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Kenney, Eudorus Catlin, 1857-1918. Papers, 1822-[1856-1916].

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Main entry:

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Card entries:

Ander, Gustaf H
Brown, Milton C
Dickinson, Charles Courter
Ferrer, Francisco, 1859-1909
Giffin, Esther Josselyn
Horton, Randolph, 1850-1929
Kenney, Amos Lamb, 1822-1904
Messenger, Hiram John, 1855-1913
Chevalier Family (genealogy)
Newell Family (genealogy)

Cross references to card entries:

Water-witching
Blind (lectures for)
Maple syrup production
Accounts (estate settlement)

Cross references to main entry:

Class of 1882 (Cornell University)	Music (original compositions)
Washington Secular League	Poetry (manuscript)
Illinois (Chicago)	Politics (national)
Ithaca (Tompkins County)	Religion (and ethics)
Maryland (Baltimore)	Woman suffrage
Truxton (Cortland County)	

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EUDORUS CATLIN KENNEY, 1857-1918. Papers, 1856-1916.
1856-1916

Inventory and General Notes, by S. Goodman, compl. 9-1-61.

8 4" boxes and one 2" box of song sheets

Boxes 1-4 Correspondence: 1856-1899, 1900-1907, 1908-1909, 1910-1916

Arranged by year only and not in folders. Almost all of the correspondence consists of acknowledgments of Kenney publications sent by the author to various individuals and some mild criticisms. A good deal are fragments of letters that are undated. The correspondence of the early years concern family matters such as the will of E.C.K's father, etc. The signatures of A. D. White, J. G. Schurman, H. Messenger, G. Harris (C.U. Librarian), Charles C. Dickinson (4/7/09), and others appear on these thank you notes.

Box 1, Folder - Souvenirs of Amos L. Kenney, 1856-1908 includes:
20 pcs.

Newell,
Chevalier and Kenney Genealogy, 1822-1904, from a family Bible, 2 pp. Date of making?
Probably at time of Newell-Kenney marriage, 1856 or shortly thereafter.

1856 Marriage certificate of A.L.K. to Mrs. Harriette N[ewell] Chevelier[or Chevalier].

1884 Marriage certificate of A.L.K. to Miss Ellen N. Day.

Poem "To My Father" by E.C.K., March 18, 1898.

A list of bonds belonging to Amos L. Kenney, revised Aug. 1, 1902.

A list of material received from Amos L. Kenney retiring Secretary and Treas.
of The Truxton Cemetery Association, Oct. 1, 1902.

Promissory note (\$5,000) of A.L.K., June 8, 1903.

Promissory note (\$1,000) of A.L.K., June 13, 1904.

One page of a scrapbook with clippings of Amos L. Kenney's death, Aug. 9, 1904.

Cortland County Surrogate's Court, Letters of Testamentary, Aug. 25, 1904.

Notice of Appraisal by County Treasurer, Sept. 9, 1904.

Copy of the last will and testament of Amos L. Kenney Aug. 25, 1904, copy made
by the Cortland County Clerk's Office June 23, 1906.

A copy of the report to the comptroller, May 28, 1907.

Receipt for the payment of transfer tax, June 17, 1907.

Inventory of the estate of Amos L. Kenney, July 15, 1908, 2 copies.

One Mss. sheet of music, "To Father", words and music by Eudorus C. Kenney, undated.

One printed sheet of music, "To Father", words and music by E.C.K., undated.

Letters of Note in Boxes 1-4 (other than thank yous or requests, 1890-1915)

- January 3, 1890 - from Rev. James Dobbin, Rector of The Bishop Seabury Mission, refuses to appoint E.C.K. as prof. in Math Department despite excellent recommendations because "you are not at one with us in our religious faith and life".
- October 6, 1890- from The Brooklyn Ethical Association, informing E.C.K. of his election as a corresponding member; lists topics connected with association's work; signed by James A. Skilton, corresponding secretary.
- August 11, 1892 - from Milton C. Brown, Eddy St. "Ithica" - describes own theories of electricity, water-witching, etc. 3 sheets.
- August 16, 1892 - from M. C. Brown - further defends his theories
- September 12, 1899 - from Randolph Horton - thanks E.C.K. for Thusettes; remarks on how they recall the old days at home; describes boiling eggs in maple sap at "sugaring-off" time and their consequent delicate flavor. 3 pp.
- Undated 1906 - from Messenger, complains about big, noisy crowd at Cornell dinner in New York.
- February 4, 1909 - from Hiram J[ohn] Messenger - comment on Gibbons' grasp of history and advent of Christianity in Rome with ensuing troubles; remark on adverse attitude on part of C. U. Alumni Association to electing non-New Yorker to trusteeship.
- April 3, 1909 - from Charles C[ourter] Dickinson - acknowledges E.C.K.'s endorsement of Dickinson's nomination as Cornell Alumni Trustee
- June 17, 1909 - from Hiram J[ohn] Messenger - thanks E.C.K. for "wire-pulling" resulting in Messenger's election as Vice-President of Cornell Alumni Association.
- December 24, 1909 - from Esther Josselyn Giffin - invites E.C.K. to give lecture at L. C. Reading Room for the blind; tells him that the thought of blindness is entirely eliminated and therefore not to mention the words "blind" and "charity" in his talk.
- Dec. 16, 1913 - from Mrs. Henry (Grace) Newton - describes last hours of Hiram Messenger who had been a mutual intimate friend, 8 pp.
- March 30, 1915 - from Jennie L. Müller, Truxton - comments on weather and some local news.

Letters (Cont.)

July 22, 1915 - from C. H. Bradford (E.C.K.'s cousin) - some family news.

