

**SOUTHWORTH PAPERS**  
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**SCOPE AND CONTENTS**

The Southworth Collection consists of fifteen letters covering a period from 1833 to 1902. The Southworth family was among the early settlers of Canton and the letters give a very good picture of early life in St. Lawrence County.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The history of the Southworth family in St. Lawrence County goes back to the Rev. Constant Southworth who came from Vermont in 1820. Rev. Southworth was the pastor of the church in Brick Chapel. In 1836, the family returned to Vermont but eight year old Egbert Henry stayed behind and lived with a family named Leonard.

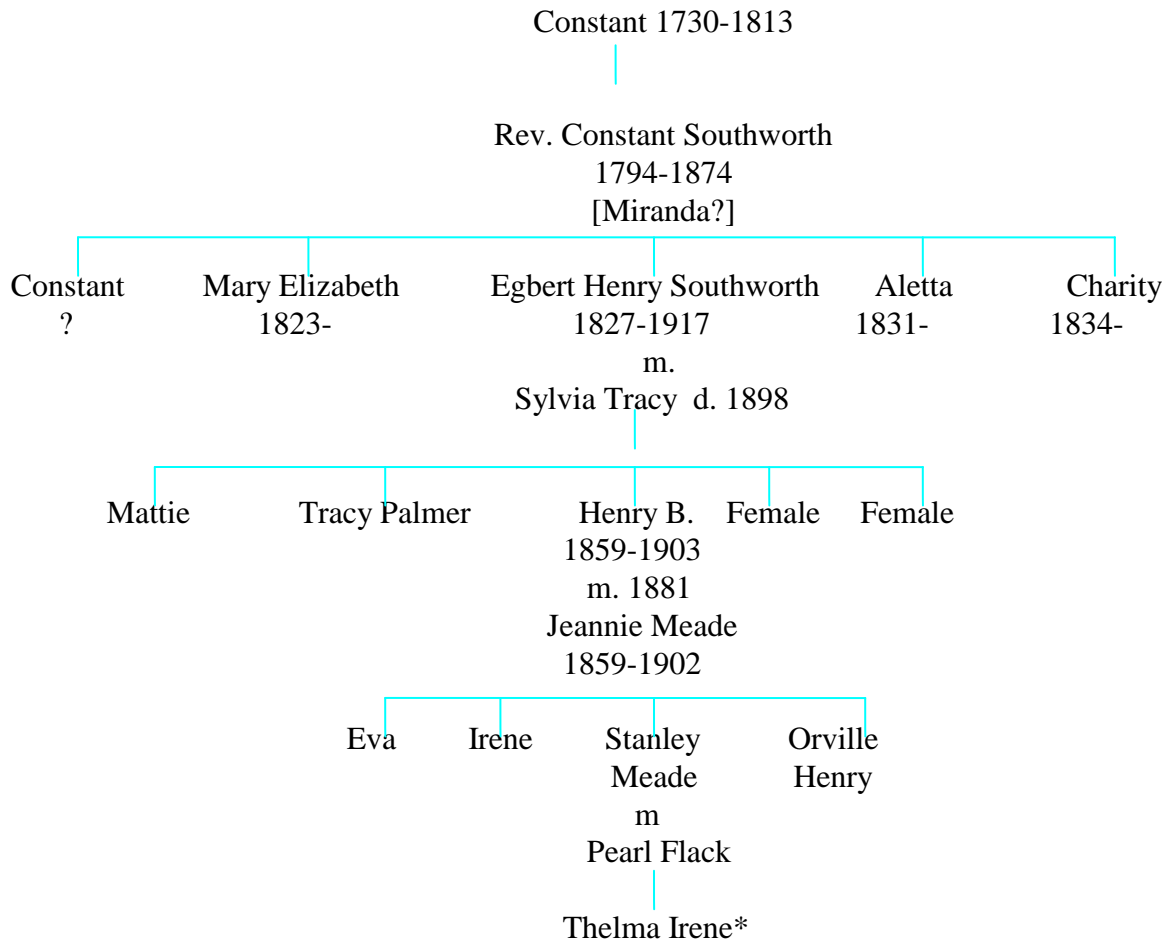
E.H. Southworth worked at a number of positions during his younger years. He was a merchant, selling from a cart between Plattsburg and Utica, a clerk for Ebenezer Miner in Canton, operated a sawmill, manufactured butter tubs and cheese boxes, and bought and sold butter and cheese before he turned to farming. He was a progressive farmer. He erected modern barns, introduced Holstein cattle to the county and endorsed modern farming methods. He also helped to organize the Dairymen's Association in the county.

