Colonial Dames Collection

Colonial Dames Collection. Papers, 1852–1894. 1.33 feet.
Collector. Correspondence (1859–1862) regarding the Choctaw Indians and Spencer Academy; correspondence (1864–1871) concerning the Omaha Indian mission in Nebraska; correspondence (1861–1864) dealing with the Civil War, and correspondence (1852–1894) from Charles S. Rogers to Mrs. Orlando S. Lee, mostly regarding student life, family illnesses, and duties as a minister.

Box 1

Red-rope Folder: Civil War Correspondence, 1861-1864.


Box 1 (continued): Correspondence to and from the Lee Family

Folder:

1. 1853, to Lee from Parents. Family details and happenings.

2. 1850's, Wesleyan University, Charles Rogers to Mrs. Lee (sister). Saddened by father's actions; speaks of his health; religious lecture to sister.

3. 1850's. Wesleyan University, C. Rogers to sister. Admonished sister for poor spelling. Surprise at her decision to wed.

4. 1850's. Wesleyan University, C. Rogers to sister. Describes school; what he is doing.

5. 1852, Amenia Seminary, C. Rogers to sister. In a drama; Rev. Mercein add. group; trip of students; plans to go to college.

6. 1852, Ameniaville, NY, C. Rogers to sister. Religious lecture to her; classmates and room gatherings; over 100 students, 8 teachers.

7. 1853, Amenia Seminary, C. Rogers to sister. Religious lecture-New Year. 150 students.

8. 1853, Amenia Seminary. C. Rogers to sister. An answer to her question on being a Methodist or Presbyterian.

9. 1850's, Amenia Seminary. C. Rogers to sister. Encouraging her at her departure from friends.

10. 1853, Amenia Seminary. C. Rogers to sister. Busy studying; kindness of Steward.
11. 1850's, Amenia Seminary. C. Rogers to sister. Writes other members of family; not well.

12. 1850's, Belchertown. C. Rogers to sister. Plans to teach school; good pay; 40 students.

13. 1850's, Middleton. C. Rogers to sister. Short note advising he will be home.

14. 1856, Middleton. C. Rogers to sister. Start routine of college; attend Union meeting of 5 churches.

15. 1850's, Middleton. C. Rogers to sister. Asks her to visit; Health poor; Invite W.


17. 1856. C. Rogers to sister. Replaced for one week Mr. Brewer as teacher in ladies Seminary.


20. No date. Quincy Point. C. Rogers to sister. Death of Rogers father, and not a Christian.


22. 1859, Quincy Point. C. Rogers to sister. Interest in church. Dinner with Father Taylor.

23. 1861, Quincy Point. C. Rogers to sister. Doing funeral service for a soldier. Expect draft for the second 300,000 men, 400 enlist from Quincy. Minister group included.

24. 1861. Quincy Point. C. Rogers to Mr. Lee. Looking for job teaching school. Offers Mr. Lee food and visit with Rogers family. War could start in 3 months.


26. 1862. New Village. To lee family from parents. Family affairs, marriage, chicken pox, etc. Song.

27. 1863. New Village, to Lee from parents. Family matters.
28. 1864. Amityville, Mrs. Lee to mother. Family health problems, lack of rain.
30. 1878, Suffolk County, Long Island, N.Y. 3 recommendations for Orlando Lee as principal of the school.
31. 1879, Long Islander newspaper article on the death of George Lee, son of O. S. Lee born at Spencer, Indian Territory.
32. 1888, Jersey City. Mr. Lee to wife. Details regarding a blizzard, including information on railroads and towns affected.
33. 1889, record of funeral service of Prof. Edward S. Hall. Congregational Church, South Norfolk, Connecticut.
34. Several school compositions by George Lee.
35. “A Class History,” 1878.
36. Cards, a commencement program, and medal.

Box 2: Correspondence from Spencer Academy, 1859-1862.

Folder:
1. 1859, Mission House. Mr. Lee to Mr. Wilson. Gives exact route and mode of travel to Indian Territory. People to meet and take.
2. 1859, Ohio. Lee to Mrs. Woodruff. Details of trip to Spencer Academy.
3. 1859, Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Trip to Little Rock; meeting Miss Worchester.
4. 1859, Little Rock. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Safe arrival. Mode of travel; Senator Ashley's widow as hostess; the slaves; plantation; etc.

6. 1859, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Describing arrival and home at Spencer prior to opening of school.

7. 1859, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Settled at school and reasons for delay of the start of school.

8. 1859, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Opening of school, amount of boys and school schedule, description of school building, teaching.


11. 1859, Spencer. Mr. Lee to friend. Comments on people in Mission work.


