

THE OLIN PAPERS

The bulk of the Olin papers are family letters written between 1830 and 1870. Of these family letters the largest collections are the letters of Julia M. Olin to her husband, (1814-1879) the Reverend Stephen Olin, and those to her son, Stephen Henry Olin. Many of the latter were written to Henry while he was a student at Wesleyan. They reveal her own activities and interests, her ambitions for her son, and her keen awareness and vicarious involvement in her son's education. There is an equally large selection of letters of the same period from Henry to his mother. His letters from Wesleyan (during the mid 1860's) tell more of his extracurricular activities (trips to New York, visits with friends, relatives, and professors, and happenings of the collegiate societies) than of his studies. Correspondence also remains Henry and Mrs. Olin while he was studying in New York following graduation from Wesleyan.

Only a few letters appear written by Rev. Stephen Olin. (1797-1851) The largest group are those he wrote during the controversy he was involved in with E. Robinson. There is a lot of material on this including letters from Robinson to Olin (one of which appears as a newspaper article) and a long reply from Olin, apparently in his own hand. Also there is a long letter from Olin to the editor of the N. A. Review (where all the name calling appears to have gone on) and a good deal of correspondence between Olin and J. P. Durbin. The controversy apparently arose over an initial criticism by Robinson of a work by Olin which Olin met with critical remarks about Robinson's works and which Robinson in turn countered.

There are numerous letters written to Rev. Olin from his wife, relatives, friends, and associates. Many of the latter relate to Rev. Olin's religious office and duties in one way or another and are almost invariably headed by the greeting 'Reverend and Dear Brother' or a similar form of Christian address. Some concern the University in minor matters, some are recommendations, and a good part of them relate to the Methodist church in one way or another.

Stephen Henry Olin appears frequently both in the letters he wrote and in those he received. (1841-1925) Also some of his essays remain written either in highschool or college. Stephen Henry seems responsible for the drawings and maps which are to be found in the Olin papers. He apparently enjoyed drawing and often illustrated his letters to his mother with little sketches. Also in these papers are texts of the memorial service held for Stephen Henry Olin at Wesleyan.

Having just completed the identification of the people who appear in the A. Hunt Autograph Book I find several of them appear also in the Olin papers. Both Albert S. Hunt and Andrew J. Hunt are well represented among the authors of the Olin papers as is Mary Rutherford Garrettson, a cousin of Julia M. Olin. (There are also many letters written by Julia M. Olin to Miss Garrettson).

Of the remaining letters most are Olin family letters (Lucy M. Olin and Clarendia Olin to Stephen Olin and family) and Lynch family letters (James Lynch, father of Julia M. Olin, to his wife and children, and letters to and from Julia and her brother Eugene and to and from her sisters).

Lastly there are miscellaneous items --- Wesleyan University programs, receipts, civil war printed items, various poems and writings and prayers, and a few items which defy description!

I have arranged the letters most often by the person writing them. But those to the Olins have been grouped according to the person to whom they were written. This has meant some overlap or rather inconsistency -- i. e. a letter from A. S. Hunt appears in the Hunt file and not ~~in~~ in the file of the person to whom it was written.

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August 7, 1964

Olin Papers--Container List

Stephen Olin 1797-1851

Box 1      Genealogy 1848 (1)

- \* Letters and communications from Stephen Olin 1834-1851 (17+)
- \* Letters, etc. to Stephen Olin having to do with Wesleyan University 1839-1851 (47)

Letter to him from Mary E.O. Bostwick (later Mrs. Olin) 1827 (1)  
Letter to James O. Walker from Mary Bostwick Olin 1834 (1)

- \* Letters to Stephen Olin from various people 1829-1836 (12)
- \* Letters to Stephen Olin from various people A-K 1839-1851 (49)
- \* Letters to Stephen Olin from various people L-Z 1839-1851 (mostly personal matters) (82)

Letters from Josiah and John W. Flournoy (Georgia) 1841-1844 and A. Branham 1842 and A. Bass 1843 concerning payments due Stephen Olin for loan made to Josiah Flournoy (18)

Letters to Stephen Olin from his wife Julia L. Olin 1842-1848 (43)

Box 2      Letters to Stephen Olin from his wife Julia L. Olin 1849-1851 and undated (49)

Letters to him from his niece, Mary Ann E.O. Howard 1842-1847 (9)

