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## INTRODUCTION

### Biographical Note

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)

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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 OF THE PAPERS

### 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,

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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

### 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

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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

*Sub-series A: Accounting*

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	1867-69	Correspondence, financial records
1	6	1867-72	Wells Fargo Checks

*Sub-series B: Wells Fargo Correspondence*

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

*Sub-series C: Wells Fargo Stocks*

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

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*Sub-series D: Wells Fargo History*

1	1	1866-67	Autograph letters re: C.P. Thayer and Gen. Solcum
1	2	1867	Official Supreme Court summons
1	3	n.d.	History of Wells Fargo compiled by Hollcroft

*Sub-series E: Wells Fargo Offices*

1	1	1852-55	Correspondence (typed copies) from San Francisco Office
1	2	1859-69	Correspondence (autograph) from New York Office
1	3	1852-1862	Correspondence (autograph) from California Office

*Sub-series F: Ads and Newspaper Clippings; Miscellaneous materials*

1	1	n.d.	Advertisements for Wells Fargo in newspapers
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 or 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

*Sub-series A: American Express Accounting*

1	1	1852-1858	Correspondence (typed copies)
1	2	1858-1869	Correspondence (autograph and typed copies)
1	3	n.d.	Correspondence (autograph)

*Sub-series B: American Express Stocks*

1	1	1859-1862	Correspondence from stockholders (autograph letters)
1	2	n.d.	Stockholder records
1	3	n.d.	Dividends

*Sub-series C: History and Merger*

1	1	1868-1891	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 Steamer Atlantic, a sink that sank while carrying American Express safes
1	4	1852-1853	Correspondence (autograph with typed copies) re: Faxton, Churchill, and Livingston insurrection
1	5	1859-1860	Correspondence (autograph and typed) re: reorganization of American Express Co.

*Sub-series D: Miscellaneous*

1	1	1864	Eastern Office Directory
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1	2	1852-1869	Letters asking E.B. Morgan for a job at American Express
1	3	n.d.	Labels, waybills

*Sub-series E: Material Collected by Hollcroft and Notes*

1	1	1950s-1960s	Magazines and Newspapers referencing Am. Express
1	2	n.d.	Notes by Hollcroft on American Express history
1	3	1951-59	Correspondence (typed) between American Express and Hollcroft



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Series 3: Morgan & Mosher			
2	1	1856-1865	Accounting information and Correspondence (autograph)
2	2	1856-1869	Grain & corn business correspondence (autograph) and financial records
2	3	1858-1868	Miscellaneous Correspondence (autograph)
2	4	1858-1862	Shipment and purchases records
2	5	1858-1862	Miscellaneous papers found in Mosher barn
2	6	1860-62	Miscellaneous letters (autograph)
2	7	1858-1863	Letters and records re: coal business
2	8	1862-1868	Papers re: seed business
2	9	1863-1864	Morgan & Mosher grain and corn business papers

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Series 4: Other Companies

*Sub-Series A: Railroads*

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

*Sub-Series B: Stocks*

2	1	n.d.	Correspondence (autograph) to H.T. Morgan, stockbroker
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*Sub-Series C: Mining Companies*

2	1	1867-1871	Papers re: mining companies
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*Sub-Series D: Telegraph Companies*

2	1	1866-1870	Papers re: Telegraph companies
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Series 5: A.H. Barney			
2	1	1866	Correspondence (autograph with typed copies)
2	2	1866-1869	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

*Sub-series A: American Merchants Union Express*

2	1	1867-1879	Correspondence (autograph and typed copies)- After merger
2	2	1869-1872	Correspondence and accounting- before merger
2	3	1866-1868	Correspondence and accounting- before merger

*Sub-series B: Other Express Companies*

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	1866	Correspondence with W.H. Platt re: express company stocks
2	5	n.d.	Adams & Company Correspondence
2	6	1855-1857	National Express Co. Correspondence
2	7	n.d.	National Bankers Express Company correspondence
2	8	n.d.	A. Reynolds & Co. Correspondence
2	9	n.d.	Wells Batterfield Express Co. Correspondence

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Series 7: US Express

*Sub-series A: Correspondence*

2	1	1851-71, 1879-80, 1914	Correspondence and accounting
2	2	1857-1867	Correspondence (autograph and typed copies)
2	3	1867-1870	Correspondence (autograph and typed copies)

*Sub-series B: Stocks*

2	1	n.d	Stockholders Dividends
2	2	1868-1871	Silas Hay (stockbroker) correspondence

*Sub-series C: Other*

2	1	n.d.	Correspondence from Cayuga Co. office
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Series 8: Express Co. General History			
2	1	1839-1852	Origins, earliest 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 company 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	1866-1867	Wells Fargo Checks
3	4	1868-1869	Wells Fargo Checks
3	5	1870-1872	Wells Fargo Checks
3	6	1872-1873	Wells Fargo Checks