16. 1859, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Mail service poor from Doaksville. Slaves and inability to read. 100 students; Mrs. Lee 25 yrs. old; cold weather.


18. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Mrs. Lee is ill, Mr. Song's trouble at Omaha Mission, and address for better mail delivery.


20. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Mending for students, planting flowers, leaving of Even's family.


25. 1860, Spencer. Pencil sketch by Mr. Lee of the campus of the school and of Lee's personal quarters.


29. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Exchange by Choctaws for food, Mr. Reid's trip North, new vegetables eaten.

30. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Mr. Lee to preach at five places during vacation. Slave girl trouble, bee hives and a story of a martin. (bird)


32. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Newspapers received. Reid’s ability in work with Choctaws. Rev. Dwight, a Choctaw preacher, and his education.


34. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Shortage of food; the heat bad, school closed, and the types of fruit grown.

35. No date, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Trading an apron for a basket. Asks how to pickle, wonders how to prepare.

36. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Teachers from Wapanucka to attend Camp meetings and family doings, flowers, baby, etc.


38. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Pickling peaches, visit of Kingsbury, wants bluing for clothes.

40. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Lack of reptiles. Expecting teachers, comments on illness and prices the doctor charges.


42. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Trip to Texas for corn so school can open. The election of Capt. Hudson, Choctaw chief, and a slave sale.

43. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Trip of husband, baby's activities, the kindness of the Reids, and a flower planting.


49. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Bathes in creek by students, boys having eye trouble, and a method of working with the baby.

50. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Thanksgiving at school. Leaving of teacher Wentz for a position as Supt. at Stockridge; Wiggins leaving.


52. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Acting as wet nurse for new baby. Reid's opinion of work with Choctaws, her desire to die elsewhere.

53. 1860, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Son ill, remedy used, a turkey for Christmas, squirrels eaten, 120 hogs butchered, and Mrs. Wiggins makes sausage.

55. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Thinks secession means war, northern missionaries and Indians will leave. Invade by south, burning *The Independent.*

56. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Difficulties of mail, possible transfer pending, daily chores and the beautiful Spring.

57. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Mr. Ives is mentioned, Mrs. Young ill, special session of Choctaws called, effect on Mission-war.

58. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Starvation among Choctaws and what they eat, the government is slow to pay, meeting at Doaksville, war looming, mail being opened, a mention of Mr. Ives and Reids.

59. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Baby's progress, lack of milk for babies, large amount of colds.

60. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Vacation of Wheelock teachers who visit and sew with them, and the health of teachers.


62. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Accident of Mrs. Lee, illness of Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Young, corn and fruit trees planted.

63. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. No vacation due to heat. School out June 26th, health of co-workers, care to injury.

64. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Beauty of Spencer, Mr. Reid preached at Goodwater, Mrs. Young to Pine Ridge, ill Reid baby.

65. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Drought stops boats, invitation from Byington to Stockbridge, Iyanubbie Seminary mentioned, visitors.

66. 1861, Spencer. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Mail delivery concern, type of fish for food, abundance of berries and fruit, rice shipments, and a Choctaw wedding.

67. 1861, New York, George Ainslie. Location of other missionaries, Ives in particular, going to Scotland if he does not get a mission.

68. 1861, New York, Mr. W. Lowrie to Mr. Lee. Asks to see Lee and explains sum allowed by Committee to teach.

69. 1862, Commissioner Dale, Dept. of Interior, Office of Indian Affairs. Thanking Lee for a comprehensive report pertaining to Choctaws.

70. 1862, Rochester, Minn. George Ainslie to Lees. Return from Scotland, wishes to return to Choctaws, Miss Davidson mentioned, close to Brother Jackson, Brother Frothingham, and Mr. Evans.
71. 1862, Rochester, Minn. George Ainslie to Lees. Inquiring about Choctaws and missionaries, the Southern cause, and his work.

Box 3: Correspondence from Mrs. Lee to Mother, 1864-1871

Folder:


5. 1864, Amityville. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Illness of children, remedies used, weather extremely cold.


7. 1864, Amityville. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Unable to get pay, no news from Choctaw Nation, gardening, medicine used for illness.


10. 1864, Amityville. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Mrs. Lee ill, desire to visit home for rest.


12. 1864, Amityville. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Work at canning, making soap, etc.


15. 1865, New Village. Mrs. Lee to Mother. Preparing family for return to Indian mission, desire to go to freedmen, and a poem is included.

17. 1866, En route to Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Many missionaries traveling to St. Louis, details of the trip.

18. 1866, St. Louis. Mrs. Lee to mother. Describing trip and states passed.


