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TEMPLE R. HOLLCROFT COLLECTION

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INTRODUCTION

Biographical Note/Background:

Temple Rice Hollcroft was born in Indiana in 1889. He was a Mathematics Professor at Wells College beginning in 1918 and stayed for 36 years. After his tenure as a faculty member, he was named as the Wells College Historian in 1953, and his interest in history served the college well. He was thorough and dedicated to the position, and a series of his short pieces of historical interest appeared in the Alumna News. He was interested in statistics and intent on accuracy and correct presentation. He died in New York, September of 1967.

Related Material:

Hollcroft, Temple. *A History of Wells College*. (3 copies)

Hollcroft, Temple. *Wells Fargo History*. Manuscript (ribbon copy), 1968.

Hollcroft, Temple. *Salem Town: Partial Autobiography and Masonic Biography*. New York: American Lodge of Research, Free and Accepted Masons, 1951. Print.

Hollcroft, Temple. *They Would Not Let Wells Fargo Fail*. Union Springs, NY: Tallcot Bookshop, 1996. Print.

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Temple Hollcroft's Book Collection (mainly mathematical titles)

Temple Hollcroft's Newspaper Collection (in ¼ archival box)

World War I Wells College Canteener Collection

DESCRIPTION

Scope and Content Note:

The Temple Rice Hollcroft Collection contains an array of primary documents of the history of Wells College, Henry Wells, E.B. Morgan, and the various companies established by the two men. In addition, documents relating to the history of Cayuga County are included as well as numerous notes and correspondence collected by Mr. Hollcroft during his tenure at Wells College.

Organization and Arrangement:

The papers are organized into 22 series.

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Series Descriptions:

Series 1, Wells Fargo

Series 2, American Express

Series 3, Morgan & Mosher

Series 4, Other Companies

Series 5, A.H. Barney Correspondence

Series 6, Correspondence with other express companies

Series 7, US Express

Series 8, Express Company General History

Series 9, Shipping Orders and Freight Bills

Series 10, E.B. Morgan correspondence with the New York Times

Series 11, General E.B. Morgan Correspondence

Series 12, Morgan family correspondence

Series 13, Other Individuals' Correspondence

Series 14, Correspondence around Cayuga County

Series 15, Ithaca/Cornell

Series 16, Cayuga County

Series 17, Notable Aurorans

Series 18, Aurora

Series 19, Wells College

Series 20, People of Wells

Series 21, Temple Hollcroft Notes and Correspondence

Series 22, Miscellaneous

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Series 1- Wells Fargo			
<i>Sub-Series A: Accounting</i>			
1	1	1852-53	Correspondence, financial records
1	2	1854-56	Correspondence, financial records
1	3	1857-60	Correspondence, financial records
1	4	1861-66	Correspondence, financial records
1	5	1870-71	Correspondence, financial records
1	6	1867-72	Wells Fargo Checks
<i>Sub-Series B: Wells Fargo Correspondence</i>			
1	1	1852-59	Letters for William G. Fargo
1	2	1852	Letters regarding Wells Fargo
1	3	1853-55	Correspondence (copies)
1	4	1861-66	Autograph Correspondence
1	5	1867-69	Autograph Correspondence
1	6	n.d.	Applications to Morgan for a job with Wells Fargo
1	7	n.d.	Autograph letters to E.B. Morgan re: Wells Fargo
<i>Sub-Series C: Wells Fargo Stocks</i>			
1	1	n.d.	Hollcroft's notes re: Wells Fargo stocks
1	2	1860s	Stockholder's letters to E.B. Morgan (autograph)
1	3	n.d.	Stockholder dividends: Correspondence (autograph and typed copies) and financial records
<i>Sub-Series D: Wells Fargo History</i>			
1	1	1866-67	Autograph letters re: C.P. Thayer and Gen. Slocum
1	2	1867	Official Supreme Court summons
1	3	n.d.	History of Wells Fargo compiled by Hollcroft
<i>Sub-Series E: Wells Fargo offices</i>			