Letters to Stephen Olin from close relatives 1842-1850 (26)

Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, 1821?-74?  
(Earlier clippings concern SO; some of the later JMO and SHO)

Miscellaneous letters and communications (6)

Annual Reports as President of Wesleyan University 1842-1850 (9)

Financial papers (bills, etc.) (17)

Abolitionist controversy 1843-1846 (14)

Olin-Robinson controversy 1843-1847 (59)

Charges against S.H.(?) by one Mr. Church, Georgia 1834 (22)  
re Franklin College

Sermons, lectures (manuscript) (122)

Inaugural address - Randolph-Macon College 1834 (manuscript) (10)

2 documents re publishing and sales of Greece and the Golden Horn (1854)

Document certifying Stephen Olin as an elder in the M.E. Church, 20 Nov 1828

\* see following list for names of correspondents, dates, occasional notes

Box 3      Address at the dedication of the Indian Hill Cemetery September 30,  
            1850 (manuscript)    (7)

            Portions of a European diary n.d.; 1829; 1839 (3)

            Travel notes, Nov. 1839-Apr. 1840 4 v.

            Small bound vol. containing official visas for Mr. and Mrs. Olin in 1839.

            Miscellaneous: Chapter 4 of Olin's life on Methodism, College life -  
            letters, mss. (28)

            Various compositions Middlebury College valedictory address (?) 1820  
            (manuscript)    (15)

            Poems and prose - some in translation (19)

            Prayers and biblical quotations etc. (10)

            Sermon texts of Rev. Stephen Olin (13)

            Manuscript material concerning Stephen Olin (17)

            On death of Stephen Olin (2)

            Various compositions found among the Olin papers - authorship  
            uncertain (29)

Julia M. (Lynch) Olin 1814-1879

            Julia L. Olin to members of her family 1836-1867 (45)

            Julia Lynch Olin to Mary R. Garrettson 1824-1858 (her cousin) and to  
            Mary Garrettson 1831 (her aunt) (50)

            Julia Olin to others 1834-1864 (some undated)    (13)

            (Group of letters without folder)

Box 4 Julia Lynch Olin from family and relatives 1834-1862 (66)

Julia Lynch Olin from Mary Garrettson 1837 (her aunt) and from Mary R. Garrettson 1825-1844 (her cousin) (41)

Letters from Lucy M. Olin to Julia L. Olin 1849-1869 (15)

Letters to "sister" (Julia Lynch Olin) from Clarinda Olin (4)  
sister-in-law

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin A-F (48)

Letters to Julia Lynch (Olin) from Mary B. Armistead & "Sophie" 1835-1844 (27)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin G-L (50)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin from A.J. Hunt and Albert S. Hunt (36)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin M-Z (109)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin from various writers 1835-1852 (9)

Letter fragments (2 on death of Stephen Olin from J.E. Barnes & unknown others (5)

Letters to Julia Lynch Olin (authors unidentifiable) (46)

Miscellaneous bills, etc. to Julia Lynch Olin (9)

Box 5 Travel diary, May 30-Aug. 4, 1846 1 v.

Commonplace books. 3 v.

Notebooks 4 v.

Various compositions (98)

Concerning her death (1879) written by Julia Bedell to Julia Lynch Olin's sister Jane (1)

Unidentifiable letters (to and from others) 1846-66 (5)

Lynch Family

Lynch family letters and genealogy (24)

James Lynch (23) to wife Janette (6)  
to M. Garrettson (17)

Margaret Tillotson to Catherine Few 1811-14 & undated (13)

Letters to Adelaide "Ady" "Addie" Fitzgerald sister of Julia Lynch Olin (4)

Odds & Ends (13)

Stephen Henry Olin 1847-1925

- Box 6 Letters to him from various persons, 1850-1919 (64)
- Letters from him to various persons (51)
- Letters from him to William North Rice '65 (41) *transferred to Rice Papers  
3/78*
- Letters from him to his mother, Julia Lynch Olin, 1855-66 (96)
- Letters to him from his mother, 1857-67 (116) *2 folders 1855-63 1864-66 + 1 folder of undated*
- Various compositions (handwritten) (17) *a number on van, 1860+*
- Drawings and maps (20)
- Memorials to him (32)A
- Addresses as acting president of Wesleyan, 1922-24
- Autograph book, 20 cm.
- Unboxed Leather-bound scrapbook, 32 cm.
- Oversize Diplomas and photographs (in portfolio in oversize case)