21. 1866, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Description of mission grounds, the duties of women, appearance of soldiers, and former students at mission.


23. 1866, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Distance for the doctor and medical care. Visit of presiding elder; bedbugs and mosquitoes.

24. 1866, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Death of an aunt, visit to Agency.


27. 1866, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Visit to government employees, and the trials of work when help is ill.

28. 1866, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Illness at mission. Missionary problems, Col. Furnus is the Indian agent, potatoes used to feed mission.

29. 1866, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Death of Mrs. Woodruff's mother, closing of Iowa Mission, Agent Furnus replaced, mission illness.


32. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Vacation and invitation to Omaha chiefs and students’ parents, big dinner, and cleaning.
33. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Flooded railroad in Iowa, the comfort of buffalo moccasins, bedbugs, and a new superintendent over Lee.

34. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Soldier-loaded steamboats headed for Indian wars. Agent problems, Reid at Spencer, use school for hospital and for refugees.

35. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. School opens. Comments on children and lack of workers, the beauty of flowers and land.

36. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Sioux wars far away, Omahas going on a hunt, Hamilton is to the Omahas as Kingsbury is to the Choctaws.

37. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Nursing of sick boy, Mr. Hamilton new superintendent, teachers and trials of mission work.


40. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Birthday celebration, teacher change, concerned if the Board will keep them another year.

41. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Daughter born, named Lottie. Mr. Lee teaching again, teacher Miss Bower left.

42. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Death of Mrs. W.'s father, having company, ordering material for daughter.

43. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Progress of daughter, reference to style and lack of clothes for children.

44. 1867, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Good mail service, train only 8 miles away, and the baby's progress.

45. 1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Mrs. Lee ill, teacher Reid of Spencer writes, a young child dies, the boys are healthy.

46. 1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Cutting ice from the river for use, logging methods, and asking for dress materials.

47. 1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Mr. Lee ill, scarlet fever in school.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Accident and death of Mrs. Hamilton, women making a shroud for Mrs. Hamilton, daughter baptized, uncertain future.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Death of Mrs. Hamilton, the mission family all gone, Mr. Hamilton's visit to New York.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Work and help at the mission, a trip to Decatur and Sioux City, the Omahas go hunting, and grasshoppers.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Departure of Miss Mills; and Mr. Hamilton to attend church assembly in New York.

1868, Omaha Mission. Grandson's letter to Mrs. Woodruff. Trip to Sioux City.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Illness of son, Omahas return from hunt.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Method of haying for the school, time for classes. (Sunday)

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Has women to help with work, bought 160 acres for investment.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Good vegetable garden, $4,000 too much for a home, would not consider a mortgage.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Children ill with whooping cough, trouble with Indians and the agent, the school may close.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mr. Lee to Mrs. Woodruff. Seeking financial help for building home, Grant's election, making a living, and health.

1868, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Family has whooping cough, sore eyes on students, snagged steamboat, apples bought.

1869, Omaha Mission. Mr. Lee to Mrs. Woodruff. Conversion of a few Omahas. Prospects of hiring a girl, building a home.

1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Severe winter, logging with Indians, plans for trip, and teachers visit Sioux City.


1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Miss Hamilton marries Methodist preacher, need shoes for daughter for wedding.
65. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Illness of boys, visit to Santee Sioux Mission, problems of leaving, and the elders visit.

66. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Progress of daughter, visitors to show around, work to do.

67. 1869, Omaha Mission. Master George to grandmother. Ball-stick games, spelling, etc.

68. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Lee's visit to Sioux, visit to Winnebago with Omaha children, and son George's letter.


70. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Preparing to leave the mission school, Mrs. Warner had a baby.

71. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Grasshopper plague, help shortage, missionary to Winnebago visits.

72. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Marketing berries, visiting with Uncle, future plans and health of family.

73. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Mr. Lee teaching, plan to sell land, to build home.

74. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Care of sick girl, Omahas and Pawnees fight Sioux on buffalo hunt, one scalped, article in paper.

75. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Moving to West Hills, Mortgage property, make arrangements for home and school for children.

76. 1869, Omaha Mission. Mrs. Lee to mother. Child's letter, list of missionary guests, Christmas party, leaving plans, Nebraska land value.

77. 1869, Omaha Mission. Remarks of a few of the Omahas on being received in the Church.

78. 1871, Huntington, Long Island. Mr. Lee to Miss Downing. Among Omahas till 1869. Agent trouble, Mrs. Lee's poor health, condition of the missions and teachers, a recipe, an article, and the Indian War.

Box 4: Extra copies of correspondence.