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1	1	1852-55	Correspondence (typed copies) from San Francisco Office
1	2	1859-69	Correspondence (autograph) from New York Office
1	3	1852-62	Correspondence (autograph) from California Office

Sub-Series F: Ads and Newspaper Clippings; Miscellaneous materials

1	1	n.d.	Advertisements for Wells Fargo in newspaper
1	2	1872, 1918, 1939	Ads for Wells Fargo at the Chicago World's Fair
1	3	1852	Newspaper clippings about Wells Fargo
1	4	1950s-60s	Ads for Wells Fargo from newspapers
1	5	n.d.	Stamps and franks for Wells Fargo (advertised in stamp magazines)
1	6	n.d.	Wells Fargo Christmas cards
1	7	n.d.	Images- Henry Wells, Wells Fargo stagecoach

Sub-Series G: Hollcroft's Notes on Wells Fargo

1	1	1960	"They Would Not Let Wells Fargo Fail" article typed manuscript
1	2	n.d.	Notes on Wells Fargo documents
1	3	n.d.	Notes on Wells Fargo Company and history

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Series 2- American Express			
<i>Sub-Series A: American Express Accounting</i>			
1	1	1852-58	Correspondence (typed copies)
1	2	1858-69	Correspondence (autograph and typed copies)
1	3	n.d.	Correspondence (autograph)
<i>Sub-Series B: American Express Stocks</i>			
1	1	1859-62	Correspondence from stockholders (autograph)
1	2	n.d.	Stockholder records
1	3	n.d.	Dividends
<i>Sub-Series C: History and Merger</i>			
1	1	1868-91	Correspondence (autograph) re: American Merchants Union Express Co. merger
1	2	n.d.	Correspondence (autograph and typed) re: Express Co. Calamities (robberies, accidents, etc.)
1	3	1852	Notes/article about the sinking of the <i>Atlantic</i> while carrying American Express safes
1	4	1852-53	Correspondence (autograph and typed) re: Faxton, Churchill, and Livingston insurrection
1	5	1859-60	Correspondence (autograph and typed) re: reorganization of American Express Co.
<i>Sub-Series D: Miscellaneous</i>			
1	1	1864	Eastern Office Directory
1	2	1852-69	Letters asking E.B. Morgan for a job at American Express
1	3	n.d.	Labels, waybills
<i>Sub-Series E: Material Collected by Hollcroft and Notes</i>			
1	1	1950s-60s	Magazines and newspapers referencing American Express
1	2	n.d.	Notes by Hollcroft on American Express history

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1 3 1951-59 Correspondence (typed) between American Express
and Hollcroft

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Series 3- Morgan & Mosher			
2	1 (autograph)	1850-65	Accounting information and correspondence
2	2	1856-59	Grain & corn business correspondence (autograph)
2	3	1858-68	Miscellaneous correspondence (autograph)
2	4	1858-62	Shipment and purchase records
2	5	1858-62	Miscellaneous papers found in Mosher barn
2	6	1860-62	Miscellaneous letters (autograph)
2	7	1858-63	Letters and records re: coal business
2	8	1862-68	Papers re: seed business
2	9	1863-64	Morgan & Mosher grain and corn business papers

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Series 4: Other Companies			
<i>Sub-Series A: Railroads</i>			
2	1	1836-1871	Correspondence (autograph) and newspaper clippings: Cayuga Lake Railroad Co.
2	2	1859-1867	Papers re: Eastern Railroads
2	3	1858-1868	Papers re: Western Railroads
<i>Sub-Series B: Stocks</i>			
2	1 stockbroker	n.d.	Correspondence (autograph) to H.T. Morgan,
<i>Sub-Series C: Mining Companies</i>			
2	1	1867-71	Papers re: mining companies
<i>Sub-Series D: Telegraph Companies</i>			
2	1	1866-70	Papers re: telegraph companies

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Series 5: A.H. Barney			
2	1	1866	Correspondence (autograph with typed copies)
2	2	1866-69	Correspondence (autograph with typed copies)
2	3	1867	Correspondence- negotiations with Merchant
	Express		

