

Judge John M. Scott Collection



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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Two boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1856-2008
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also Photograph Collection People: Scott

BRIEF HISTORY

John Milton Scott was born on August 1, 1823 in Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois. His parents were Samuel and Nancy Briggs Scott. Samuel was a farmer from Virginia and Nancy was a native of Illinois. In St. Clair County, Milton received a public school education, and through private tutoring, was instructed in the subjects of English, Latin, and higher mathematics. He then taught school briefly in 1837 before studying law in the office of W.C. Kinney of Kinney and Bissel, a prominent Belleville law firm. In 1848, after completing his studies with Kinney and Bissel, Scott was admitted to the bar, and he then moved to Bloomington to begin his legal career. While practicing law, he became acquainted with other prominent lawyers of the time, most prominently Abraham Lincoln, David Davis, and Asahel Gridley.

Scott married Charlotte Ann Perry on April 27, 1853. She became his life partner and “equal,” though she kept a low profile around town. The Scotts had two children who died in infancy. Their home was located at 312 S. Main Street, where they lived all their married lives.

He was elected school commissioner of McLean County in 1849, which was his first of many elected political offices. Scott also served as city clerk at the same time, making him the first man in Bloomington to serve in two public offices simultaneously. In 1850, he was elected City Attorney, and then in 1851, he opened the Holmes and Scott law firm with his partner, William Holmes. However, Holmes and Scott dissolved a year later, for in 1852, Scott was elected judge of the McLean County court.

Scott ran for the Illinois State Senate in 1856 as “the first openly avowed anti-slavery candidate,” but he was defeated by a narrow margin. However, he remained firmly devoted to human rights throughout the rest of his life. He had been an ardent Whig for much of his life. The Whig Party was founded in opposition to Andrew Jackson’s policies and promoted modernization and foreign trade restrictions until it collapsed over the question of slavery. When the Whig Party dissolved in 1856, he joined the newly formed Republican Party, where he was as equally devoted to the new party as he had been to the Whig Party. In that same year, he became president of the Fremont Republican Club, which today would be the equivalent of chairman of the county Republican Party.

In 1862, he was nominated by bar of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court to fill the vacancy which had been left by David Davis as judge of the Eighth Circuit. Davis had vacated that position when he was appointed as a judge on the United States Supreme Court by President Abraham Lincoln. Scott was unanimously reelected to this position in 1867 because of his reputation as a courteous, fair, and wise judge.

In August 1870, he was elected to the Illinois State Supreme Court, where he did his best-known judicial work. He was the first native-born Illinoisan to occupy the State Supreme Court bench and served until 1888, when he declined re-election. Judge Scott sought to interpret the law as a system of social and political philosophy, as opposed to merely a set of arbitrary rules. To him, the law was the centerpiece of civilized society. In an 1887 address to the American Bar Association, Judge Scott said that “judicial supremacy is the keystone of constitutional government without which the arch will fall.”

As a devout Presbyterian, Judge Scott’s beliefs also played a major role in the way he viewed the law. He once wrote an essay where he described how Christian principles were the foundation of the law and allowed the common man solutions to problems he was unable to solve on his own. He maintained Christianity emphasized a moral obligation to protect the civil and human rights of others, as well as providing the Ten Commandments as guidelines for all civilized governments. A government based upon pure reason without Christianity, in contrast, would produce only anarchy, which to Judge Scott, was the ultimate evil. He also believed that pay for one’s labor should come from a merit system, where pay is equal to the amount of work produced. This would lead to a more equal distribution of pay and an improvement in working conditions for the workers.

These views can be seen in Judge Scott’s most famous case, the Haymarket Case. In 1866, in a flurry of anti-labor sentiment and vigilante justice, eight anarchists were captured in Chicago and put on

trial to appease public sentiment. Originally, they were all declared guilty with seven condemned to be hung, but when their case was appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court in early 1887, Judge Scott overturned their sentences. While he despised anarchy and would not condone such acts, Scott was sympathetic to the plight of the working man. In a paper he wrote called "Bettering the Condition of the Laboring Class," he stated that "something had to be done about the current social system which allowed the non-laboring class to stock pile enormous sums of wealth while another class, the laborer, could barely secure the necessities of life." The most likely answer to why he overturned their sentences was that he refused to allow vigilante justice to prevail and that there was not sufficient evidence to prove that these eight men were directly involved with the incident. However, four of the conspirators were eventually executed and another one committed suicide in his prison cell. The three survivors were pardoned in 1893 by Illinois Governor John P. Altgeld after spending seven years in prison.

