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McNish Family. Papers, 1774-¹⁹²⁶~~1880~~

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Box 1

envelope with fragments, mainly undated, from c. 1790's

folder of undated material, from late 18th to early 19th century

includes some tax lists from the Town of Salem and some ballot voting lists

14 folders of material, dated 1774-1809, most of the material consists of receipts, levies, and summons which came within Alexander McNish's jurisdiction while he was constable of Washington County (1786-1798) county assessor (1799-1800, 1809), and county coroner (1808, 1818)

There is one dated Salem tax list of 1794

Letters included:

Montreal, January 21, 1789 - letter to Alexander McNeece from Alexander Hunter and Isabella McNeece (Alexander's daughter) concerning family matters

✓ March 22, 1806 - letter to Alexander McNish from John Kerr in Aughtinover, Ireland, concerning the economic situation in Ireland and the death of Mr. Pitt

July 21, 1806 - letter from James McNish in Duanesburg to his parents concerning his present situation in life

✓ May 27, 1808 - letter to Alexander McNish from his niece Margaret Wright in Aughtinover, Ireland, asking his help in coming to America

June 19, 1808 - letter to Alexander McNish from Nathan Wilson in Washington, D.C. discussing the "subject of the Embargo"

other items:

May 26, 1802 - bill of divorce issued in Bennington, Vermont, between James McNish and his wife Hannah, guilty of the crime of "intolerable severity" (See also Box 5)

Box 2

folder of undated letters and papers from the 19th and 20th centuries

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Box 2 (continued)

folder of undated miscellaneous material from the 19th and 20th centuries

folder of undated school work, mainly from the late 19th century

12 folders of material dated from 1810 to 1926:

This material shows a large hiatus from the 1840's to the 1870's with William McNish material in the early pre-Civil War period and material from Abner Robertson (1873-1875), Sarah, Darley, and Alexander McNish in the late 19th and early 20th century period. Washington Academy (1811-1813) material relates to the contracts for some of its buildings, accounts of building costs, and notes concerning the board of trustees of the Academy. There is material from St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1888-1889) in Salem, N.Y. Also, 2 statements signed by James Harvey, concerning his joint ownership with Alexander McNish of tickets in the "literature lottery" of the State of New York, November 22, 1820 and May 16, 1823.

correspondence with Suzie Beck and Darley and Sarah McNish (1874, 1876, 1885)

2 letters (1875) from William D. Robinson at Our Home, Daneville, N.Y. to Friend R (Abner Robertson?) advising R to give up his erring ways

1875 - deed to 2 plots (#186, 188) in the Evergreen cemetery bought by Mrs. Sarah McNish

1894 - correspondence concerning the getting of a patent by Alexander McNish

February 20, 1894 - letter from D. D. Olmsted, 114 Tioga Street, Ithaca, N.Y. to his niece, Darley McNish

November 18, 1915 - letter from cousin Amos McNish in Ohio to Darley with a list of all 1st cousins, aunts, and uncles of William Johnson

1921-1925 - bank statements and canceled checks from account of Darley and Sarah McNish

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McNish Family. Papers, [1773-1833]-1853; 6 in. ()

These additional papers of Alexander McNish [see 1948-1950 Report, Acc. #754] include correspondence and legal papers, chiefly concerned with the payment of rents and sale or leasing of lands in the Salem area, merino sheep raising, tax and debt collection, and inquests and other duties McNish performed as constable, coroner, and U.S. mail contractor. Also, letters dealing with politics and family matters, the latter including several from relatives in Ireland and in Ohio and Kentucky. Also, farm labor and produce accounts, fragmentary diary entries, and weather records of William McNish (1 vol., 1827-1853); miscellaneous items. Correspondents include W. M. Adam, William Barnes, William Boyd, John Doty, Eliakim Elmore, John Kerr, Return Jonathan Meigs, Samuel Prince, W. Raleigh, Edward Savage, John Savage, Alexander Steele, James Steele, James S. Stewart, William Story and John Williams. Calendar attached.

Main entry:

McNish Family. Papers, [1773-1833]-1853.