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Series 6: Correspondence between American Express and other Express Companies			
<i>Sub-Series A: American Merchants Union Express</i>			
2	1 After merger	1860-70	Correspondence (autograph and typed copies)-
2	2	1869-72	Correspondence and accounting- before merger
2	3	1866-68	Correspondence and accounting- before merger
<i>Sub-Series B: Other Express Companies</i>			
2	1	1866	Purchase of Nevada Express
2	2	1865	Correspondence (autograph)- Santa Fe Express
2	3	n.d.	Newspaper clippings about Express companies
2	4 company stocks	1866	Correspondence with W.H. Platt re: express
2	5	n.d.	Adams & Company correspondence
2	6	1855-57	National Express Co. correspondence
2	7 correspondence	n.d.	National Bankers Express Company
2	8	n.d.	A. Reynolds & Co. correspondence
2	9	n.d.	Wells Butterfield Express Co. correspondence

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Series 7: US Express			
<i>Sub-Series A: Correspondence</i>			
2	1	1851-71, 1879-80, 1917	Correspondence and accounting
2	2	1857-67	Correspondence (autograph and typed copies)
2	3	1867-70	Correspondence (autograph and typed copies)
<i>Sub-Series B: Stocks</i>			
2	1	n.d.	Stockholder's dividends
2	2	1868-71	Silas Hay (stockbroker) correspondence
<i>Sub-Series C: Other</i>			
2	1	n.d.	Correspondence from Cayuga Co. office

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Series 8: Express Co. General History			
2	1	1839-52	Origins, earlies history- newspaper clippings, notes
2	2	n.d.	Stamps and newspaper clippings
2	3	n.d.	Express Co. officers- notes
2	4	n.d.	Waybills, watermarks, etc.
2	5	n.d.	Foreign express companies
2	6	n.d.	Hollcroft's Express Co. notes
2	7	n.d.	Overland Mail Company correspondence
2	8	n.d.	Pony Express information

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Series 9: Shipping Orders, Checks, and Freight Bills from Morgan Companies			
3	1	n.d.	Freight bills
3	2	n.d.	Freight bills
3	3	1866-67	Wells Fargo checks
3	4	1868-69	Wells Fargo checks
3	5	1870-72	Wells Fargo checks
3	6	1872-73	Wells Fargo checks

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Series 10: E.B. Morgan and <i>The New York Times</i>			
3	1 Morgan	1859-71	Correspondence to/from George Jones and E.B.
3	2 Morgan	1872-81	Correspondence to/from George Jones and E.B.
3	3	1871	Correspondence to H. Field from E.B. Morgan
3	4 Morgan	1866	Correspondence to/from J. Leonard and E.B.
3	5	1868	Correspondence to H.J. Raymond
3	6	1870	Correspondence to Mrs. H.J. Raymond
3	7	1859	Correspondence with Simonton
3	8	1870-71	Correspondence to E.B. Morgan and George Jones
3	9	1868-69	Correspondence from George Jones
3	10	1866-71	Correspondence from John Ireland
3	11	1851-55	Notes regarding organization, stockholders
3	12	1856-65	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	13	1865-69	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	14 <i>Times</i>	n.d.	Notes by Temple Hollcroft regarding <i>The New York</i>
3	15 Ring	1870-71	<i>New York Times</i> exposure and defeat of Tweed
3	16	1869-70	Tweed Ring
3	17	1860-70	E.B. Morgan newspaper stubs

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Series 11: E.B. Morgan correspondence			
<i>Sub-Series A: Miscellaneous by date</i>			
3	1	1847-59	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	2	1860-67	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	3	1867-69	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	4	1869-76	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	5	1844-70	References to E.B. Morgan and Henry Wells in letters
<i>Sub-Series B: Specific individuals</i>			
3	1	1867-71	Morgan/Wilcox correspondence
3	2	n.d.	Requests for publications outside of Cayuga County
3	3	1868-79	Correspondence to E.B. Morgan from the Auburn Theological Seminary
3	4	1862-79	Political Correspondence
3	5	1857-58	Correspondence to E.B. Morgan from Butterfield
3	6	1858-68	Correspondence to E.B. Morgan from Charles Fallman

