THE OLIN PAPERS

The bulk of the Olin papers are family letters written between 1830 and 1870. Of these family letters the largest collections are the letters of Julia M. Olin to her husband, the Reverend Stephen Olin, and those to her son, Stephen Henry Olin. Many of the latter were written to Henry while he was a student at Wesleyan. They reveal her own activities and interests, her ambitions for her son, and her keen awareness and vicarious involvement in her son's education. There is an equally large selection of letters of the same period from Henry to his mother. His letters from Wesleyan (during the mid 1860's) tell more of his extracurricular activities (trips to New York, visits with friends, relatives, and professors, and happenings of the collegiate societies) than of his studies. Correspondence also remains Henry and Mrs. Olin while he was studying in New York following graduation from Wesleyan.

Only a few letters appear written by Rev. Stephen Olin. The largest group are those he wrote during the controversy he was involved in with E. Robinson. There is a lot of material on this including letters from Robinson to Olin (one of which appears as a newspaper article) and a long reply from Olin, apparently in his own hand. Also there is a long letter from Olin to the editor of the N. A. Review (where all the name calling appears to have gone on) and a good deal of correspondence between Olin and J. P. Durbin. The controversy apparently arose over an initial criticism by Robinson of a work by Olin which Olin met with critical remarks about Robinson's works and which Robinson in turn countered.

There are numerous letters written to Rev. Olin from his wife, relatives, friends, and associates. Many of the latter relate to Rev. Olin's religious office and duties in one way or another and are almost invariably headed by the greeting 'Reverend and Dear Brother' or a similar form of Christian address. Some concern the University in minor matters, some are recommendations, and a good part of them relate to the Methodist church in one way or another.

Stephen Henry Olin appears frequently both in the letters he wrote and in those he received. Also some of his essays remain written either in high school or college. Stephen Henry seems responsible for the drawings and maps which are to be found in the Olin papers. He apparently enjoyed drawing and often illustrated his letters to his mother with little sketches. Also in these papers are texts of the memorial service held for Stephen Henry Olin at Wesleyan.
Having just completed the identification of the people who appear in the A. Hunt Autograph Book I find several of them appear also in the Olin papers. Both Albert S. Hunt and Andrew J. Hunt are well represented among the authors of the Olin papers as is Mary Rutherford Garrettson, a cousin of Julia M. Olin. (There are also many letters written by Julia M. Olin to Miss Garrettson).

Of the remaining letters most are Olin family letters (Lucy M. Olin and Clarenda Olin to Stephen Olin and family) and Lynch family letters (James Lynch, father of Julia M. Olin, to his wife and children, and letters to and from Julia and her brother Eugene and to and from her sisters).

Lastly there are miscellaneous items — Wesleyan University programs, receipts, civil war printed items, various poems and writings and prayers, and a few items which defy description.

I have arranged the letters most often by the person writing them. But those to the Olins have been grouped according to the person to whom they were written. This has meant some overlap or rather inconsistency — i.e., a letter from A. S. Hunt appears in the Hunt file and not in the file of the person to whom it was written.

Pauline H. Milius
August 7, 1964
Olin Papers--Container List

Stephen Olin 1797-1851

Box 1

Genealogy 1848 (1)

Letters and communications from Stephen Olin 1834-1851 (17+)

Letters, etc. to Stephen Olin having to do with Wesleyan University 1839-1851 (47)

Letter to him from Mary E.O. Bostwick (later Mrs. Olin) 1827 (1)
Letter to James O. Walker from Mary Bostwick Olin 1834 (1)

Letters to Stephen Olin from various people 1829-1836 (12)

Letters to Stephen Olin from various people A-K 1839-1851 (49)

Letters to Stephen Olin from various people L-Z 1839-1851 (mostly personal matters) (82)

Letters from Josiah and John W. Flournoy (Georgia) 1841-1844 and A. Branham 1842 and A. Bass 1843 concerning payments due Stephen Olin for loan made to Josiah Flournoy (18)

Letters to Stephen Olin from his wife Julia L. Olin 1842-1848 (43)