Cross references to main entry:

Adam, W M	Story, William, 1752-1806
Barnes, William	Williams, John
Boyd, William	Kentucky (Covington)
Doty, John	Accounts (farm produce)
Elmore, Eliakim	Accounts (labor)
Kerr, John	Coroners' inquests
Meigs, Return Jonathan	Debts (collection of)
Prince, Samuel	Government (local)
Raleigh, W	Lands (Washington County)
Savage, Edward	Postal service (U.S.)
Savage, John	Rents (income from)
Steele, Alexander	Sheep-raising (Washington County)
Steele, James	Taxation (Washington County)
Stewart, James S	Weather (daily record of)

Added entries:

Martindale, Henry Clinton, 1780-1860
Thomas, David, 1762-1831
Woods, David
Ireland (conditions in, 1810+)
Ohio (condition in, 1834)
Election of 1824
Indentured servants
Pensions (Revolutionary War)
Sabbath observance

Cross references to added entries:

Politics (national)
Politics (New York State, 1816)
Immigration (Irish)

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Alexander McNish Papers, 1773-1833. Checklist.

Box 4

1. Letter to John Barns, New Perth, from W. M. Adam, N.Y., July 7, 1773, concerning the collection of rents; on reverse, note from Barns empowering James or Alex McNish to collect "all that is legally due [him] by notes and book accounts".
October 16, 1780.
Oct. 5, 1773 - See p. 6
2. Letter to Alexander McNish, Salem, from Edward Savage, N.Y.C., Jan. 4, 1791, concerning lot Savage wants. Verifax copy.
3. Letter to A. McN., Salem, from L. W. Kinly, June 22, 1791, concerning money to be sent to McN as soon as Kinly "can get an opportunity that [it] will be safe."
4. Letter to Lieut. McNish, Salem, from John Williams, N.Y.C., Jan. 2, 1792-- a campaign letter, wants votes.
5. Letter to A. McN, from Eliakim Elmore, Whites Town, June 11, 1792, concerning an execution 4 yrs. ago in Elmore's favour against one Matthew Clerk [Clark?], Elmore wishes the money to be collected from Clerk and sent to him.
6. Letter to "James or Alexander McNeesh," Salem, from Charles Beaty sic, County Tyrone, May 4, 1793, mostly unreadable. War with France having bad effect on trade; emigration increasing. Transcript made by researcher, 4/85.
7. Warrant--"To any constable of the County of Washington" from John McKillip, Justice of the Peace in Washington County, from Cambridge, October 4, 1794, orders to apprehend one James Henderson, farmer, for "traviling with two horses and a waggon on the first day of the week called Sunday."
8. Warrant--"To any constable of the town of Salem", from Edward Savage, Justice of the Peace, Salem, October 25, 1794; orders to apprehend one Colvin Grantt and take him to Savage's "dwelling home at Salem to answer Alexander McNish of Salem in said County yeoman of a plea of trespass on the case to his damage ten pounds".
9. Warrant--To Alexander McNish, Salem, from Supervisors of Washington County, October 4, 1799, direction to collect taxes to the sum of \$272.20.
10. Promissory note (cancelled) to Duncan McNaughton, from trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation, Salem, Jan. 3, 1800, "for value received" a promise to pay \$500 current money with "lawfull interest for the same" by May 1st. Alex. McNish, one of the trustees; Edward Savage, witness.
Apr. 9, 1802 - See p. 6
11. Official U.S. Treasury Statement to Alexander McNish from Treasury of the United States, May 3, 1802, U.S. Treasury owes A. McN. sum of \$1.01.
12. Letter to Alexander McNish, Salem, from William Story, Homer, Sept. 6, 1802, news of friends and relations; Story, apparently Alex's brother-in-law, informs family that his wife, Alex's sister, died in childbirth. He is "sensible that the news of her death will be a severe shock to all her relations espatically to her aged father".

(names of those chosen appear on reverse of note) to appear at home of James Tombs for inquest of death of William McChasney.

