

Tunnickliff, Rigby, and Staton Families Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Tunnicliff, Rigby, and Staton Families Papers

Span Dates: 1854-1990

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1877-1920)

ID No.: MSS85251

Creator: Tunnicliffe family

Creator: Rigby family

Creator: Staton family

Extent: 6,000 items; 11 containers; 4.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: American families living chiefly in West Virginia, Illinois, and Iowa. Correspondence, genealogical material, newspaper clippings, and printed material documenting the families' domestic concerns and activities.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Cooper family.

Hunter family.

Hunter, Sarah Ellen--Correspondence.

Rigby family.

Smith family.

Staton family.

Tunnicliff, Cornelia Hunter--Correspondence.

Tunnicliff, John Cooper--Correspondence.

Tunnicliffe family.

Organizations

Louisiana Purchase Exposition (1904 : Saint Louis, Mo.)

Methodist Church (U.S.)

Subjects

Hydrotherapy.

Temperance.

Places

England--Description and travel.

Galesburg (Ill.)--History.

Illinois--Social life and customs.

Moline (Ill.)--History.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of the Tunnicliff, Rigby, and Staton families were given to the Library of Congress by Mack S. Staton in 2005.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Tunnicliff, Rigby, and Staton families are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Tunnicliff, Rigby, and Staton Families Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Tunnicliff, Rigby, and Staton families span the years 1854-1990, with the bulk of the material dating from 1877 to 1920. The papers contain correspondence, genealogical material, notes, printed material, and writings.

The papers consist chiefly of correspondence between John Cooper Tunnicliff, his wife Cornelia Hunter Tunnicliff, and their six children. Also included is Cornelia's mother, Sarah Ellen Hunter. The first part of the correspondence documents the courtship and early family life of John and Cornelia in Galesburg, Illinois, where John worked for George W. Brown & Company as a designer and construction expert in farm equipment, especially planting machines. Occasionally, he traveled to Kansas City as a sales and service representative for the company. In 1896 he moved his family to Moline, Illinois, where he continued his career. The latter part of the correspondence includes the letters of the Tunnicliff children as they attended college, married, and had careers and families of their own. The letters reflect the family's participation in the Methodist Church and the temperance movement. Other subjects include hydropathy in 1859, trips to England in 1878 and 1909, and the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis.

Genealogical material provides information on the Cooper, Hunter, Rigby, Smith, and Tunnicliff families. Notes and printed matter contain items relating to the Methodist Church, schools, travels, holidays, and the wedding of John and Cornelia Tunnicliff in 1879. Writings consist of an essay by Cornelia Tunnicliff; prose by her daughter, Sara Tunnicliff; and a poem and a speech by another daughter, Grace Tunnicliff.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	1858-1877 (11 folders)
BOX 2	1878 (6 folders)
BOX 2	1879
BOX 2	Jan.-Apr. (4 folders)
BOX 3	May-Sept. (5 folders)
BOX 3	1880-1882 (5 folders)
BOX 4	1885-1886 (11 folders)
BOX 5	1887-1890 (7 folders)
BOX 5	1891
BOX 5	Apr.-July
BOX 6	Aug.-Sept. (3 folders)
BOX 6	1893-1907 (10 folders)
BOX 7	1909-1915 (10 folders)
BOX 8	1916-1920 (11 folders)
BOX 9	1921-1935, 1946, 1953-1965 (8 folders)
BOX 9	Diary of John Tunnicliff's trip to England, 1878
BOX 9	Genealogy
BOX 9	Book on Rigby family, 1990
BOX 9	Charts, undated
BOX 9	Cooper family
BOX 10	Hunter family
BOX 10	Rigby family
BOX 10	Smith family
BOX 10	Tunnicliff family
BOX 10	Obituaries, 1863, 1887, 1899, 1916, 1934
BOX 10	Land survey, Brooke County, Va., 1854
BOX 10	Miscellany, 1854, 1862-1863, 1877, 1908, 1933, undated
BOX 10	Newspaper clippings, 1854, 1870, 1879, 1897

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BOX 10	Notes, 1870-1874, 1891, 1909, 1922
BOX 10	Printed matter
BOX 10	Church miscellany, 1879, 1892, 1902, undated
BOX 10	England trip, Sara and Virginia Tunnickliff, 1909
BOX 11	Holiday and calling cards, 1879, 1894, 1907, undated
BOX 11	School miscellany
BOX 11	Galesburg, Ill., 1890-1898
BOX 11	Moline, Ill., 1899-1904
BOX 11	Other schools, 1867-1872, 1879
BOX 11	Wedding of John Tunnickliff and Cornelia Hunter, 1879
BOX 11	Writings, 1892, 1900-1909, undated (2 folders)