless," 30 April 1874. Democratic State Convention, 1874: Letter from H.P. Nichols to Diedrich Willers Jr. concerning the approaching state convention of the Democratic Party, 22 August 1874; see also letter of D. Theodore ~~Max~~ Merson to Willers, 23 August 1874; see letter from Calvin Willers to Diedrich Willers Sr. explaining why Diedrich Willers Jr. did not attend the Democratic State Convention, 20 Sept. 1874. Congressional campaign, 1874: ~~See~~ Letter from H.A. Reeves to ~~M~~ Diedrich Willers Jr. concerning the forthcoming congressional canvass in New York.

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EDUCATION: A number of compositions written as ~~school~~ school assignments by Diedrich Willers Jr. on various topics (e.g. "On Music," "John Calvin," "The Government of Passion," "Ulrich Zwingli," "The Magnetic Telegraph," "Education," "The Town of Varick," "On the Negro: Their Treatment compared with that of the Indians,"), 4 November 1846 - 2 March 1854; also, there are a large number of undated notes, exercises, and speeches used in school, c. 1845-1855. Letter from D. Willers Jr. to A. Sears requesting Sears help in securing the ~~next~~ election as school commissioner in Seneca County, 24 May 1852 (2) School rules written by D. Willers Jr., 11 Oct. 1852. (3) Report of the school district librarian (D.W.Jr.,) 1855 CHURCH EDUCATION: Letter from Diedrich Willers Jr. to the editor of the Seneca Observer describing the "Sabbath School Celebration" at Beamytown, N.Y., 4 July 1848; the description was used for a composition on 13 Feb. 1850; see under education.)

BALLOON ASCENT: Letter from Diedrich Willers Jr. to Messrs I. and J.H. Parker describing the landing of a balloon not far from his home which had previously ascended from Geneva, 19 Sept 1848.

ROUSSOUTH, LOUIS: description by Diedrich Willers Jr. of Roussouth's visit to Auburn N.Y., 29 May 1852.

BATTLE OF WATERLOO: letter from Diedrich Willers to J.F. Crampton, British Minister to the U.S., requesting Crampton's aid in securing a larger pension for Willers because of his action at the Battle of Waterloo with respect to the death of a French Colonel.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY: Letter from Diedrich Willers to the American Home Missionary Society discussing his activities as a missionary to the foreign born populace of Waterloo, N.Y., 1 Aug. 1853; see letter of the elders of the German Evangelical Protestant Church in Waterloo, N.Y. to the Home Missionary Board, 2 May 1853.

[Investigations?]

GOVERNMENT: Subpoena issued to Diedrich Willers Jr. to appear before ~~the~~ a N.Y. state Assembly committee desiring information from certain state officers. 11 April 1859.

CIVIL WAR DRAFT: Receipt for \$50.00 paid by Diedrich Willers in order to exempt his son, Calvin Willers, from the draft; see also letters from Diedrich Willers Jr. to Calvin Willers, 18 Aug, 1 Sept, ~~26x~~ and 26 Sept 1864; see letter from the District Provost Marshal to Diedrich Willers, 8 December 1863.

CIVIL WAR BOUNTIES: Letter from Horatio Seymour to Diedrich Willers, Jr. stating that he intends to ~~take~~ place before the state legislature a measure relating to bounties, 15 Dec. 1862.

CANAL ADMINISTRATION (Problems?) Letter from ~~****~~ Noxon to Diedrich Willers Jr. concerning the loss which he feels many lumbermen in Oswego County have suffered since 1863 when the Oneida Lake Canal was closed, 2 March 1874; see also letter of Gideon J. Tucker to Willers, 31 Jan. 1875.

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Notes by Charles Hamilton, 1959.

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Politics: Letter dated 12 Jan. 1875 from John Kelly of N.Y.C. to Diedrich Willers Jr. (now N.Y.S. Secretary of State), K. will not come to Albany during the senatorial race, it might hurt their chance of electing their candidate (Keenan), he does not want Murphy elected, M. "took the lead [in the state legislature] of those who brought disgrace to us and to my mind was the cause of our defeat in 1871 & 1872."

Politics (canal administration): J.B. Wheeler of Seneca County to D.W. Jr., 18 Jan. 1875, Wheeler wishes to be appointed to clerkship of Canal Superintendent; support from D.W. would bring appointment.

Politics (patronage): Rueben Saegar (of Fayette) to D.W. Jr., 25 Jan. 1875, asking for clerkship for his son, a grad of Rochester Business University.

Politics (primarily local - Seneca County): John _____ to D.W. Jr., 24 Feb. 1875. Discusses appointments and strategy.

Politics (local): _____ Troutman (of Fayette) to D.W. Jr., 9 March 1875, upset over their election losses at Fayette. "As you see we lost our supervisor."

Politics (patronage): George Pontius of Syracuse to D.W. Jr., 15 Apr. 1875, requests appointment as a clerk. He is financially hard up.

Politics (patronage): T.D. Krum to D.W. Jr., 15 Apr. 1875, requests appointment for a friend to take the census in Arcadia in Wayne County, the friend has been a lifelong democrat. [There are several letters in the collection during this period relating to patronage.]