14. Letter to Alexander McNish, Salem, from David Thomas, Washington, Jan. 25, 1804; Congress very boring indeed: "we have never had less interesting matter before us" but the trial of Judge Chase "will probably furnish something new."
15. Notice--appointment of Alexander McNish as coroner of Washington County for the year 1805, signed by Governor Morgan Lewis, Feb. 7, 1805.
16. Receipt--acknowledgement that debt of \$5.66 has been paid by A. McN. to Thomson Menderson, Salem, March 19, 1805.
17. Receipt--to James Harvey, Salem, from W & B Prince, Flushing, N.Y., Oct. 24, 1807, for apple, plum, cherry, and pear trees.
18. Notice--statement signed by the 3 assessors of the town of Salem (including A. McN.), June 13, 1808; assessments completed, instructions for anyone with a grievance.
19. Letter to A. McN. from John Kerr, Aughintober, Ireland, May 10, 1810, complains of low income, high prices, rents, and "despotok" gov't; "some of them [the poor] cannot by any means pay the demands of rents and tith[e]s that are coming on them....plenty will be forced out of their houses." Many that do raise enough money are robbed, philosophizes on age and youth.
20. Letter to A. McN. from John Kerr, Aughintober, Ireland, August 25, 1810, feels that bad situation--great taxation and failure of "the staple commodity"--will be partially compensated for by the abundant flax harvest, wants to come to America.
21. Letter to A. McN. from Harvey, Salem, Sept. 15, 1810, request by Harvey that McN. appraise some horses.
22. Letter to A. McN. from Samuel Prince, N.Y.C., Feb. 1, 1811, Prince thanks McN. for information concerning his son, tells of plans to visit Salem, and requests McN not to mention to anyone his intended visit.
23. Letter to A. McN. from Samuel Prince, N.Y., Aug. 31, 1811, concerning Prince's son, William, who is visiting friends in Salem and has not recently written to his father; Prince is upset and wants McN. to check up on William: "let me know wither [whether?] he is in Salem, how he is, and wither he conducts himself circumspectly." McN. is not to divulge that he and Prince are in communication on the matter.
24. Notice--State of N.Y., Controller's Office, Albany, Nov. 28, 1812--\$6.46 in arrears for property on Oneida Reservation--receipt on back: money received from A. McN., signed by David Thomas, treasurer.
25. "Regulations for Assistant Assessors in the execution of their duty, under the act of July 22, 1813". Instructions and sample sheets.

26. Letter to A. McN. from Samuel Prince, N.Y.C., Sept. 18, 1813, discussing a deal concerning a flock of Merino sheep.
27. Letter to A. McN. from Samuel Prince, N.Y., Sept. 24, 1813, restatement of his 1st letter; having received no answer, he assumes that it miscarried.
28. Agreement between A. McN., Salem, and Samuel Prince, Merchant, of N.Y.C., Oct. 25, 1813--agreement that McN shall keep sheep for Prince, sending the fleece of the flock and its increase each year to be made into cloth. (Enclosed: letter that invalidates old agreement of Oct. 11, 1810, so that new contract valid, signed Oct. 25, 1813, Salem.)
29. Statement of Prince's sheep from April 11, 1814-1816 [but sheet is undated; in Alexander McNish's hand? He kept sheep for Prince.]
30. A. McN. requested by Tombe, Salem, Nov. 23, 1814, to let the bearer of the note, Mr. Drinter, have \$10; Tombe will settle with McN. later.
31. Letter to A. McN., esq., from Nathaniel Pitcher, Principal Assessor for the 10th district in the State of N.Y., Sandy Hill, April 24, 1815, states that orders for property assessment are included.
32. Directions from State of N.Y., 13th Collection District to A. McN., assistant assessor; includes directions for evaluation of slaves. Enclosed in letter of April 24, 1815.
33. Pamphlet--"Message from the President of the United States, to the Two Houses of Congress at the Commencement of the First Session of the Fourteenth Congress", Dec. 5, 1815, Washington: printed by William A. Davis. Alex McN.'s signature.
34. Letter to A. McN., Salem, from David Woods, Madison, Sept. 9, 1816, Woods, a state congressman [assemblyman?], states intention to be in Salem in October and wants to "receive such instructions as my constituents may think proper to give." Feels that Republicanism doing well in the state: "Nothing can put down Republicanism in the State as long as the Republicans remain united....I am not without apprehensions as some little sisms [schisms?] begin to shew themselves."
34. Writ to the Coroners of Washington County from People of State of N.Y., August 17, 1816, orders to bring John Doty, Sheriff to "Supreme Court of Judicature, at the city hall, the city of N.Y." on Nov. 2, "to answer for certain trespasses and contempts, done and committed in our said court, and have you then this writ". Reverse--sheriff hadn't returned a levy of \$79.33 plus interest.
35. Letter to Alexander "Ninnus", "Silim", from William Boyd, Durpork near Omagh, Tyrone, Ireland, Sept. 16, 1816, inquiring about a large legacy left by a young man named Boyd--the writer thinks perhaps he was a brother.
Oct. 4, 1816 - See p. 7
36. Letter to A. McN. from William Williams, Dec. 2, 1816, telling McN. how to collect his fees (\$13.85).