Other notable cases presided over by Judge Scott included *Dimick vs. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company*, which, in 1875, established the precedence that railroad companies guilty of negligence are accountable for their actions if greater negligence on the part of the individual cannot be proven. In the 1884 case *Ker vs. the People*, Judge Scott upheld the lower court's decision that a fugitive from justice has no asylum in a foreign country when he is guilty of an offense in his home country.

When Judge Scott retired from the bench in 1888, he studied history and traveled. He wrote two history books, one about singer Maria Eugenia Von Elsener (better known as Maria Litta), and one titled *The Supreme Court of Illinois, 1818* about the early history of the Illinois Supreme Court, with an emphasis on its founders. However, it was never finished because his health failed while writing it. He was also a founding member of the McLean County Historical Society, founded in 1892, and served as its president until his death in 1898. Judge Scott enjoyed teaching as well and gave lectures about law and history to young children and was a regular speaker at the Illinois Wesleyan University Law School. In December 1897, Judge Scott's health began to fail as a result of a malignant carbuncle (tumor-like growth), which had begun to grow on the back of his head. Judge Scott died on January 21, 1898. He was buried in an elegant mausoleum in Evergreen Cemetery next to the bodies of his two children and later his wife Charlotte when she died in 1917.

Immortality and charity seemed to be important to Judge Scott, because his will included a provision that his large estate should be used to create the John M. Scott Health Care Trust fund after Charlotte and all other heirs died. This fund would be responsible for creating a new hospital that would not discriminate against its patients and provide treatment to all who needed it, regardless of age, sex, race, or economic status. If this was not needed, it was to be used to build an industrial school for girls.

However, when the last heir died in 1976, there was no longer a need for either a hospital or a girl's school. Brokaw, Mennonite, and St. Joseph hospitals had an occupation rate of only 70%, and social attitudes no longer required a separate school for girls. This left the question of what to do with Judge Scott's \$6.9 million dollar estate up to the Bloomington courts. The case dragged on until October 9, 1981 when it was finally settled. The city of Bloomington received 55% (\$5.4 million) to create a preventative health center which would serve disadvantaged citizens and be named The John Scott Health Resources Center. The Morgan-Washington Home (originally founded as an industrial home for orphaned and needy girls), received 31.67% (\$3.1 million). The home built an additional home for ten emotionally and behaviorally disturbed girls with the funds. The Bloomington School District 87 received 13.3% (\$1.3 million) to fund educational programs at the Morgan-Washington home and improve and expand upon its existing vocational educational programs.

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SCOPE NOTE

The Judge John M. Scott collection contains several folders in four boxes. The items included are correspondences, abstract of titles, poems, law school handbooks, newspaper clippings, ledger books, and diary notes relative to or owned by John M. Scott or his relatives. There are several land deeds and mortgages.

BOX 1: Books

Book 1: Index Rerum or Index of Subjects –

“Intended as a manual to aid the student and the professional man in preparing himself for usefulness.” By John Todd, D.D., 1860.

Book 2: January 1886- Scott, J.

- 1.2.1 Personal checkbook accounts of 1898-1907 with the National State Bank.
(Pages 1-65)

Book 3: Docket Records, Sept. Term 1880- John M. Scott.

- 1.3.1 Cash Account, Years 1890- 1898 (Pages 2-37)
Bank Account, Years 1890-1898 (Pages 42-101)
Insurance Account, Year 1895 (Page 190)

Book 4: June 1886- John M. Scott

- 1.4.1 Notes (Pages 1, 3-6)

Book 5: Agenda- May Term 1885- Scott, J.

- 1.5.1 Executor’s Cash Account:
Cash Account, Years 1898- 1906 (Pages 2-19, 24-43)
Bank Account, Year 1902 (Page 20)
First National Bank, Year 1902 (Page 21)

Book 6: Agenda- Supreme Court-

“Southern Grand Division” Nov. Term 1886- John M. Scott C.J.

- 1.6.1 192 blank pages.

Book 7: Agenda- Supreme Court-

“Southern Grand Division” May Term 1886. - JNO. M. Scott. J.