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STEPHEN OLIN

Letters and Communications from Stephen Olin

1834-1851

Jan. 8, 1834	<u>TO</u>	The Editor of the Southern Banner
Jan. 9, 1834		"My dear Friend"
Feb. 1, 1834		"My dear Wife "
Sept. 4, 1834		The Rev, Seymour Landen
Sept. 12, 1834		The Rev. Jonathan Merriam
* Dec. 20, 1840 (1846 ?)		Augustus W. Smith
(26?)		
(cop. Dec. 28, 1846)		
→ March 8, 1841		Prof. (Jacob F.) Huber
* May 16, 1842		Augustus W. Smith
Aug. 19, 1841		Rev. N. Bangs, D.D.
<del>Oct. 27, 1842</del>		"Rev. & dear Sir"
<del>Oct. 27, 1844</del>		(The Rev. Dr. Robinson) <i>TO Robinson - by notebook folder</i>
Apr. 7, 1846		J. McCLINTOCK
Mar. 27, 1849		"Rev. W.B. Hague, D.D.
(Aug. 5, 1846)		"to the members of the Senior Class"
July 18, 1851		(Memorandum of monies held by Dr, Olin)
Feb. 9, 1835		"My Dear Sister"
undated		"Mr. Editor"
Sept. 6, 1848		Perry G. (=C) Smith, '1847, in Clayton, Alabama
May 24, 1849		(about adjustments to life in the South)
		(to whom it may concern) about John Wesley Jones, '1849
July 18, 1848		John L. Smith, Treasurer (ordering payment of \$56.44
		to Prof. J. Johnston)
→ Nov. 11, 1839 (Trieste) to		"Gentlemen" (the Wesleyan Board of Trustees and
		Visitors) (a typed copy)

See also the folder labeled "Olin-Robinson Controversy, 1843-1847".

STEPHEN OLIN

52 items

Letters to Stephen Olin having to do with Wesleyan University

1839-1851

April 1839	FROM	Committee of the Prudential Committee (Laban Clark, <u>et al.</u> ) to S. O. in Europe
Aug. 12, 1842 to May 20, 1844		Augustus W. Smith: 6 letters reporting on Wesleyan matters
Aug. 9, 1842		D.M. Reese
Aug. 20-Nov. 23, 1842		N. Bangs
<del>Dec. 31, 1841</del>		<del>signature cut-off (re. student Robert Tillitson)</del>
Jan. 21, 1841		Jacob Huber re: resignation of Dr. Olin
June 20, 1842		Seymour Landon re: dismissal of students re: Dr. Bangs
Oct. 11, 1842		A. Stevens
July 1, 1843		Dan'l B. Lyon
Nov. 27, 1843		Alfred Saxe re: engagement
Aug. 4, 1843		" "
June 27, 1844		W.M. Willett
July 16, 1844		Ormon Baker - vote of confidence of N.H. Conf.
Aug. 3, 1844		Jas. Harper
Oct. 21, 1844		Francis Hall
1845, Mar. 20		H. Bannister
Apr. 7		J. Stewart
Apr. 17		G. Loomis
May 26		J. Colder
May 28		L. Sperry re: spec grant of schol. change to A. Spaulding to have 2 sons at W.U. at once
July 1		S. Seager
July 16		G. Docharty
July 17		G.B. Cone
" "		F. Hall
July 21		J.T. Peck



1845, Aug.1 J.Kennaday  
Aug. 6, S.Seager (The Rev.)  
Aug. 14 C. Bannister  
Oct. 15 S.Seager  
Dec 4 Geo. HHapgood  
1846, Mar. 17 S. Allen (The Rev.)  
June 8 Ormon Baker  
Nov.7 H. Coolidge, Mcgonegal & Roberts  
students welcoming Dr. O. in back from Europe  
1847, Mar.2 Rev. S.Seager re: collect of pledges & mention of  
start of Rochester U.  
1848, June 12 Augustus W. Smith: resignation from the office of Registrar.  
~~JULY XXXIX~~ ~~HYXXXXXXXX~~ (copy)  
1849, May 17 D.D.Whedon  
1850, June 24 W. Gooddfellow  
July 8 D. Brooks  
July 11 Orin Wood  
" " D. Appleton & Co.  
July 19 Rev R. Nelson  
July 22 B.F. Larrabee  
July 25 Allen Reynolds  
July 27 Rev S.W.Coggeshall  
July 29 D.W.Clark re: awarding of hon. degrees  
1851, July 28 S.Seager  
undated Eugene Lynch re: sailing vessel WM Penn  
" C. Adams