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Series 12: Morgan Family Correspondence			
<i>Sub-Series A: Miscellaneous Morgans</i>			
3	1	n.d.	Morgan Family (except E.B.)
3	2	1858-77	EBM House and Home
3	3	1866-79	EBM- Land in Michigan
<i>Sub-Series B: Henry Morgan</i>			
3	1	1870-78	Henry Morgan political correspondence
3	2	1869-70	Henry Morgan wool business
3	3	1862-77	Miscellaneous Henry Morgan correspondence
<i>Sub-Series C: Christopher Morgan</i>			
3	1	1804	Christopher Morgan
3	2	1854-59	Richard and Christopher Morgan
<i>Sub-Series D: William Morgan</i>			
3	1	1860-1943	William F. Morgan correspondence and Temple Hollcroft's notes
3	2	1953	Article on William Fellows Morgan by Temple Hollcroft

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Series 13: Other Individual's Correspondence			
3	1	1868-78	Lansing Zabriskie correspondence
3	2	1858	Charles Campbell correspondence
3	3 (political)	1854-68	William H. Bogart correspondence to E.B. Morgan
3	4	1873	William H. Bogart European trip
3	5	1860s-70s	miscellaneous correspondence

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Series 14: Cayuga County Correspondence			
4	1	1859-79	Auburn correspondence
4	2	1861-81	Union Springs correspondence
4	3	1857-68	Moravia correspondence
4	4	1850-70	Correspondence from around Cayuga County

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Series 15: Ithaca/Cornell			
<i>Sub-Series A: Ithaca</i>			
4	1	1840	Ithaca
4	2	n.d.	Ithaca steamboat
<i>Sub-Series B: Cornell</i>			
4	1	1866	Correspondence from Wells to Cornell
4	2	1868-79	Ezra Cornell
4	3	1959-60	Cornell News

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Series 16: Cayuga County History			
<i>Sub-Series A: Farming</i>			
4	1	1858-77	Richmond Farm
4	2	1858-69	Cayuga County farming
<i>Sub-Series B: Businesses</i>			
4	1	1867-70	Tioga National Bank of Owego
4	2	1856-62	Oswego Starch Company
4	3	1864	Cayuga Lake Insurance Company
<i>Sub-Series C: Wars</i>			
4	1	1863	Civil War
4	2	1814-59	War of 1812 (Veteran issue)
4	3	1840-58	Revolutionary War veterans
<i>Sub-Series D: Ledyard</i>			
4	1	1794-95	Phelps and Ledyard maps
4	2	1836-1941	Town of Ledyard
<i>Sub-Series E: Miscellaneous</i>			
4	1	n.d.	Cayuga Lake Canal Boats
4	2	1929	Great Gully Sesquicentennial
4	3	1859	Seneca County
4	4	1960s	Cayuga County news
4	5	1817	The steam mill

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Series 17: Notable Aurorans			
4	1	n.d.	Avery family
4	2	n.d.	W.H. Bogart
4	3	n.d.	Boyer Family
4	4	n.d.	Charles Campbell (Campbell's Hair Invigorator)
4	5	n.d.	Rev. Theodore Cuyler
4	6	n.d.	Herbert Henry Franklin
4	7	n.d.	John Richardson Harris
4	8	n.d.	Ledyard family
4	9	n.d.	Lillias Lorraine Lossee Lewis (adopted daughter of James and Mary Wells)
4	10	n.d.	Seth Ledyard Phelps and Sally Wells Phelps
4	11	n.d.	Seth Phelps
4	12	n.d.	Walworth family
4	13	n.d.	Henry Wells (biographical)
4	14	n.d.	Henry Wells correspondence
4	15	1835	Ebenezer White Arms journal
4	16	n.d.	David Wright
4	17	n.d.	Louise Zabriskie (b. 1864)
4	18	n.d.	Zabriskie family
4	19	1865-73	Samuel D. Mandell