37. Letter to A. McN. from W. Raleigh, Lansingburgh, April 3, 1817, telling McN. how much money to collect on the execution (David Allen vs. Shepherd and Doty).
38. Letter to A. McN. from John Doty, Hartford, May 17, 1817; Doty has decided not to come to Salem, is having trouble finding money that he owes McNish.
39. Letter to A. McN. from E. W. Walbridge, atty., Lansingburgh, June 13, 1817; requests McN. to pay up balance he owes on the Attachment for Doty case.
40. Letter to Alexander McNish or John Steele from Alexander and Elisabeth Steele, Lewis, July 6, 1817; tells of family health[good], invites any members of family to come and see them and bring "Jain" and possibly a doctor, "as Elisabeth will stand in need of help between this time and the first of August," grain harvest promises to be good.
41. Letter to Alex McN., esq., Salem, from W. Raleigh, Lansingburgh, Sept. 10, 1817; business-money owed from D. Alden vs. D. Shepherd and John Doty case--McN. must send it.
42. Letter to Alex McN. from Alexander Flinter[?], Virgil, Oct. 3, 1817; has a good friend who needs to borrow \$3000, will A. McN furnish? (Flinter seems to be brother-in-law).
43. Letter to Alex. McN., esq., from James Steele, Hagerstown, Nov. 2, 1817; concerning a criminal, one Alexander Beattie [Beattie?], and his punishment, wants to know whether he is living or dead.
44. Letter to A. McN. from John Savage, Washington, Dec. 8, 1817; Savage has been to see Postmaster General for McN., he should apply to Postmaster of Salem for a mailbag. [Verifax copy--Meigs to Savage, 12-8-17]. 44a.
45. Order, handwritten, to any constable in the town of Milton in Saratoga County by two justices of the peace, Feb. 10, 1818-- Walter Geer and Lucy, his wife, have come to reside in Milton without proper legal papers or certification; must be escorted back to Salem, as they didn't go of own accord when requested.
46. Letter to "A few lines to you my friends" from James Martin, Argyle, Jan. 30, 1819; a letter of great contrition for some sin or trespass the exact details of which (except that much anger was involved) Martin never discloses.
47. Circular, printed, to A. McN. from Sandy Hill, Sept. 18, 1819, appointing McN. to a corresponding committee--object: to prevent the re-election of Dewitt Clinton.
48. Notice to A. McN. from J. Buel, Late Editor of The [Albany] Argus, Albany, Feb. 12, 1820[?], request that McN. pay his debt to the Argus. (whether it's a subscription, or what, is not clear).
49. Contract between A. McN. of Salem and Postmaster General of U.S. to carry mail, "or cause it to be carried" from "Salem by Hebron and Argyle to Fort Edward once a week and back," for \$37 every 3 months, Oct. 16, 1820

50. Printed letter to A. McN. from Post Office Dept., Washington, Oct. 20, 1820, stating that McN's request for \$171 a yr. for transporting mail is not excepted--he will be paid \$148 (4 x \$37).
51. Letter to A. McN., "Mail Contractor," Salem from R. C. Meigs, General Post Office, Jan. 15, 1821; request that McN. "extend the carriage of your mail from and to Sandy Hill and Salem and he shall be compensated for his service."
52. Letter to A. McN. from Post Office Dept., April 13, 1821, Washington; states that enclosed is a draft for \$37.50--payment for mail delivery.
53. Letter to A. McN. from John Savage, August 16, 1821, Albany; request that McN. pay the interest on the mortgage (for house and land) of \$184.60 he owes. "The situation of the treasury makes it necessary to call on all who are in arrears to make payment."
54. Certificate--"that Eliza McNish is first of her class" written and signed by Maria Carswelt, Salem, 1821.
55. Letter to A. McN. from Abm _____, Post Office Dept., April 15, 1822; states that enclosed is a draft on Joseph Hawley for \$37--payment for mail delivery.
56. Letter to A. McN., draft for \$37 on Joseph Hawley, Oct. 18, 1822.
57. Letter to A. McN., draft for \$41.50 on Joseph Hawley, July 15, 1823.
58. Letter to A. McN. from John Savage, Albany, Oct. 18, 1823; request that McN. pay the mortgage on his house and land. Verifax copy.
59. Letter to A. McN. from James S. Stewart, Massena, Oct. 27, 1823; Stewart feels his brother-in-law is trying to cheat Stewart's wife Charlotte out of her inheritance by not letting them see the will of her father; requests McN. to send him a certified copy of the will.
60. Letter to A. McN. from Henry C. Martindale, Washington, Dec. 8, 1823; has presented a petition for McN. to the Committee on Pension and Revolutionary Claims--exact nature of it is not disclosed.
61. Letter to A. McN. from Wm. Barnes, Feb 21, 1824, Covington, Kentucky; Barnes, a cousin, wants to know of McN. "in the land of the living or not" and how family is.
62. Indenture by the overseers of the Poor of the town of Salem (Isaac Getty and A. McN.), March 30, 1824; they "do...place and bind out Jacob Foart, a poor coloured lad aged about eight years, who is now chargeable to the said town of Salem and whose parents are not able to maintain him." Jacob to be placed with Wm. McNish, A. McN's. cousin,, til he reaches 25.
63. Letter to A. McN. from William Barnes, Covington, Nov. 13, 1824; discusses politics--Gen. Jackson the favorite in his part of the country, but "Clay runs well". McN's. father is holding some money for Barnes that he shall have to come and get some day.

