

Rachel Pierce-Blanchard Collection
MSS Collection #227

Scope & Content

Rachel Pierce-Blanchard was the eldest of the eight children of Foscott Harris, founder of Harrisville, NY. Siblings include Sally, Roxana, Austin, Jane, James, and Russet (all mentioned in letters). She had two children of her own, Charles O. Pierce and Helen Bones.

This collection consists of letters written to Rachel, the bulk of which are from her son Charles O. Pierce, and her sisters, Roxana (R.L.) Hunt and Sally. There are letters from friends regarding the passing of her husband. Other items include letters to Charles, small cards, and Rachel's obituary.

Dates

1843-1908

Creator

In the fall of 2023, Briana Diianno inventoried the collection of letters and organized them into series. Briana is the Library Assistant for Special Collections.

Availability

The collection is open for research.

Letters are arranged by date (YYYY-MM-DD) within each series.

Extent

1 Box, .42 linear feet.

Language of Materials

English

Provenance

The collection was purchased from Tom Jenison in the Spring of 2023.

Processing Information

Processed by the St. Lawrence University Libraries Special Collections staff.

Repository Details

Part of the St. Lawrence University Libraries manuscript collections.

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Collection Organization

Series 1. Correspondence from Charles O. Pierce to Rachel Pierce-Blanchard. These letter are from her son, Charles.

Series 2. Correspondence from her sisters to Rachel Pierce-Blanchard. Letters here are from three of her sisters, J. Tutth, R.L. Hunt, and Sally.

Series 3. Correspondence from others to Rachel Pierce-Blanchard. Included here are 4 poems on the loss of her husband and a Christmas card from one of her grandchildren.

Series 4. Correspondence to/from others. These include letters to Charles from various people.

Series 5. Other items. These items include the obituary of Rachel Pierce-Blanchard, along with various cards and envelopes.