**Provenance**

The letters were given to St. Lawrence University by Sandra Southworth Reid, a direct descendant of Egbert Bloomfield Southworth.

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# FAMILY TREE



\*Thelma Irene changed her name legally to Sandra Southworth around 1947

## DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

### BOX FOLDER

- 1 1 1832 April 27. a.l.(?) to "My Dear Friends." Whitehall
- 2 1833 Aug. 19. a.l.s. A.G. Tracy to [Mr. and Mrs. Festus Tracy]. Bigbyville, Maury Co., Tenn. [2 leaves]
- 3 Nov. 3. a.l.s. A.G. Tracy to [Mr. and Mrs. Festus Tracy]. Cincinnati, Ohio. [2 leaves.]
- 4 1834 May 29. a.l. [Miranda Southworth] to "My Dear Mother and Sister." Note added on the back is signed by Constant Southworth.
- 5 1839 Sept. 29. a.l.s. Abigail M. Bunting to Sylvia Tracy
- 6 1844 July 23. a.l.s. Aletta Southworth to [Henry Southworth]. Brunesbury.
- 7 1846 Aug.2. a.l.s. E.H. Southworth to [Mary E. Southworth]. Canton. [2 leaves.]
- 8 1853 July 4. a.l.s. M. Tracy to Sylvia E. Tracy. Foxboro.
- 9 1891 Oct.28. a.l.s. John Lyner to Orville A. Mead. Talcahuano. [2 leaves.]
- 10 Nov. 16. a.l.s. John Lyner to Orville A. Mead. Talcahuano. [2 leaves.]
- 11 1892 June 30. a.l.s. John Lyner to Orville Mead. Talcahuano. [2 leaves.]
- 12 1902 Nov.8. a.l.s. "Cousin Lizzi" to "My Dear Cousin". Chicago. [3 leaves.]
- 13 [n.d.] July 20. a.l.s. Milly to "My Dear Sister Sylvia". Washington Village. [2 leaves.]
- 1 14 [n.d.] (?) to (?). Hartford.
- 15 [n.d.] a.l.(?) to "My Ever Dear Mother and Sister". [2 leaves.] Note on back is signed by Constant Southworth.
- 16 **Legal Documents**  
  
Marriage Certificate of Orville A. Mead and Emily H. Clark  
Gustus Gruny First Gunner Artillery  
Letter of Administration
- 17 **Clippings**  
"Since Nearly Century Kennedy House Had SLU Ties" by G. Atwood Manley (2 copies)  
  
"ATC Alumnus Reflects on 1916"  
  
Ad for show "Stanislaus the Hypnotist"

“Women Recall First Trip to Polls in 1920”

“Southworth Library Pay Honor to ‘Aunt Lottie’” and “Field House With Ice Rink Being Planned” St. Lawrence Plaindealer October 9, 1968.

“Honest Injun Say Stan Southworth”

“Little Stories of Canton Families: and Festus Tracy Saw Canton Township Gradually Settled by Vermont Emigrants” Commercial Advertiser December 1921 [this is a continuing article that spans several papers, all of which are clipped together]

“Stanley Southworth Passes at Fulton”

“A Letter From The Long Ago: Zebina Conkey Writes Festus Tracy of Meeting With Andrew Jackson and LaFayette”

“New \$18 Million Canton A.T.C. Campus Will Be Dedicated In Ceremonies Sunday” St. Lawrence Plaindealer October 9, 1968.

1 13 “Pierce Consultant For Bank” and “Pierce Retires After 20 Years At Farm Credit”

Obituaries: Orville Alonzo Mead, Emily H. Clark Mead, Cyrus H. Mead, Charles H. Mead, Edwin G. Clark, E. H. Southworth, Mrs. Southworth (wife of E. H.), Libbie M. Southworth, Henry B. Southworth, Irene M. Southworth, and Jennie M. Southworth.

18 **Miscellany**

Photo - Festus Tracy & Wife  
Universalist Church Directory 1898  
Program for Ordination of Edwin W. Pierce  
Funeral Card for Irene M. Southworth  
Forward prepared by Frances C. Ensign for a booklet.

19 **Transcripts and original list of Southworth Family Letters 1832-1902.**