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RUTH SEELY BERRY MC DONALD.  
PAPERS, 1850- [1936-1959].

GUIDE

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MC DONALD, RUTH SEELY BERRY, 1913- . Papers, 1850-[1936-1959]; 1 ft.

These papers of Mrs. McDonald and her family include seventy-three letters from her father, Romeyn Berry ('04), concerning his writing for the Ithaca Journal, the Cornell Alumni News, and other publications, the maintenance of "Stoneposts," his farm at Jacksonville, Tompkins County, events at Cornell University and in the Ithaca area, Ruth's positions in New York City, mainly with the publishing firm, Walter J. Black, Inc., his daughter Hilda's service with the Women's Army Corps during World War II, Ruth's marriage to William Naylor McDonald, 3d, the family history she wrote [see 1958-1962 Report], his views on literature and journalism, art criticism, religion, and current events, and other personal and professional matters; twenty-four letters (1942-1945) from Hilda mainly to her sister and father, those written from France and England referring in part to the wartime situation in those countries, scattered correspondence of other relatives, and letters of condolence (1957) received on the death of Romeyn Berry; twenty-three letters (1941-1944) from Hendrik Willem van Loon to Ruth concerning his writing and illustrating, one letter from van Loon to Walter J. Black offering to illustrate a book "just for the fun of it," a Christmas note (1942) from Elmer Davis to van Loon, one photograph of van Loon, and two drawings by him; two letters (1959) to Ruth from Katharine ("Kip") Fuertes and a draft of Miss Fuertes' reminiscences, all of which concern her brother Louis Agassiz Fuertes, and two of his water color sketches of birds, one presented to "Polly" (Olive Nutting Berry) on her birthday (February 1923) and the other an undated Christmas greeting from Mr. and Mrs. Fuertes; and correspondence (1850-1941) of the McDonald family of Nashville, Tennessee, and Jacksonville, Florida, and the related Hicks family, also of Tennessee, including a letter (Sacramento, August 24, 1850; typescript carbon copy, whereabouts of original unknown) from Edward D. Hicks to Dr. Alexander C. Robertson of Nashville, describing the terrain, animal life, and Indian tribes observed on his journey overland from St. Joseph, Missouri, and remarking on the hardships of the thousands of emigrants then en route to California, which was so ". . . literally overrun" that he would have advised every man with a good business to stay home; and a letter (Cologne, 1910) from an American tourist reporting on her travels. Also, scrapbooks, photographs, obituary notices, and other clippings of both the Berrys and the McDonalds. Unpublished guide available. (2016)

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McDonald, Ruth Seely Berry, 1913-  
Papers, 1850-1959, 1936-1959 (bulk)  
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Summary: Papers of Ruth McDonald and her family include letters from her father, Romeyn Berry, concerning his writing for the ITHACA JOURNAL, the CORNELL DAILY NEWS, and other publications, the maintenance of "Stoneposts," his farm Jacksonville, Tompkins County, events at Cornell University and in the Ithaca area, Ruth's positions in New York City, mainly with the publishing firm, Walt J. Black, Inc., his daughter Hilda's service with the Women's Army Corps during World War II, Ruth's marriage to William Naylor McDonald, 3rd, the family history she wrote, his views on literature and journalism, art criticism, religion, and current events, and other personal and professional matters; letters from Hilda, 1942-1945, mainly to her sister and father, those written from France and England referring in part to the wartime situation in those countries; scattered correspondence of other relatives, and letters of condolence on the death of Romeyn Berry; letters from Hendrik Willem van Loon, Ruth concerning his writing and illustrating and other materials relating to van Loon; letters to Ruth from Katharine ("Kip") Fuertes and a draft of Miss Fuertes' reminiscences, all of which concern her brother Louis Asassiz Fuertes and two of his watercolor sketches of birds; and correspondence, 1850-1941, of the McDonald family of Nashville, Tennessee, and Jacksonville, Florida, and the related Hicks family, including a letter from Edward D. Hicks about his journey overland from St. Joseph, Mo. to California.

Also, scrapbooks, photographs, obituary notices, and other clippings of both the Berrys and the McDonalds, as well as a family history with historical, biographical, and genealogical information on the Berry family, compiled by Ruth McDonald.

Findings aids: Unpublished guide.

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1. Berry, Romeyn, 1881-1957.
2. Sanford, Hilda Truslow Berry, 1916-
3. Van Loon, Hendrik Willem, 1882-1944.
4. Fuertes, Louis Asassiz, 1874-1927.
5. Cornell University.
6. United States. Army. Women's Army Corps.
7. Walter J. Black, inc.
8. Ithaca Journal.
9. Cornell alumni news.
10. Journalism--New York (State)--Ithaca.
11. Publishing--New York (N.Y.)
12. Family--New York (State)
13. Family--Tennessee--Nashville.
14. Family--Florida--Jacksonville.
15. World War, 1939-1945--England.
16. World War, 1939-1945--France.
17. West (U.S.)--Description and travel--1848-1860.
18. Scrapbooks.
19. Photoprints.
20. Drawings.