Letters to Stephen Olin from his wife Julia L. Olin 1849-1851 and undated (49)

Letters to him from his niece, Mary Ann E.O. Howard 1842-1847 (9)
Letters to Stephen Olin from close relatives 1842-1850 (26)

Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, 1821?-1874?
(Earlier clippings concern SO; some of the later JMO and SHO)

Miscellaneous letters and communications (6)

Annual Reports as President of Wesleyan University 1842-1850 (9)

Financial papers (bills, etc.) (17)

Abolitionist controversy 1843-1846 (14)

Olin-Robinson controversy 1843-1847 (59)
ore Franklin College

Charges against S.H.(?) by one Mr. Church. Georgia 1834 (22)

Sermons, lectures (manuscript) (122)

Inaugural address - Randolph-Macon College 1834 (manuscript) (10)

2 documents re publishing and sales of Greece and the Golden Horn (1854)

Document certifying Stephen Olin as an elder in the M.E. Church, 20 Nov 1828

* See following list for names of correspondents, dates, occasional notes
Box 3

Address at the dedication of the Indian Hill Cemetery September 30, 1850 (manuscript) (7)

Portions of a European diary n.d.; 1829; 1839 (3)

Travel notes, Nov. 1839-Apr. 1840 4 v.

Small bound vol. containing official visas for Mr. and Mrs. Olin in 1839.

Miscellaneous: Chapter 4 of Olin's life on Methodism, College life - letters, mss. (28)

Various compositions Middlebury College valedictory address (?/1820 (manuscript) (15)

Poems and prose - some in translation (19)

Prayers and biblical quotations etc. (10)

Sermon texts of Rev. Stephen Olin (13)

Manuscript material concerning Stephen Olin (17)

On death of Stephen Olin (2)

Various compositions found among the Olin papers - authorship uncertain (29)

**Julia M. (Lynch) Olin 1814-1879**

Julia L. Olin to members of her family 1836-1867 (45)

Julia Lynch Olin to Mary R. Garrettson 1824-1858 (her cousin) and to Mary Garrettson 1831 (her aunt) (50)

Julia Olin to others 1834-1864 (some undated) (13)

(Group of letters without folder)
Box 4

Julia Lynch Olin from family and relatives 1834-1862 (66)

Julia Lynch Olin from Mary Garrettson 1837 (her aunt) and from Mary R. Garrettson 1825-1844 (her cousin) (41)

Letters from Lucy M. Olin to Julia L. Olin 1849-1869 (15)

Letters to "sister" (Julia Lynch Olin) from Clarinda Olin (4) sister-in-law

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin A-F (48)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin G-L (50)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin from A.J. Hunt and Albert S. Hunt (36)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin M-Z (109)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin from various writers 1835-1852 (9)

Letter fragments (2 on death of Stephen Olin from J.E. Barnes & unknown others (5)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin (authors unidentifiable) (46)

Miscellaneous bills, etc. to Julia Lynch Olin (9)

Box 5

Travel diary, May 30-Aug. 4, 1846 1 v.

Commonplace books. 3 v.

Notebooks 4 v.

Various compositions (98)

Concerning her death (1879) written by Julia Bedell to Julia Lynch Olin's sister Jane (1)

Unidentifiable letters (to and from others) 1846-66 (5)

Lynch Family

Lynch family letters and genealogy (24)

James Lynch (23) to wife Janet (6) to M. Garrettson (17)

Margaret Tillotson to Catherine Few 1811-14 & undated (13)

Letters to Adelaide "Ady" "Addie" Fitzgerald sister of Julia Lynch Olin (4)

Odds & Ends (13)
Stephen Henry Olin 1847-1925

Box 6

Letters to him from various persons, 1850-1919 (64)

Letters from him to various persons (51)

Letters from him to William North Rice '65 (41) transferred to Rice Papers 3/75

Letters from him to his mother, Julia Lynch Olin, 1855-66 (96)

Letters to him from his mother, 1857-67 (116)

Various compositions (handwritten) (17) a number in wax, 1860s

Drawings and maps (20)

Memorials to him (32)

Addresses as acting president of Wesleyan, 1922-24

Autograph book, 20 cm.