64. Letter to A. McN. from John and Elexandrea[?] McNish, Homer, Jan. 22, 1825; polite request for some money, with farm as surety; on back, letter from Alex's 2 nièces, Elizabeth and Sally--states that Story Family is well.
65. Letter to A. McN. from Samuel Prince, N.Y.C., July 12, 1825; because McN. didn't pay off his mortgage the property, which he bought from Prince, is up for sale; according to contract, Prince is not responsible for any of the money, and he is writing to McN. to remind him of this--if Savage should sue Prince, McN. would have to pay, and the damages might amount to more than the value of the property.
66. Printed notice to A. McN. from N.Y., June 30, 1826, concerning "University Lottery"--an advertisement.
Jan. 8, 1827 - See p. 7
67. Letter to A. McN. from Alexander McNish, McN. nephew, New Berry, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1834; says that he knows A. McN. is interested in selling out and buying some place else, says there is a good lot near him of 112 acres--had better come out early in spring. On back of page--to A. McN. from James McNish, A's brother, describes the resources of the area, would be good for sheep on "most ridgy land", likes the country except for roads--muddy in spring and fall, tells prices of commodities.
Aug. 17, 1832 - See p. 7
68. Deed--April 3, 1833; to property sold by Andrew Burnet to A. McN.

UNDATED MATERIAL

1. Letter to A. McN. from Joseph Kerr, son of John Kerr, Baltimore, August 25, (Kerr family landed in Baltimore July 30, 1820) tells of family's arrival, and his new job weaving cotton.
2. List of travels from March 4-Dec. 2
3. List of various people's debts--on credit
4. Letter to Alexander McN. from E. W. Walbridge concerning Doty case, owes Walbridge \$7.47.
5. Note--computation of interest, definitely before 1801.
6. Envelope to A. McN. from W. Martindale.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Letter to John Barns, New Perth, from W. M. Adam, N.Y., Oct. 5, 1773, concerning the purchase of lots (apparently J. B. is W. M. A.'s agent)
2. Letter to Abner Stone or N. Wilson, Sheriff of Salem, from David Thomas, Washington, April 9, 1802, stating that Thomas will "allow" himself to be supported again as their representative to Congress, discusses money matters in Congress (from a slightly biased viewpoint).

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3. Letter to John Steele, Salem, from Alexander Steele, (his son) Lewis, Oct. 4, 1816; all in good health except "only our little daughter and she lies at the point of Deth....it is a trial that is new to him and somewhat hard but it is Gods will and pleasure."
4. Letter to John Willard, Salem, from Henry C. Martindale, Washington, Jan. 8, 1827; re McNish's petition--not passed by one committee, sidelined by another. (Apparently the petition is asking for a pension)
5. Letter to Asa Martin, Salem, from Ephraim Goss, Pittsford, N.Y., Aug. 17, 1832; has done some legal business for Martin, gives some advice ("I do not think it will be necessary to be the trouble of indicting the old man....it is not probable that he will live very long.") and charges \$2.
6. Letter to Alexander McNish, Salem, from J. W. [?] Williams, Philadelphia, Jan. 29, 1798, concerning McN's pension claim. [In a P.S. ". . .no news from France -- have no more Petitions ag^t Stamp Act - the Petitioners are looked on here as operating ag^t Governm^t this I dont believe - " .]

McNish Family. Additional Papers, 1792-1857 and nd. **BOX 5**

£ 107 bond, Alexander Galt to Alexander McNish, Feb. 16, 1792.

Mortgage indenture, same parties as above, Feb. 16, 1792, for land comprising Lot 88, Salem, N. Y. (registered in County Clerk's Office, July 25, 1792).