Politics (patronage and census of 1875): D.W. Jr. to _____, 26 Apr. 1875, W. is annoyed because the census appointments seem difficult to settle, especially in Fayette; see also a letter from William Cauldwell of the Sunday Mercury (29 Apr. 1875) to D.W. Jr. concerning an article in the Sunday Mercury critical of the census appointments. See also a letter from Gideon J. Tucker to D.W. Jr. on N.Y.S. politics, 20 May 1875, discusses census appointments and enumeration.

Politics (re-apportionment): H.B. Stanton to D.W. Jr., 20 Jul. 1875, "The Republicans will fight desperately to save the Senate - and thus force a compromise on the apportionment." [Newspaper clipping attached.]

Politics: Henry C. Lisk to D.W. Jr., 26 July 1875, discusses forthcoming Democratic Ticket. [Other letters on similar subject.] See a draft of a letter by D.W. Jr., 23 Aug. 1875.

Politics (State Ticket): Draft of letter, 31 Aug. 1875 from D.W. Jr. to Henry Stowell, concerning delegation (from Seneca Co.?) to State Democratic Convention, "the sentiment is strongly with Mr. Tilden." Also concerns various state appointments.

Cross Reference: Samuel J. Tilden

Politics (Seneca County): Lewis Post to D.W. Jr., 25 Oct. 1875. Discusses forthcoming elections to legislature; problems of defeating Republicans in Seneca County; A Republican Customs House official "is now in Ovid . . . They are swarming throughout the state with money in hand. It will be too bad to tie Tilden up with a Republican Legislature."

Politics (Utica): Philo White to D.W. Jr., 6 Nov. 1875. Discusses election to legislature in Utica; deplores success of the Canal Thieves; but believes the incorruptible Tilden will force them to disgorge some of their ill-gotten plunder.

{During this period there are several letters on patronage}

Politics (Patronage): George Pontius to D.W. Jr., 13 Nov. 1876, wants D.W. to help him be reinstated to the census bureau. Feels he has done good work; but he did not praise the superintendent or play up to his vanity. See also a letter from Pontius to Willers, 30 Nov. 1876. See also a draft from D.W. to C.B. Benedict, 23 Nov. 1876.

Politics (N.Y.S.): Daniel S. Lamont (from Albany) to D.W. Jr., 30 Nov. 1876, "The Greenback, Temperance and Anti-Masonic Tickets gave us much trouble at the canvass. We are very busy on the canvass for state officers and the amendments."

Politics (patronage): William Terrell to D.W. Jr., 11 Dec. 1876, wants D.W.'s help in securing appointment as Military Secretary. "Governor Robinson does not look entirely upon a man's political influence, but character and ability (sic)."
D.W. is highly regarded by Gov. Robinson. See also a letter from Terrell to D.W. Jr., 23 Jan. 1877.

Cross Reference: Lucius Robinson

Politics (state prisons): A.C. Niven to D.W. Jr., 22 Jan. 1877. Discusses scandals in administration of the state prisons. It isn't easy to unearth such "rascality, but the effort should be made"

Politics (canal board): Horatio Seymour Jr. to D.W. Jr., 16 Nov. 1877, thanks him for his work in the recent election; wants his advice concerning the office of state engineer in so far as it relates to the canal board.

Politics (re-apportionment): D.C. Robinson (son of Governor Robinson and his personal secretary) to D.W. Jr., 30 May 1877, refers to pre-arranged plan by legislature to defeat re-apportionment; this defrauds larger counties of their just rights.

Politics (N.Y.S.): W.A. Wilkens (editor of the Whitehall Times) to D.W. Jr., mentions possibility of a new ticket in the forthcoming canvass; see also letter of 26 June from Wilkens to D.W. Jr.; see also draft of letter, June 1877, by D.W. Jr., in this he mentions the desire of Democrats in Seneca and adjacent counties for a new state ticket.

Politics (local): Ira Aliny to D.W. Jr., 20 July 1877, concerns political developments in Farmer Village [Interlaken] and Ovid.

Politics (Seneca County): J.B. Thomas to D.W. Jr., 2 Aug. 1877, mentions that W. is being talked of as candidate for Assembly in the fall elections.

Politics (Seneca County): P.W. Rhodes of N.Y.C. to D.W. Jr., 8 Aug. 1877, desires to retain a representative from Seneca County in the Assembly who is sympathetic to N.Y.C.; praises the incumbent.

(Several letters in late 1877 concerning the Democratic ticket.)

Politics (Seneca County): Speech made by D.W. Jr., to Seneca Falls Democratic Convention after his nomination by acclamation for position in the assembly, 20 Oct. 1877. (Also, several copies of speeches and letters used in the campaign.) D.W. was elected, see letter of John J. Coleman to D.W. Jr., 7 Nov. 1877.

Politics (Seneca County): _____ to D.W. Jr. (from Ovid), 3 Dec. 1877, discusses local politics and election in Seneca County; disturbed that so many Democrats left the fold.