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McDonald, Ruth Seely Berry, 1913- , Compiler. Family History, c. 1959.

Prepared by a daughter of Romeyn Berry (Cornell, '04), this study gives considerable historical, biographical, and genealogical information on the Berry Family, following its descent from immigrant Captain John Berry (b. c. 1620) and emphasizing William Bogardus Berry, his wife, Elizabeth Wright Gould, and their children, Romeyn and Harriet (later Mrs. James Wood Tyson); it also devotes attention to Elizabeth's father, John Stanton Gould, whose ancestry is traced from Jeremiah (b. c. 1600) and Priscilla Grover Gould; included are extracts from family diaries and letters, facsimiles of the Berry coat-of-arms, newspaper clippings, and photographs. The families resided variously at Canaan, Hudson, and Ithaca, New York; Montclair, New Jersey; and Newport, Rhode Island. Mention is also made of the following related families: Ashby, Atterbury, Bakewell, Bancroft, Bogardus, Bougaert, Carpenter, Clarke, Coggeshall, East, Esselstyn, Frelinghuysen, Humphrey, Janse, Lawton, Mott, Nutting, Romeyn, Rodman, Slocum, Stanton, Terhune, Van Campen, Van Vranken, Van Winkle, Wanton, Wiltse, Wime (Winne), and Wright. 108 pcs. (in 2" box)

Card entry:

McDonald, Ruth Seely Berry, 1913- , Compiler. Family History, c. 1959.

Cross references to main entry:

Berry, Elizabeth Wright Gould, 1851-1920  
Berry, Harriet Esselstyn, 1883-  
Berry, Romeyn, 1881-1957  
Berry, William Bogardus, 1852-1896  
Gould, John Stanton, 1812-1874  
Grover, Priscilla  
Ashby Family (genealogy)  
Atterbury Family (genealogy), etc. for every  
    surname listed above at end of description  
Canaan (Columbia County)  
Hudson (Columbia County)  
Ithaca (Tompkins County)  
New Jersey (Montclair)  
Rhode Island (Newport)

Cross references to added entries:

Gould, Elizabeth Wright, 1851-1920  
Tyson, Harriet Berry (Mrs. James Wood Tyson), 1883-

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Ruth Seely Berry McDonald, Compiler. Additional Material.

<u>Acc. Date</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
May 24, 1983 (Donated April 26, 1983).	1 item.	Letter, 1983. Letter from Ruth Berry McDonald to John Marchant March 24, 1983, concerning his father, Romeyn Berry ('04). Loc: Added to box <sup>4</sup> <del>S-23-D</del> Temp.cat.cd: McDonald, Ruth

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LUTHER, LESLIE L., *Collector and Compiler*. Moravia Area Items, 1882-1960; 4 in., 3 reels microfilm. Alphabetized tombstone inscriptions (146 pp. typescript carbons, 1751-1955) for the Towns of Locke, Moravia, Niles, Sempronius, Summer Hill, and Venice; clipping scrapbooks (1921-1958), sketches, and notes concerning people, events, and churches and other institutions in central New York (1794+). Also, genealogies of the Alley (Allee), Luther, Spafford, Sparks, and Youngs Families. Cayuga County. (1934)

LYCEUM THEATRE. Papers, c. 1893-1924; 15 items. These additional items [see 1945-1948 *Reports*] include specifications (7 items, typescript) for labor, materials, curtains, stage scenery, electric wiring, and other construction requirements, prepared by the architects, Leon H. Lempert & Sons of Rochester; seven photographs of the theatre interior, its orchestra, employees, and other subjects; one price notice. Ithaca, Tompkins County. (2084, 2197)

MALONEY, WILLIAM, *Collector*. Herring-Curtiss Company Papers, 1891-[1909-1931]; 2 ft. Include transcripts of *Herring-Curtiss Company vs. Glenn Curtiss et al.*, briefs, exhibits, correspondence, and other papers pertaining to this lawsuit, in which William Maloney was one of the principal trial lawyers, and to related litigation; incorporation papers, minutes, resolutions, stock certificates, legal documents, correspondence, and other items (1909-1931) relating to the business affairs of the company; Augustus Herring's scrapbook (1896-1909) and notebook (c. 1903-c. 1910) dealing with his role in airplane and glider development and his correspondence with the U.S. Patent Office (1909-1911); blueprints, photographs, pamphlets, and clippings relating to the more general aspects of aviation development. (1990)

MC CRAY, ELIZABETH, *Collector*. Papers, [1810-1877]-1944; 4 in. Correspondence, deeds and other legal documents, accounts, and miscellaneous papers of the Chatfield, Foster, and McCray families; mainly concerned with the sale of land and lumber. Broome, Delaware, Otsego, Steuben Counties, New York; Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. (1935)

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Berry, Romeyn, 1881-1957

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Ruth Seely Berry McDonald, 1913- . Papers, 1936-1956.