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12 items

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Letters to Stephen Olin from various people

1829-1836

> ANDREWS, Jas. O.      April 14, 1834  
 BROWN, J. W.            Sept. 3, 1830  
 FERGUSON, A. H.

CHURCH, A.              Feb. 4, 1834  
 SINCLAIR, E.

CRAWFORD, John        Mar. 15, 1836

FLOY, I.                  Apr. 1, 1831

HULL, H. and others    Jan. 11, 1834  
                                   Jan. 12, 1834

McClintock, I            May 20, 1834

> SANFORD, Wm. F.      Apr. 14, 1829  
 PIERCE, L.              { Feb. 15, 1834  
                                   March 11, 1834  
                                   " 25, "

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From various persons  
A---K, to Stephen Olin

42 items  
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WESLEYAN COLLECTION

1839-1851

ANDREWS, E.A. April 25, 1845  
July 15, 1845  
Jan. 25, 1847

① ANDREWS, Jas. O. May 26, 1843

ASKEW, J.H. Aug, 26, 1843

BAKER, Prudence S. Dec, 7, 1848

<BASS, A.>  
See Flournoy  
folder

BASS, A. July 18, 1844  
BEDELL, G.T.

BINGHAM, H. Mar, 17, 1841  
May 4, 1843

} copies--originals in autograph  
collection

BOND, T.E.<sup>hos.</sup> Dec. 11, 1843

<BRANHAM, DR.>  
See 1  
Flournoy  
folder

CAPERS, G. Mar. 9, 1848

CLARKE, E. { Jan. 20, 1846  
July 15, 1851

CALDWELL, ROSA U. Jan.... 1850

⑥ CONANT, Eben Mar. 27, 1851

CROWELL, Loranus (Rev.) Dec. 26, 1848

~~③~~ DE YAMPERT, L.G.C. Aug 16, 1847; JULY 23, 1847; APRIL 3, 1852

DWINNELL, L. Aug. 18, 1842  
with Dwinnell, Wm

Dec. 3, 1842

Echols, F.H. Oct. 31, 1842

⑨  
<FLOURNOY>  
See separate  
FOLDER  
NEXT IN FILE

EDWARDS, Justin Apr. 23, 1845

May 10, 1845

FLOY, Jas. Nov. 30, 1844

Aug. 17, 1844

--- 1851

May 15, 1843

~~GOVE, JOHN~~ Aug 14, 1849

HARPER, Fletcher Mar. 7, 1844

Aug. 12, 1842

Nov. 14, 1842

⑤ HARPER & Bros. Aug. 25, 1845  
(F.H.)

HOFFMAN, C.COLden June 29, 1850

HOLDICH, Josph Aug. 25, 1847

③ April 8, "

Dec. 30, "

HOUGHTON, D.C. Dec. 4, 1849

HOWARD, Geo. Troup April 1, 1848

HOWARD, W.F. (Col) June 4, 1849

Jan. 15, 1845

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1839-1851

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HUSTON, J.

Mar. 15, 1849

JACKSON, Samuel

Nov. 6. 1843

< JOHNSTON, John

May 1, 1843 & July 17, 1845  
Originals in the collection of  
John Johnston's papers, Olin Library

JUNE, S.B.

July 25, 1845

Aug., 21, 1845

KIDDER, D.P.,

April 8, 1845

Sept. 5, 1845

1839-1851

LONDON, Seymour '89

Aug.. 1842 (mentions necessity of Olin's  
taking Presidency or "Wesleyan is Dead!")

Oct. 17, 1842

Nov. 1, 1842

Mar, 24, 1845

Apr. 12, 1848

Apr. 19, 1849

Oct. 9, 1849

LONGSTREET, A.B. --- MORRIS, Nov. 13, 1841 (tear-jerker story of  
Sarah (Andrew) Lemar)

Oct. 13, 1845

(re: will of Olin's wife, Mary Ann Bostwick)

MARSH, John  
MCKOWN, J. LaGrange  
MERRIAM, J.