- 1.7.1 192 blank pages.

Book 8: Agenda- May Term 1884- Scott

- 1.8.1 Random pages with tree leaves pressed in them.

Book 9: May Term 1883- Scott

- 1.9.1 Bank Account, Years 1895-1896 (Pages 2-17)
National State Bank Account, Years 1896-1898 (Pages 13-31)

Book 10: State of Illinois Supreme Court-

Northern Grand Division, Sept. Term 1884- John M. Scott

- 1.10.1 Executor’s Account with 1st National Bank (Page 1)
First National Bank, Years 1898-1907 (Pages 2-57)

Book 11: John M. Scott

- 1.11.1 Measurements of the following properties for insurance surveyor:
- Summit Farm (Pages 2-14)

- Rose-Hill Farm (Pages 15-20)
- South Rudy Farm (Pages 29-33, 45-49)
- South Home Farm (Pages 61-65, 75-79)
- Hudson Farm (Pages 91-105)

Book 12: Agenda- John M. Scott- January, 1882

1.12.1 List of gifts in 2 trunks (Pages 2-3)

BOX 2: John M. Scott and Family Documents and Correspondences

Folder 1: Scott, J. Correspondence 1853, 1864 (7 items)

- 2.1.1 Correspondence from Wade V. Osborne to John M. Scott dated June 14, 1853
(discussed money payments)
- 2.1.2 Correspondence from Charles Meyer to John M. Scott dated September 5, 1864
(Meyer enclosed money for Scott to borrow)
- 2.1.3 Correspondence from Charles Meyer to John M. Scott dated October 3, 1864
(thanking Scott for sending the money that was due and giving him his remaining balance)
- 2.1.4 Correspondence from Charles Meyer—to John M. Scott dated September 22, 1864
(asking for Scott to send money that is due)
- 2.1.5 Envelope addressed to John M. Scott
(stamped from St. Louis, MO., June 16)
- 2.1.6 Envelope addressed to John M. Scott
(stamped from Nashville, TN., September 24)
- 2.1.7 Envelope addressed to John M. Scott
(stamped from Nashville, TN., October 5)

Folder 2: Scott, J. Correspondence 1870 (8 items)

- 2.2.1 Correspondence from McClain and Shirk to Jno M. Scott dated January 3, 1870
(discussing finance)
- 2.2.2 Correspondence from R. K. M—bster to Hon. Judge M. Scott dated July 1, 1870
(concerning a court case)
- 2.2.3 Correspondence from James Dunlafe to Hon. Judge Scott dated July 10, 1870
(writing from State Prison thanking the Judge)
- 2.2.4 Correspondence from N.K. Mc Allister to Judge dated December 24, 1870
(a personal letter and wishing a happy new year)
- 2.2.5 Envelope addressed to Mr. Jno. M. Scott
(Return address of McClain & Shirk Attorneys at Law, stamped from Warsaw, MO., January 5)
- 2.2.6 Envelope addressed to Hon. Judge Scott
(No return address)
- 2.2.7 Envelope addressed to Judge Scott
(stamped from Joliet, IL., July 19)
- 2.2.8 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from Chicago IL., Dec 29- part illegible)

Folder 3: Scott, J.- 1870 Election Correspondence (20 items)