Unboxed

Leather-bound scrapbook, 32 cm.

Oversize

Diplomas and photographs (in portfolio in oversize case)

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Letters and Communications from Stephen Olin

1834-1851

Jan. 8, 1834  TO  The Editor of the Southern Banner
Jan. 9, 1834
Feb. 1, 1834
Sept. 4, 1834
Sept. 12, 1834
Dec. 20, 1840 (1846 ?) (cop. Dec. 28, 1846)
March 8, 1841
May 16, 1842
Aug. 19, 1841
Oct. 27, 1841
Oct. 31, 1841
Apr. 7, 1846
Aug. 27, 1849
(Aug. 5, 1846)
July 18, 1851
Feb. 9, 1835
undated
Sept. 6, 1843
May 24, 1849
July 13, 1843
Nov. 11, 1839 (Trieste) to

"My dear Friend"
"My dear Wife"
The Rev. Seymour Landen
The Rev. Jonathan Merriam
Augustus W. Smith
Prof. (Jacob P.) Huber
Augustus W. Smith
Rev. N. Bangs, D.D.
"Rev. & Dear Sir"
(The Rev. Dr. Robinson)
J. McClintock
"Rev. W.B. Hague, D.D.
"to the members of the Senior Class"
(Memorandum of monies held by Dr. Olin)
"My Dear Sister"
"Mr. Editor"
Perry G. (=C) Smith, '1847, in Clayton, Alabama (about adjustments to life in the South)
(to whom it may concern) about John Wesley Jones, '1849
John L. Smith, Treasurer (ordering payment of $56.44 to Prof. J. Johnston)

> Nov. 11, 1839 (Trieste) to "Gentlemen" (the Wesleyan Board of Trustees and Visitors) (a typewritten copy)

See also the folder labeled "Olin-Robinson Controversy, 1843-1847".
April 1839 FROM Committee of the Prudential Committee (Laban Clark, et al.) to S. O. in Europe

Aug. 12, 1842 to May 20, 1844 Augustus W. Smith: 6 letters reporting on Wesleyan matters

Aug. 9, 1842 D.M. Reese

Aug. 20-Nov. 23, 1842 N. Bangs

Dec. 31, 1841 signature cut-off (re: student Robert Tillitson)

Jan. 21, 1841 Jacob Huber re: resignation of Dr. Clin

June 20, 1842 Seymour Landon re: dismissal of students re: Dr. Bangs

Oct. 11, 1842 A. Stevens

July 1, 1843 Dan'l B. Lyon

Nov. 27, 1843 Alfred Sexe re: engagement

Aug. 4, 1843 " "

June 27, 1844 W.M. Willett


Aug. 3, 1844 Jas. Harper

Oct. 21, 1844 Francis Hall

1845, Mar. 20 H. Bannister

Apr. 2 J. Stewart

Apr. 17 G. Loomis

May 26 J. Colder

May 28 L. Sperry re: spec grant of schol. change to A. Spaulding to have 2 sons at W.U. at once

July 1 S. Seager

July 10 G. Docharty

July 17 G.B. Cone

" " F. Hall

July 21 J.T. Peck
having to do with Wesleyan University

1845, Aug. 1 J. Kennaday
    Aug. 6, S. Seager (The Rev.)
    Aug. 14 C. Bannister
    Oct. 15 S. Seager
    Dec 4 Geo. H. Tapgood

1846, Mar. 17 S. Allen (The Rev.)
    June 8 Ormon Baker
    Nov. 7 H. Coolidge, Mcgonegal & Roberts
      students welcoming Dr. Olin back from Europe

1847, Mar. 2 Rev. S. Seager re: collect of pledges & mention of
     start of Rochester U.
1848, June 12 Augustus W. Smith: resignation from the office of Registrar.
    May 17 H. Coolidge (copy)

1849, May 17 D. D. Whedon

1850, June 24 W. Goodfellow
    July 8 D. Brooks
    July 11 Orin Wood
    " " D. Appleton & Co.
    July 19 Rev. R. Nelson
    July 22 B. F. Larrabee
    July 25 Allen Reynolds
    July 27 Rev. S. W. Coggeshall
    July 29 D. W. Clark re: awarding of hon. degrees

1851, July 28 S. Seager

undated Eugene Lynch re: sailing vessel "WM Penn"
    " C. Adams
Letters to Stephen Olin from various people

1829-1836

ANDREWS, J. H. C.
BROWN, J. W.
FERGUSON, A. H.