December 30, 1915 - from Gustaf H. Ander - asks E.C.K. to join him and co-operate in some way to expound Ander's theory of substituting the Universe for God in religion.

Undated 1915 - typescript of sermon by Gustaf Ander calling on all farmers to reform and stop feeding the parasites in the cities. Note at end asks for recipient to help in further disseminating these truths.

Box 7

Broadsides, Greeting Cards

Greeting Cards - birthday and holiday (nothing really outstanding)

Broadsides:

Blue cloth - "Votes for Women" - pin attached; half yellow and half white, bears same message. Br.# _____.

Various notices from: Secular League Br.# _____.
The Square Deal Co. (Kuyahora Press - pub.) Br.# _____.
Suffrage Association (Woman) Br.# _____.
League of American Pen Women, Br.# _____.
Jewish Branch, Socialist Party of District of Columbia, Br.# _____.

Ferrer Protest Meeting, Nov. 1, 1909, Washington, D.C. (probably sponsored by Secular League). Br.# _____.

"Does The Bible Fortell of The World Peace Movement?" - addressed to World-Wide Peace Court Conference in Washington, Dec. 1910 by W.A. Cuddy, Prophetic Evangelist. Br.# _____.

"Clean-Up Week" - May 24-19 (long list of things to do), no year or town mentioned, but seems to be for Ithaca. Br.# _____.

T.R. political cartoon - "Return From Elba" - shows T.R. seated triumphantly on horse preceded by Pinchot beating drum. Br.# _____.

Cortland Summer School, 1916, (group photographs of students and instructors; lists of students and their home towns; descriptive text of work done) Br.# _____.

Broadsides, Greeting Cards, (Cont.)

Broadsides:

The Truxton Band in 1887 - names and brief history; group photo.
Br.# _____.

Twenty Seventh Annual Cornell Dinner - Waldorf Astoria, Mar. 1, 1907.
Br.# _____.

Colonial Entertainment at the Presbyterian Church, Hyattsville, Md.
Feb. 22 (no year) - auspices of Young People's Missionary Society.
Br.# _____.

Patriotic Literature - list of nine tracts available for sale from
C. Roys, Washington, D.C. (note by E.C.K. - "member of Secular
League - hard up"). Br.# _____/

"A Fair Warning to The Republican and Democratic Committees assembled
in Washington, D.C. preparing for the 1912 Campaign" by W.A. Cuddy,
Prophetic Evangelist (diatribe - against T. Roosevelt-Taft and
other Anti-Christ people running for public office -- calls on
Southern Democrats to save nation from the Anti-Christ factions).
Br.# _____.

Box 6

Newspaper clippings, one 4" bx.

Meetings of Secular League, Washington, D.C. - schedules of programs,
speaker and topics (some clippings on Francisco Ferrer incident in
Spain [see list of broadsides also]); also re writings of E.C.K.
and news items of Truxton, N.Y. [Box contains envelopes as well.]

Box 8

Books, Photos, Pamphlets, Programs, Misc.

Ghosts, Devils, Angels and Sun Gods, 1891, 126 pp., by E.C. Kenney,
Truxton, N.Y.

The Pentecost of Calamity, 1915, 148 pp., by Owen Wister, New York.

Echoes of Praise, 1908, 105 religious songs, Compiled by Rev. W.G. Price,
Newport, N.Y. (words & music of #61 by ECK)

* { Thusettes, 1899, 136 pp. Poetry by E. C. Kenney, Cortland, N.Y.

{ Some More Thusettes, 1905, 122 pp. Poetry by E. C. Kenney, Cortland, N.Y.

Lafayette and The Rustic Rambler, 1907, 122 pp., E.C. Kenney, Cortland, N.Y.

Old Time Folks and Moods and Rhymes, 1913, 259 pp. by Aretas W. Thomas,
Washington, D.C. Inscribed to E.C.K.

Duplicate copies (bound into 1 vol.) transferred to #2116 from Archives CUL-CUF collection, 9/65 - K. J.

Books, Photos, Pamphlets, Programs (Cont.)

Pins:

1. Band of Mercy A.H.E.S.
2. C. U. '82
3. National Rivers & Harbors Congress - Wash., D.C. - Panama Canal - 1914

Photographs - family and friends, Truxton villages scenes; Morgan Park (Ill.)

Military Academy; Carey School for Boys, Baltimore, Md.

NOTE: 1 postcard photo of Miss Katharine Billmire and a friend, 1904,

removed to Fashion Collection.

Printed material - programs of meetings of Washington Secular League;

woman suffrage items, etc. Also, Cornell Commencement programs,
one Cosmopolitan Club program, and other items;

Box 5

Newspaper Clippings in series, Mss. of E.C.K. works, one 4" bx.

"The Experiences of P. Rusticus in a Military Academy"

"Saviors of the World - A Study in Comparative Religion"

"Souvenirs 1885-1906"

"Squibs"

"Uncle Josh and His Mirandy"

Miscellany

The above consist of clippings of series of anecdotes pasted onto sheets. In addition, there are packets of actual manuscript in E.C.K.'s handwriting bearing the following titles and numbers:

- I Origin of the Idea of Savior
- VII Jesus, The Jew
- VIII Zoroaster, The Persian
- IX Mohammed, The Arab
- X Other Saviors

XI-XXIII of "The Experiences of P. Rusticus in a Military Academy"

Autobiography of Eudorus C. Kenney, Dec. 1903, 94 pp. Mss.
"Last of The Thusettes"

Box 9
Sheet Music

Paperback volume - Carolets, by E.C.K. -- single sheets - duplicates of
Pieces in volume.

Paperback volume - Melodies, by Marie Van Hook Smith, presented to
E.C.K.