- 2.3.1 Newspaper clipping entitled: Voting for Supreme Judge.
(talks of the nominees in the election)
- 2.3.2 Newspaper clipping entitled: Supreme Judge 3d Judicial District.
(A communication signed by Messrs. C. C. Brown and C.M. Morrison upon the nomination of Judge J. M. Scott)
- 2.3.3 Correspondence from E. B. Moosell? To Judge Scott dated June 20, 1870
(politics)
- 2.3.4 Correspondence from Jos. J Kelly to Hon. Jno. M. Scott dated June 25, 1870
(concerning the turnout of votes for the election)
- 2.3.5 Correspondence from Jur? S. Fredrick (there is another name located underneath but it is illegible) to Hon. John M. Scott dated June 28, 1870
(discussing election politics)
- 2.3.6 Correspondence from John L Rent? To Hon. John M. Scott dated July 1, 1870
(information on the election)
- 2.3.7 Correspondence from M___ to Sir dated July 1, 1870
(politics)
- 2.3.8 Correspondence from W. D. ___att to Sir dated July 1, 1870
(discussing letters to democrats)
- 2.3.9 Correspondence from L. EaPayoa_ to Judge dated July 4, 1870
(discussing votes)
- 2.3.10 Correspondence from P. H. Waller to Dear Sir dated July 11, 1870
(congratulating on and discussing the election)
- 2.3.11 Correspondence from C.B. Lawrence dated July 11, 1870
(death, stroke, sympathies, paralysis, illness)
- 2.3.12 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from Paris IL., Jun 24)
- 2.3.13 Envelope addressed to Hon. Jno M. Scott
(stamped from Clinton IL., Jun 28)
- 2.3.14 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from- Paxton IL.-illegible, Jun 28)
- 2.3.15 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from Springfield IL., Jul 2)
- 2.3.16 Envelope addressed to William? U _ _____
(stamped from Decatur IL., Jul __)
- 2.3.17 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from Lincoln IL., Jul 1)
- 2.3.18 Envelope addressed to Judge J. M. Scott
(stamped from St. Louis MO., Jul 5)
- 2.3.19 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from Springfield IL., Jun 24)
- 2.3.20 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from Chicago and Quincy H? P. O., Jul __)

Folder 4: Scott, J.- Correspondence 1871- 1876 (20 items)

- 2.4.1 Allowance tab
(Salary allowance note on a small piece of paper)
- 2.4.2 Correspondence from C.D Mosher of C.D. Mosher's Photograph Gallery in Chicago to Judge Scott dated April 24, 1871
(concerning an oil painting and discussion on visiting)
- 2.4.3 Correspondence from Mrs. - . M. Clas Smith to J. Scott Esy. dated August 22, 1871
(business, court matters)
- 2.4.4 Correspondence from C.B. Lawrence to Judge Scott dated September 3?, 1871
(concerning business, law)
- 2.4.5 Correspondence from John Barnd? to Judge Scott dated May 3, 1872
(concerning the "new" law for acquiring a license to practice law)
- 2.4.6 Correspondence from Geo. B. Scott to "Uncle" Judge Scott dated October 17, 1872
(concerning money)
- 2.4.7 Correspondence from Frank D. Orme to Judge Scott dated Oct 17, 1872
(concerning the allowance tab and explaining the docked fees of Scott's salary)
- 2.4.8 Correspondence from C. B. Lawrence to Judge Scott dated March 7, 1873
(concerning a court case)
- 2.4.9 Correspondence from Rev. Lorenzo G. Stevens to Honored Sir dated November 2, 1875
(concerning law)
- 2.4.10 Correspondence from N. K. Mc Allister to Judge dated January 23, 1876
(personal letter)
- 2.4.11 Correspondence from N. L. Freeman to My Dear Judge dated August 26, 1876
(business)
- 2.4.12 Envelope addressed to Judge Scott Esy.
(stamped from Peoria, IL., Aug 22- part illegible)
- 2.4.13 Envelope addressed to Mr. Justice Scott
(stamp illegible- from Ottawa found in letter)
- 2.4.14 Envelope addressed to Judge Scott
(stamped from Lexington IL., May _)
- 2.4.15 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from Carthage, MO., Aug 22)
- 2.4.16 Envelope addressed to John M. Scott
(stamped from Washington -D.C.- found in letter, Oct __)
- 2.4.17 Envelope addressed to Mr. Justice Scott
(stamped from Calessroh? IL, ____)
- 2.4.18 Envelope addressed to Mr. Hon. Chief Justice John M. Scott
(stamped from Boston, the rest is illegible)
- 2.4.19 Envelope addressed to Mr. Chief Justice Scott
(stamped from Chicago, IL., Jan 24)
- 2.4.20 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from Springfield, IL., Aug 26)

Folder 5: Scott, J.- Correspondence 1880- 1881 (8 items)