CHURCH, A.
SINCLAIR, E.
CRAWFORD, John
FLOY, I.
HULL, H. and others
McClintock, I
SANFORD, Wm. F.
PIERCE, L.

April 14, 1834
Sept. 3, 1830
Feb. 4, 1834
Mar. 15, 1836
Apr. 1, 1831
Jan. 11, 1834
Jan. 12, 1834
May 20, 1834
Apr. 14, 1829
Feb. 15, 1834
March 11, 1834
" 25, "
From various persons to Stephen Olin

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ANDREWS, E.A. April 25, 1845
July 15, 1845
Jan. 25, 1847
ANDREWS, Jas. O. May 26, 1843
ASKEW, J.H. Aug. 26, 1843
BASS, A. Dec. 7, 1848
BEDELL, G.T. July 18, 1844
BINGHAM, H. Mar. 17, 1841
May 4, 1843
BOND, T.E. Dec. 11, 1843
CAPERS, G. Mar. 9, 1848
CLARKE, E. Jan. 20, 1846
CROWE, ROSA U. July 15, 1847
CONANT, Eben Jan. 15, 1850
CROWELL, Loranus (Rev.) Mar. 27, 1851
DE VAMPERT, L & C. Dec. 26, 1848
DWINNELL, L. July 23, 1847, April 3, 1852
with Dwin nell, Wm Aug. 16, 1847
Echols, F.H. Aug. 18, 1842
Dec. 3, 1842
EDWARDS, Justin Oct. 31, 1842
FLOY, Jas.
GARLAND, Anne P. Apr. 23, 1845
GOVE, JOHN May 10, 1845
HARPER, Fletcher Nov. 30, 1844
HARPER & Bros. Aug. 17, 1844
(F.H.) May 15, 1843
Hoffman, C.Colden Aug. 14, 1844
HOLDICH, Joseph Mar. 7, 1844
HOUGHTON, D.C. Aug. 12, 1842
Howard, Geo. Troup Nov. 14, 1842
April 8, 1847
Howard, W.F. (Col) Dec. 30, 1847
Dec. 4, 1849
June 4, 1844
Jan. 15, 1845
HUSTON, J. Mar. 15, 1849

JACKSON, Samuel Nov. 6, 1843

JOHNSTON, John May 1, 1843 & July 17, 1845
Originals in the collection of
John Johnston's papers, Olin Library

JUNE, S.B. July 25, 1845
Aug. 21, 1845

KIDDER, D.P. April 8, 1845
Sept. 5, 1845
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Oct. 3, 1844 (speaks of another patient who "like you has large tumors attended with prolapses of the rectum. Speaks of TYING ODD Dr. O's tumors and operating possibly in Dec of '44. "Bring Mrs. O. with you and have her stay with us, was the idea."

May 22, 1841

Mar. 6, 1839; Sept. 12, 1842; May 5, 1843

SMITH, Catherine C., wife of Aug. W. President

SMITH, Perry Childs, son of Pres. Smith

SPRAGUE, Dr. W.B.

STEANE, Edward

STEVENS, Abell, Rev. '1834

STEWART, Theophilus Rev.

TIFFANY, C.

UPDike, Wilkins

WALSH, F.R.

WATERMAN, Asaph

WAUGH, B.
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WENTWORTH, E.
WHITE, M.C.
WIGHTMAN, W.M. (Rev.)
WILKINS, Achsah, Mrs.

WOOLSEY, Theo. D.
Pres. of Yale

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Letters

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