Jan 1, 1846

Aug 4, 1851

Nov. 10, 1845

MORRIS, Christopher,

Sept. 1, 1845

(re: Olin's help on promoting Christian Unity in  
the world, -as the outstanding Methodist of the time.)

PALMER, Walter C. & Phoebe

July 22, 1841

Aug. 14, 1842

July 4, 1844

Nov. 1, 1844 (re: ~~the~~ Olin's' possibly adopting the 4Yr. old  
orphan son of the late Rev. E. Andrew)  
Wilbur Fisk Andrew.

PECK, Jesse T.

Aug, 27, 1842

PECK, George

Feb. 19, 1845

PIERCE, L. Dr.

Oct. 24, 1842

May 1, 1843

PITMAN, Benj.

July 23, 1845

PITMAN, Robert

Oct. 3, 1845

April 6, 1846

POTTER, Alonzo

Oct. 11, 1843

PURDY, Ann S.

Mar. 12, 1845

RANDALL, Jas.

Aug. 4, 1843

REESE, D.M.

July 27, 1843 (congratulating Olin on his speech on  
antisectionarianism, saying to the church  
what some of us have thought, but dared not utter."

Round, John W. '1843

Aug 5, 1844- speaks of prosperousness of Wesleyan under  
Olin.

RICHEY, Matthew

July 7, 1843

April 29, 1845

ROGERS, Jas '1847

June 8, 1850 - student writing in to tell how sorry  
he was that ill health had returned  
& ~~complimenting~~ him for Mrs Olin's compliments

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Letters to Stephen Olin

1839-1851

SEWALL, Dr. Thomas

Oct. 3, 1844 (speaks of another patient who "like you has large tumors attended with prolapses of the rectum. Speaks of TYING ODD Dr. O's tumors and operating possibly in Dec of '44. "Bring Mrs. O. with you and have her stay with us, was the idea.

SEWALL, Thos, , Jr. n'1837

May 22, 1841

SIMS, Edw. D.

Mar. 6, 1839; Sept 12, 1842; May 5, 1843

SLEEPER, Jacob  
Trustee for 36 yrs,

July 25, 1851

Mar. 1, 1844

Mar. 11, 1844

July 19, 1844

Oct. 2, 1844

Jan 7th, 1845 ("hold up on Funds drive until people have recovered from disappointment of Polk's elect.)

Feb. 17, 1845

May 6, 1845

June 9, 1845

Aug. 4, 1845 \*\*\*\*\*getting endowment fund to \$70,000 by 1848

Nov. 8, 1845

May 8, 1849

July 16, 1850

Dec. 18, 1850

SMITH, Catherine C.

wife of Aug. W. (President) May 15, 1843 (funny letter about eating up some wedding cake of Miss Davenport intended for Dr. Olin!!!)

SMITH, Perry Childs  
son of Pres. Smith

May 10 1848 (mentions good advice given him by Dr. S.O.)

SPRAGUE, Dr. W.B.

Mar. 30, 1847

STEARNE, Edward

Oct 17, 1846

STEVENS, Abell, Rev. '1834

Sept. 17, 1842

Jan 4, 1843

Aug. 11, 1843

Nov. 30, 1848

Dec. 19, 1849

..... (1850)

Jan 13, 1850

STEWART, Theophilus Rev.

Nov. 7, 1843

TIFFANY, C.

Jan 20, 1845

UPDIKE, Wilkins

Mar. 20, 1845 \*\*\*letter Re: Olin's R.I. ancestors.

WALSH, F.R.

Nov. 27, 1843

WATERMAN, Asaph

Aug. 23, 1842

Nov. 18, 1842

WAUGH, B.

May 10, 1844

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1839-1851

WENTWORTH, E.

Sept. 1, 1842  
Oct. 12, 1842

(5) WHITE, M.C.

Oct. 5, 1849

WIGHTMAN, W.M. (Rev.)

Feb. 21, 1851

WILKINS, Achsah, Mrs.

Dec. 26, 1843

WOOLSEY, Theo. D.

July 26, 1845

(3) Pres. of YALE

July 5, 1850

July 27, 1850

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35  
32  
75 items  
+ 2 late additions  
77 items