- 2.5.1 Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Organization of the Second Presbyterian Church Congregation of Bloomington, Illinois dated 1880
(invitation of a social reunion on June 28th and to Sabbath on June 27th 1880)
- 2.5.2 Correspondence from J. W. D_____ to My Dear Judge Scott dated April 7, 1880
(personal, business, religion)
- 2.5.3 Correspondence from E.B. Steere to Hon. J M Scott dated September 7, 1880
(a note from E.B. Steere written at the bottom of a letter he received from R.E. Jenkins)
- 2.5.4 Telegraph by The Western Union Telegraph Company from R. E. Jenkins to Hon. E.B. Steese dated September 18, 1880
(from Chicago at 6 p.m. concerning sales)
- 2.5.5 Correspondence from W. K. Mc Allister to My Dear Judge dated November 30, 1881
(personal/business issues)
- 2.5.6 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamp illegible)
- 2.5.7 Envelope addressed to Mr. Justice Scott
(stamped from Chicago IL., Nov 30. 3:30 PM)
- 2.5.8 Envelope addressed to The Hon. J. M. Scott
(stamped from Bloomington IL., April __. 6 PM)

Folder 6: Scott, J. Supreme Court Stationary 1886 (6 items)

- 2.6.1-6 Stationary papers headed "State of Illinois Supreme Court" Justices: John M. Scott, Benj. R. Sheldon, John Scholfield, John H. Mulkey, Alfred M. Craig, Simeon P. Shope, Benj. D. Magruder. 1886.

Folder 7: Scott, J. Newspaper Clippings (9 items)

- 2.7.1 "And Address of 'Long Ago.'"
(an addressed delivered before the brethren of Hiram Lodge No. 4, at Frankfort, KY., June 24, 1815.)
- 2.7.2 "Campaign of 1860." The Five Platforms.
(The Republican platform adopted at Chicago, May 18, 1860.)
- 2.7.3 "The Hopp Murder Trial."
(The charge of Judge Manierre of the Circuit Court delivered on Dec. 31 to the jury in the Hopp murder trial.)
- 2.7.4 "On the Death of Judge Scott's Little Boy."
(a poem by L'Inconnu)
- 2.7.5 Poetry in the *Daily State Journal*.
("No Sect in Heaven.")
- 2.7.6 "The Cass County- Seat Case."
(rendering the Cass county seat case back to Cass county.)
- 2.7.7 "John Wentworth on Vallandigham"
(on the retirement of Vallandigham)

- 2.7.8 Remarks of Hon. R. M. Benjamin at the meeting of the Bar of McLean county on Saturday the 10th.
(in memory of the late Wm. H. Hanna)
- 2.7.9 Remarks on William Ward Orme.
(Includes a remark made by Judge Davis)

Folder 8: Swett, Leonard/Scott, J. (5 items)

- 2.8.1 Correspondence from Swett to Hon. John M. Scott dated November 18, 1875?
(page 1)
- 2.8.2 Correspondence from Swett to Hon. John M. Scott dated November 18, 1875?
(page 2)
- 2.8.3 Correspondence from from Swett to Hon. John M. Scott dated November 18, 1875?
(page 3)
- 2.8.4 Correspondence from Swett to Hon. John M. Scott dated November 27, 1875
(law)
- 2.8.5 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamped from Chicago IL., Nov 19. 6 PM)

Folder 9: Moore, C.H./Scott, J. (7 items)

- 2.9.1 Tax ticket dated November 29, 1870
(received of C.H. Moore- \$22.04)
- 2.9.2 Correspondence from C.H. Moore to Hon. Jno M. Scott dated December 5, 1870
(discussing expenses)
- 2.9.3 Correspondence from C.H. Moore to Hon. Jno M. Scott dated February 17, 1873
(discussion of money)
- 2.9.4 Correspondence from C.H. Moore to Hon. Jno M. Scott dated February 20, 1873
(discussion of money)
- 2.9.5 Envelope addressed to Hon. Jno M. Scott
(stamped from Bloomington IL., Dec. 5)
- 2.9.6 Envelope addressed to Judge Jno. M. Scott
(stamped from Clinton IL., ___ 18)
- 2.9.7 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott
(stamp illegible, ___ 21)

Folder 10: Mosher, C.D. / Scott, J. (2 items)

- 2.10.1 Photographic Art Gallery Flyer from C.D. Mosher dated ?
- 2.10.2 Envelop Addressed to Judge Scott from Mosher's
(stamped from Chicago IL., Apr 25)

Folder 11: Scott - Gridley (63 pages)

- 2.11.1 Sketch of General Asahel Gridley by John M. Scott
(Biography of General Asahel Gridley's life written by John M. Scott around 1894)

Folder 12: John Scott - Will (2 items)