(Many letters concerning patronage; appointments and drafts of bills for forthcoming assembly session.)

Politics (Temperance): D. Davenport (of Trumansberg Landing) to D.W. Jr., Feb. (?) 1878, Asks him not to alter law concerning licensing of places selling alcoholic beverages; "We don't want rum shops granted licenses in this section."

Canal Administration: R.A. Sherman to D.W. Jr., 8 Feb. 1878, concerning proposed changes in Canal Administration.

Canal Administration: J.J. Marletta to D.W. Jr., 13 Apr. 1878, discusses schemes for payment of repairs on the canals in N.Y.S.

Politics (Canal Administration patronage): D.W. Jr. to D.S. Lamont, 15 Aug. 1878, is angered that his wishes have not been followed in appointments to canal superintendent in his own county; see also a letter of 25 Aug. 1878 from Lamont to D.W. Jr.

Politics: James Jones (of Waterloo, N.Y.) to D.W. Jr., 14 Oct. 1878, discusses recent county (?) convention and underhanded methods used by the victorious group.

Politics (Albany County): William Terrell to D.W. Jr., 28 Nov. 1878, comments on bleak outlook for Democrats in Albany County.

Canal Administration: D.W. Jr. to William Reed, 25 Jan. 1879, concerns repairs needed on the Cayuga and Seneca Canal.

Sullivan's Expedition: Samuel Earl to D.W. Jr., 30 May 1879, concerning celebration of centennial of Sullivan's campaign in Seneca County; several other letters on this.

Politics: Various printed matter on the Gubernatorial election of 1879 between L.C. Robinson and Alonzo B. Cornell.

Politics (Covert, Town of): M.S. Gould to D.W. Jr., 3 Nov. 1879, feels that the Democrats will carry the Town of Covert, Seneca County, in the election.

Politics (New York City): Daniel S. Lamont to D.W. Jr., 26 Nov. 1880, discusses causes for defeat of Hancock and English in N.Y.C., also comments on future tactics of Democrats on county level.

Religion (German Reformed Church): Series of letters between D.W. Jr. and J.S. Stover, Navarre, Ohio, concerning securing a minister for D.W.'s church (German Reformed in Fayette; his father's church). D.W. is prepared to offer \$400.00 per annum and no parsonage, 21 July, 25 July, and 28 July, 1881. Several letters to other clergymen on the same subject.

Politics (national and state): Daniel S. Lamont to D.W. Jr., 15 Aug. 1881, concerning candidates in the coming elections.

Politics (local): S.R. Wells to D.W. Jr., 14 Sept. 1882, discusses political development in Waterloo.

Politics (local): S. R. Wells (of Waterloo, N.Y.) to D.W. Jr., 25 Feb. 1880, discusses development in Dem. Party in Waterloo.

Obituary notice: Draft summary of the life of D.W. Sr. (d. May, 1883), notes his participation at Battle of Waterloo; his early years in the U.S.; his pastorate; and contains an account of his funeral. (Probably written by D.W. Jr.)

Politics (New York State): H.A. Nelson to D.W. Jr., 18 Dec. 1885, informs D.W. Jr. that he is to be the Deputy Secretary of State.

Politics (national): Daniel S. Lamont to D.W. Jr., 7 Sept. 1890, Mentions Cleveland, "who always counted you as one of his friends..." Cleveland doesn't want Democratic nomination, but probably will be nominated. The Democrats ought to carry the N.Y.S. Assembly, but their organization is so poor that they will very likely lose it.

Politics (patronage): Draft from D.W. Jr. to Col. (D.S. Lamont?), 24 March 1893. Addressee is a member of Cleveland's cabinet, D.W. is asking that Samuel R. Wells be appointed to postmastership at Waterloo. Several drafts of letters concerning this; one is a draft to Cleveland; all by D.W. Jr. See also a letter from D.W. Jr. to Lamont, 14 Aug. 1894 and from Henry Stowell to D.W. Jr., 7 Dec. 1894 and 15 Dec. 1894. These refer to the appointment of Stowell to be post-master at Seneca Falls.

Politics (patronage): Draft of letter from D.W. Jr. to Val Fleckenstein, 22 May 1893, concerns appointment of postmaster at Fayette. In small towns post offices are located in stores; there is rivalry between storekeepers for the privilege of having post offices; one Edmund C. Rowe of Rochester is to open a store at Fayette; what are his political views? is he a good Cleveland Democrat????

Phrenology: Phrenological Report of D.W. Jr., 4 April 1891, by Fowler and Wells contains a typewritten description of D.W. Jr.'s phrenological characteristics and an analysis of their meanings. *card made under "Phrenology"*
KJ 3-22-62.
Cross Reference: Fowler and Wells

Politics (local): Draft of letter of D.W. Jr. to _____; 4 Sept. 1893.

Politics: Long draft by D.W. Jr., 17 Jan. 1894, justifying Henry Stowell as candidate for Seneca Falls postmastership.

In the 1890's many letters in the collection are devoted to local history and to genealogy; D.W. was interested in both subjects.