Letter to father from James McNish, Schenectady, July 1, 1802, re living expenses and debts owed, incl. Hannah's grog bill. More on Hannah's "frollicks." (NOTE: original of James' bill of divorce from Hannah in xerox placed in this file.--kj, 7.71) Box 1

Bond, Alexander McNish to John Williams of Salem, July 7, 1806.

Pension application paper, including copy of statement certifying that A. McNish eligible for monthly pension under act of Congress for wounds suffered in battle at Saratoga, 1777, originally made in Albany, Sept. 14, 1786, and also a certification of McNish's residence in Salem, sworn to November 2, 1819.

Anthony J. Blanchard to Alexander McNish, release of rent charge, Dec. 30, 1820.

Bond, Wm. McNish to Alex, Feb. 8, 1827; recorded, Washington County, July 13, 1853.

Receipts for interest paid to John Savage from Wm. McNish, April 5, 1829, Aug. 10, 1832, June 7, 1839.

Wm. McNish's lumber bill, 1830-1835.

Other bills, 1833-4 - Delia Button, calico, silk, handkerchiefs, cotton sheeting, drilling.

Letter to Wm. McNish from a nephew, also Alexander McNish, Newbury, Ohio, May 5, 1833, clearing land of timber and preparing to plant. Mentions prices (wheat 7 shillings a bu., corn 44¢, etc.) and wages (13 dollars per mo. or 75¢ per day).

Statements of costs in case in [N.Y.] Supreme Court, Sarah McNish, administrator and John Cow, Dec. 22, 1834.

Letter to Wm. McNish from H. Littel [Lytle?], Hebron, Jan. 9, 1835, concerning the affairs of Delia Button.

Statement prepared by Washington Co. Justices of the Peace certifying that Delia is indigent and that Wm. McNish, alleged father of her child, must contribute to its support, Feb. 17, 1835.

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Letter (and 3 typed copies of letter) from Delia at Hebron, Feb. 22, 1835, to Wm. McNish. "I was ever happy and innocent until lead from the path of virtue by you."

Receipts for support of Delia Button's child:

3/28/35	10/31/36	11/20/38
6/3/35	4/7/37	10/12/39
12/29/35	July 37	11/20,27/39
4/23/36	3/38	1/6/40

Letters from sup't. of the poor, Argyle, May 3, 1838, re support payment.

Letter from James McNish to brother Wm., from Newbury [Ohio], May 29, 1838: family matters, price of grain, illness.

Widow's pension application paper of Sarah McNish, widow of Alex, March 13, 1839.

Draft copy of a 90-day note promising to pay Delia Button \$500 and letter to McNish from J. W. Thompson, Granville, N. Y., May 4, 1840, saying if Wm. McNish will execute the above note, J. W. T. won't prosecute on behalf of D. B.

Subpoena in [N. Y. S. C.] case of Wm. McNish (defendant) agst. Delia Button (plaintiff), Oct. 1840.

Promise-to-pay certain costs in above case; apparently signed by McNish but most of signature except final "h" cut out, Nov. 10, 1840.

November 10, 1840, statement signed by Delia Button saying she had received \$250.00 from Wm. McNish; in consideration thereof she releases him from all claims involving the child, incl. breach of promise suit now pending in Supreme Court.

Letter to a Mr. Matthews from DB, Granville, Nov. 12, 1842, sending a note for \$108.90 - will he speak to Mr. McNish, etc.

Receipt DB from Oliver Whitcomb for the \$108.90 due on note against Wm. McNish, Nov. 17, 1842.

Land transfer agreement Alex. to Wm. McNish, April 17, 1844.

Water use agreement, Wm. McKee [Kee] and Wm. McNish, June 13, 1857.

Sketch of certain lots in Washington Co.. -McNish Property - Lot 88, etc., n.d. but recent. Notes on dates of deeds. Also, contemporary sketch of Lot 88.

Joseph Stevenson estate appraisal, n.d.

3 bills or receipts.

The Flower Vase; Containing the Language of Flowers and Their Poetic Sentiments.

By Miss S. C. Edgerton. Lowell: Powers and Bagley. Boston: B. B. Mussey, Cornhill. 1844. 157 pp. Gives botanical classification of nearly 150 flowers, the supposed symbolical meaning of each (e.g., dahlia--elegance and dignity), and a short poem dealing with each symbol.

Card entry:

Edgerton, (Miss) S. C.

Cross references:

Flowers (symbolism of)
~~Miss (S. C.) Edgerton~~
Poetry (floral symbolism)

Above item transferred to MSS. file per EMF, 8/62, Box 19,