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Series 18: Aurora			
<i>Sub-Series A: Businesses</i>			
4	1	1859	Advertisements for Aurora businesses
4	2	1867-69	Aurora business correspondence
<i>Sub-Series B: Organizations</i>			
4	1	1867-71	Scipio Lodge (Masons)
4	2	1861-1902	Presbyterian Church of Aurora
<i>Sub-Series C: Aurora Inn/House</i>			
4	1	n.d.	Aurora Inn
4	2	1854-60	Aurora House
<i>Sub-Series D: Schools</i>			
4	1	1836-66	Cayuga Lake Academy (co-ed boarding school)
4	2	1896	Cayuga Lake Military Academy
<i>Sub-Series E: Newspapers</i>			
4	1	pre-1900	Aurora Newspaper Clippings
4	2	post-1900	Aurora Newspaper Clippings
<i>Sub-Series F: Other</i>			
4	1	n.d.	Photographs around Aurora
4	2	n.d.	Aurora events and invitations
4	3	1858-67	Contracts
4	4	1792	Original deed to Lot 34 Peterbau Buochoten to Seth Phelps
4	5	n.d.	Temple Hollcroft Aurora Notes

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Series 19: Wells College			
<i>Sub-Series A: Wellsiana</i>			
5	1	1868-70	Early Wells college
5	2	1950s	Miscellaneous Wellsiana
5	3	n.d.	Wells' postcards
5	4	1888-1919	Photographs: campus and faculty
5	5	1916	Wells Calendar
5	6	1930s-50s	Viewbooks
5	7	1939-53	Campus newspapers
<i>Sub-Series B: Campus</i>			
5	1	1950s	Campus buildings
5	2	1858	Pettibone
<i>Sub-Series C: News</i>			
5	1	1950s	Alumnae News
5	2	1950s	<i>Wells Express</i> Newsletter
5	3	n.d.	Alumnae News/Class Lists
5	4	1950s-1960s	Wells Newspaper Clippings
5	5	n.d.	Articles about alumnae
<i>Sub-Series D: Geological Museum</i>			
5	1	n.d.	Geological Museum

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Series 20: People of Wells College			
5	1	n.d.	Charter Trustees
5	2	n.d.	Presidents of Wells College
5	3	n.d.	Wells College Faculty
5	4	1900-1946	Honorary degrees
5	5	1953	Edward Cameron, Trustee
5	6	1878	Fred Stephenson, janitor
5	7	1872-87	Prof. Edward French
5	8	1955	Victor Hammer
5	9	1962	Prof. Ida Reveley
5	10	1870s	Dean Helen Fairchild Smith
5	11	n.d.	Dean George Morgan Ward

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Series 21: Temple Hollcroft Notes and Correspondence			
5	1	n.d.	Temple Hollcroft Correspondence
5	2	n.d.	Temple Hollcroft Notes (A)
5	3	n.d.	Temple Hollcroft Notes (B)
5	4	n.d.	Temple Hollcroft Notes (C)
5	5	n.d.	Miscellaneous material collected by Temple
	Hollcroft		
5	6	n.d.	Western history collected by Temple Hollcroft
5	7	n.d.	References to archival material by Temple Hollcroft
5	8	n.d.	Newspapers
5	9	n.d.	Index to Col. Morgan's Scrapbook
5	10	n.d.	Notes for book
5	11	n.d.	Donations to archives
5	12	n.d.	Additional Temple Hollcroft notes

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Series 22: Miscellaneous			
5	1 Vernon Cartensen	1950s	Correspondence from Temple Hollcroft to Mrs.
5	2	pre-1850	Poetry (transcribed by Temple Hollcroft)
5	3	1853	San Francisco
5	5	1946	Sherwood School District Reveille
5	6	n.d.	The Speaker Collection in the 34 th Congress
5	7 Macmillan's wife	1998	Correspondence from Betty Kabelac regarding Pres.
5	8	n.d.	Mrs. Pietsch
5	9	n.d.	Helen Fairchild Smith letters and transcriptions
5	10 Aunt Sophie	n.d.	Correspondence from Helen Fairchild Smith to
5	11	n.d.	Obituaries
5	12 Ledyard Smith	n.d.	Helen Fairchild Smith letters to brother Perry