- 2.12.1 Will of John M. Scott Deceased
(29 pages-- booklet)
- 2.12.2 Draft of Will for John M. Scott
(22 pages-- on Pantagraph Stationary paper)
- 2.12.3 Draft of Will for John M. Scott
(3 page-- on Pantagraph Stationary paper)
- 2.12.4 Draft of Will for John M. Scott
(5 page-- on Pantagraph Stationary paper)

Folder 13: Scott Bible Contents (7 items)

- 2.13.1 A lock of hair attached to a bit of string wrapped around a small piece of paper wrapped in a thin sheet of paper-unlabeled
- 2.13.2 Wm. M. Fenson Attorney, Flint-Mich
(calling card)
- 2.13.3 The Little Coffin
(newspaper clipping of a poem by Mrs. H. L. Botswick)
- 2.13.4 Obituary of Mrs. Samuel Scott
(newspaper clipping)
- 2.13.5 *The Argument for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ*
(booklet written by Thomas H. Skinner)
- 2.13.6 *The Standards and the Ministry*
(booklet written by Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D.D.)
- 2.13.7 Certificate for David I. Perry
(from the city of Bloomington certifying David I. Perry as mayor)

Folder 14: Scott Inventory- Western Reserve Historical Society (3 items)

- 2.14.1 Letter from the Western Reserve Historical Society to Mr. Greg Koos, Archivist
(in regards of sending two inventories on the Perry and Scott collections to keep on file)
- 2.14.2 Scott Inventory (10 pages)
- 2.14.3 Perry Inventory (2 pages)

Folder 15: Perry, David I., Correspondence 1852-1859 (8 items)

- 2.15.1 Correspondence from _S. Rogers, M.S. to Friend Perry dated May 25, 1852
(regarding a business partnership and a change of bank accounts)
- 2.15.2 Correspondence from David L. Taylor to David Perry dated May 25, 1854
(regarding health, family, and business opinions)
- 2.15.3 Correspondence from S.L? Perry to Dr. Brother David dated July 21, 1854
(concerning money and health)
- 2.15.4 Correspondence from Mr Wm. F__y to David I Perry dated January 17, 1859
(2 separate pages)
(regarding life in general)
- 2.15.5 Blank Envelope
- 2.15.6 Blank Envelope
- 2.15.7 Envelope addressed to Rev. David Perry

(stamp is partly illegible, May 29)

- 2.15.8 Envelope addressed to Dr. David Perry
(stamped from Farmington __S., May 27)

Folder 16: Perry Correspondence 1861-1865 (9 items)

- 2.16.1 Correspondence from brother John B. to sister dated May 28, 1861
(concerning talk of circuit judge elections and business)
- 2.16.2 Correspondence from Jno. B. to father and sister dated March 10, 1863
(regarding personal stories)
- 2.16.3 Correspondence from Jno. B. to father dated July 15, 1864
(regarding John's health and the army)
- 2.16.4 Correspondence from John D. to brother dated March 2, 1865
(regarding travel and scenes in the army)
- 2.16.5 Correspondence from John D. Perry to grandfather dated August 13, 1865
(regarding the life of being a soldier)
- 2.16.6 Envelope addressed to Miss. Adelaide Perry
(stamped from Tamaroa IL., May 30)
- 2.16.7 Envelope addressed to Rev. David I. Perry
(stamped from Chattanooga TN., date illegible)
- 2.16.8 Envelope addressed to Rev. David I. Perry
(stamped from Louisville KY., Mar 12)
- 2.16.9 Envelope addressed to Mr. D. J. Perry
(stamp illegible)

Folder 17: Pickard, Laura/Perry, Frances (6 items)

- 2.17.1 Correspondence from Laura Pickard to Miss. Perry dated January 9, 1936
(asking for information on Gladys since Gladys is not responding to her letters)
- 2.17.2 Correspondence from Laura Pickard to Frances Perry, not dated
(asking Frances to address the closed letter to Gladys)
- 2.17.3 Correspondence from Aunt Laura to Gladys, not dated
(asking Gladys why she is not responding to her letters)
- 2.17.4 Envelope addressed to Miss. Frances Perry
(stamped from Mount Vernon OH., Jan 5, 1938)
- 2.17.5 Envelope addressed to Miss. Laura M. Pickard
(not stamped)
- 2.17.6 Envelope with only return address to L.M. Pickard
(not stamped)