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Series 10: E.B. Morgan and <i>The New York Times</i>			
3	1	1859-1871	Correspondence to/from George Jones and E.B. Morgan
3	2	1872-1881	Correspondence to/from George Jones and E.B. Morgan
3	3	1871	Correspondence to H. Field from E.B. Morgan
3	4	1866	Correspondence to/from J. Leonard and E.B. Morgan
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	1870-1871	Correspondence to E.B. Morgan from George Jones
3	9	1868-1869	Correspondence from George Jones
3	10	1866-1871	Correspondence from John Ireland
3	11	1851-1855	Notes regarding Organization, Stockholders
3	12	1856-1865	Miscellaneous Correspondence
3	13	1865-1869	Miscellaneous Correspondence
3	14	n.d.	Notes by Temple Hollcroft regarding <i>the New York Times</i>
3	15	1870-1871	<i>New York Times</i> exposure and defeat of Tweed Ring
3	16	1869-1870	Tweed Ring
3	17	1860-1870	E.B. Morgan Newspaper stubs



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Series 11: E.B. Morgan Correspondence

*Sub-series A: Miscellaneous by date*

3	1	1847-1859	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	2	1860-1867	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	3	1867-1869	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	4	1869-1876	Miscellaneous correspondence
3	5	1844-1870	References to E.B. Morgan and Henry Wells in letters

*Sub-series B: Specific Individuals*

3	1	1867-1871	Morgan/Wilcox correspondence
3	2	n.d.	Requests for publications outside of Cayuga County
3	3	1868-1879	Correspondence to E.B. Morgan from the Auburn Theological Seminary
3	4	1862-1879	Political Correspondence
3	5	1857-1858	Correspondence to E.B. Morgan from Butterfield
3	6	1858-1868	Correspondence to E.B. Morgan from Charles Fallman

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Series 12: Morgan Family Correspondence

*Sub-series A: Miscellaneous Morgans*

3      1            n.d.            Morgan Family (except E.B.)

*Sub-series B: Henry Morgan*

3      1            1870-1878      Henry Morgan Political Correspondence

3      2            1869-1870      Henry Morgan Wool Business

3      3            1862-1877      Miscellaneous Henry Morgan Correspondence

*Sub-series C: Christopher Morgan*

3      1            1804            Christopher Morgan

3      2            1854-1859      Richard and Christopher Morgan

*Sub-series D: William Morgan*

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 Individuals' Correspondence			
3	1	1868-1878	Lansing Zabriskie correspondence
3	2	1858	Charles Campbell correspondence
3	3	1854-1868	William H. Bogart correspondence to E.B. Morgan (political)
3	4	1873	William H. Bogart European trip
3	5	1860s-1870s	Miscellaneous correspondence

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Series 14: Cayuga County Correspondence			
4	1	1859-1879	Auburn Correspondence
4	2	1861-1881	Union Springs Correspondence
4	3	1857-1868	Moravia Correspondence
4	4	1850-1870	Correspondence from around Cayuga County

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Series 15: Ithaca/Cornell

*Sub-series A: Ithaca*

4	1	1840	Ithaca
4	2	n.d.	Ithaca Steamboat

*Sub-series B: Cornell*

4	1	1866	Correspondence from Wells to Cornell
4	2	1868-1879	Ezra Cornell
4	3	1959-1960	Cornell News

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Series 16: Cayuga County History

*Sub-series A: Farming*

4	1	1858-1877	Richmond Farm
4	2	1858-1869	Cayuga County Farming

*Sub-series B: Businesses*

4	1	1867-1870	Tioga National Bank of Owego
4	2	1856-1862	Oswego Starch Company
4	3	1864	Cayuga Lake Insurance Company

*Sub-series C: Wars*

4	1	1863	Civil War
4	2	1814-1859	War of 1812 (Veteran Issue)
4	3	1840-1858	Revolutionary War Veterans

*Sub-series D: Ledyard*

4	1	1794-1795	Phelps and Ledyard Maps
4	2	1836-1941	Town of Ledyard

*Sub-series E: Miscellaneous*

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

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Series 18: Aurora

*Sub-series A: Businesses*

4	1	1859	Advertisements for Aurora businesses
4	2	1867-1869	Aurora Business Correspondence

*Sub-series B: Organizations*

4	1	1867-1871	Scipio Lodge (Masons)
4	2	1861-1902	Presbyterian Church of Aurora

*Sub-series C: Aurora Inn/House*

4	1	n.d.	Aurora Inn
4	2	1854-1860	Aurora House

*Sub-series D: Schools*

4	1	1836-1866	Cayuga Lake Academy (co-ed boarding school)
4	2	1896	Cayuga Lake Military Academy

*Sub-series E: Newspapers*

4	1	pre-1900	Aurora Newspaper Clippings
4	2	post-1900	Aurora Newspaper Clippings

*Sub-series F: Other*

4	1	n.d.	Photographs around Aurora
4	2	n.d.	Aurora events and invitations
4	3	1858-1867	Contracts
4	4	1792	Original Deed to Lot 34 Peterbau Buochoten to Seth Phelps



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4	5	n.d.	Temple Hollcroft Aurora Notes

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Series 19: Wells College			
<i>Sub-series A: Wellsiana</i>			
5	1	1868-1870	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-1950s	Viewbooks
5	7	1939-1953	Campus Newspapers

*Sub-series B: Campus*

5	1	1950s	Campus Buildings
5	2	1858	Pettibone

*Sub-series C: News*

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

*Sub-series D: Geological Museum*

5	1	n.d.	Geological Museum
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Series 20: People of Wells			
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	1872-1887	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 archive materials 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	1950s	Correspondence from Temple Hollcroft to Mrs. Vernon Carstensen
5	2	pre-1850	Poetry (transcribed by Temple Hollcroft)
5	3	1853	San Francisco