Chronological information, gleaned mainly from letters themselves by KJ:

Ruth was graduated from Wells College in 1935 and worked for publishing firms in New York, 1936+.

Her father, Romeyn Berry, and step-mother, Hester Bancroft Berry, bought "Stoneposts," farm at Jacksonville on June 1, 1936.

Family moved in in September 1936.

Romeyn resigned post as Graduate Manager of Athletics in 1936.

Hilda, Ruth's sister, was graduated from Barnard College in 1938.

"Butch" (Warner Bott Berry), son of Romeyn and Hester, was born in the spring of 1940.

Hilda joined the Women's Army Corps in 1942.

Ruth was married to William Naylor McDonald III in November 1942.

Hilda was sent to England and then to Paris in September 1944.



Ruth Seely Berry McDonald. Papers, <sup>1850-</sup>[1936-1956] ~~1936-1956~~ <sup>the</sup> 4" boxes

Folders I-V. Letters to Ruth from Her Father, Romeyn Berry; 1936-1956;  
73 items +

See general description of accession for statement of contents; several other letters of interest are noted below:

- 1936: c. September 1, 26; December 1  
 1937: January 15 (refers to article or interview Ruth has done on chimes and chimes ringing, perhaps for publication in the Cornell Daily Sun)  
 January 22  
 April 13  
 April 19 (Romeyn's remarks on literary criticism)  
 1939: April 19 (Romeyn's views on religion)  
 September 6, October 10  
 1941: January 2, March 14, November 21  
 1942: April 20, May 10, July 30, August 24, October 16, 29, November 1, 20, December 11, and December n.d.  
 1943: January 28, February 3  
 February 13 (Ruth's gift of an annotated copy of The Warfare of Science and Theology)  
 February 27 (the introduction Ruth wrote to an edition of Ibsen's plays and Rym on Ibsen)  
 March 21, 30; April 3, 8, 19, 20  
 May 12, 20, 23, 26  
 June 8, 19, 22, 26  
 July 29 (Sherman Peer's mystery novel)  
 October 6, November 27  
 1944: September 20  
 1945: February 8, 20, March 25, 27, April 5  
 April 14 (death of Franklin D. Roosevelt)  
 May 9, 19, 27, June 29, July 9  
 August 8, 22, October 22  
 November 3, 18, 23; December 13  
 1947: June 28  
 1953: June 22  
 1955: October 23  
 1956: November 19  
 No year: February 14, March 2, <sup>July</sup> August 17  
 Undated: Saturday; 44 pp., first and last pages appear to be missing; concerns wages paid for domestic service in Jacksonville

Folder VI. See page 2.

Ruth Seely Berry McDonald. Papers, 1936-1956.

Folder VI. Other Letters ~~to Ruth~~, 1943-1944; 12 items.

From her husband, William Naylor McDonald,

1943: March 1, from Puerto Rico

From her sister, Hilda Truslow Berry, Women's Army Corps,

From *Des Moines*  
From England

1943: November 9, December 28

1944: January 2, March 17, May 8, 16

From France:

1944: November 27, Sunday n.d.

1945: January 21, August , (These two to family  
in general).

Postcard from Pfc. Mary Lauman, U.S.M.C.W.R., from Arlington,  
Virginia.

1944: May 15

Folder VII. Letters from Romeyn to other family members, 1942-1955; 7 items.

To son-in-law, William Naylor McDonald.

1942: December 24

1945: December 1

1947: June 29

To William McDonald, Sr.

1942: December 7

To Hilda.

1951: March 30-31

1955: April 23, July 19

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Folder ~~VIII~~ *Condolence.*

Folder ~~VIII~~ *IX*. Letters to Ruth from Hendrik Willem van Loon, 1941-1944; 23  
*Box 2 IX* items.

See attached calendar for complete list of dates and note  
of contents.

van Loon Miscellanea; 6 items.

See calendar.

*Folder X*

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Folder ~~IX~~ <sup>XI</sup>. Typed and MSS. drafts of Ruth's sketch concerning Romeyn and sister Harriet's early life; 2 items. (See Acc. #2027 for final version.)

Folder XII Miscellanea; 11 items.

Photographs by Fenner Studio, Ithaca, c. 1942; 2 items.

Romeyn Berry with son Warner  
Hester Bancroft Berry with Warner

Snapshots, n.d. 14 exposures on 4 strips.

Pamphlets on Quakerism, 1951; 2 items.

Article, "The Effect of War on Football," by Romeyn Berry, n.d. Clipped from an unidentified Ithaca or Cornell publication.

Typed copy of William Bright's "Holy Communion Hymn."

Photocopy of Berry's "Up Our Road" column from The Trumansburg Leader, April 14, 1939.

scrapbooks

Box 2 XIII McDonald (incl. Hicks)  
etc. corres., clippings, photos, scrapbook

Box 3 Ryan's scrapbooks (2 vols.) + sheet music (3 items)