Folder 18: Perry, Geo. W. -1845 (4 items)

- 2.18.1-3 Newspaper cut out titled "Death of Hon. Noah Ely." (3 pieces)
(following his obituary, written by H.O.S.)
- 2.18.4 Correspondence from G.W.P. to Sarah, Charlotte and Bell dated June 5, 1845
(concerning an opportunity to furnish paintings and concerning health)

Folder 19: Perry Genealogy Correspondence -1895 (16 items)

- 2.19.1 Correspondence from Sarah Perry's cousin to Mrs. Stevenson dated October 25, 1890
(seeking genealogy answers through the D.A.R.)
- 2.19.2 Correspondence from Jessie Sam? Zile Belden to Mrs. James Mead Belden dated September 30, 1895
(discussing interest in their family genealogy)
- 2.19.3-4 Correspondence from Jessie Perry Sam? Zile Belden to Frances, not dated (2 pieces)
(discussing findings in their family genealogy)
- 2.19.5 Correspondence from Jessie P. Z. B. to Frances, not dated
(discussing discovery of a spoon and asking where it came from)
- 2.19.6 Calling card- Mrs. James Mead Belden
(Friday. 618 West Genesee Street)
- 2.19.7 Correspondence from Jessie Z. Belden, not dated
(discussing the discovered spoon)
- 2.19.8-9 Correspondence from Jessie _ Z. Belden to Cousin dated March 15, 1895 (2 pieces)
(discussing more genealogy findings)
- 2.19.10 Correspondence from Jessie ___ Zile Belden to Cousin Frances, not dated
(concerning family and family correspondence)
- 2.19.11 Envelope addressed to Miss Sarah Perry
(stamped from Syracuse, Sep 30)
- 2.19.12 Envelope addressed to Miss. Sarah Perry
(stamped from Syracuse, March 15)
- 2.19.13 Envelope addressed to Miss Frances P. Triplett
(stamped from Syracuse N.Y., Dec 11)
- 2.19.14 Envelope addressed to Miss. Frances P. Triplett
(stamped Syracuse N.Y., Nov 29)
- 2.19.15 Envelope addressed to Miss. Frances Triplett
(stamped from Syracuse N.Y., Nov 2)
- 2.19.16 Envelope addressed to "Frances"
(not stamped)

Folder 20: Perry/Birdsall Genealogy (3 items)

- 2.20.1 Birdsall Genealogy statement (3 pages)

Folder 21: Perry, Francis – Legal Papers (14 items)

- 2.21.1 Bloomington Public Schools, Fanny Perry, 6th grade, for Sept 13, 1886.
(report card)
- 2.21.2 Bloomington High School, Fannie Perry, for Sept 15, 1890.
(report card)
- 2.21.3 Bloomington High School, Fannie Perry, for Sept 11, 1893.
(report card)
- 2.21.4 Bloomington High School, Marie Perry, for Sept 15, 1890.
(report card)
- 2.21.5 Vendor's Lien Note, February 8, 1918
(from W.D. Wells to C.R. Engelman, \$2713.50, number 3330, Paid)
- 2.21.6 Vendor's Lien Note, February 8, 1918
(from W.D. Wells to C.R. Engelman, \$2713.50, number 3331)

- 2.21.7 Vendor's Lien Note, October 1, 1918. Attached is a note by the Engelman Company.
(from C.R. Engelman to Frances Perry, \$956.96, number 393 A, Paid)
- 2.21.8 Vendor's Lien Note, October 1, 1918.
(Cancelled)
- 2.21.9 Tax Receipt for Donna Irrigation District Hidalgo County Number One, March 20, 1920.
(received of Frances I. Perry, Number 3351)
- 2.21.10 Contract for the Sale of Real Estate
(J.C. Engelman Company received \$1000 due by Oct. 1, 1919 from Frances Perry)
- 2.21.11 Correspondence from The Engelman Company to Miss Perry, October 8, 1920.
(acknowledging receipt sent in her last letter)
- 2.21.12 Vendor's Lien Note, October 1, 1918.
(from C.R. Engelman to Frances Perry, \$3818, Paid)
- 2.21.13 Correspondence from Diets Machinery House? to J.C. Engelman Land Company, Jan 28, 1920.
(concerning the correct amounts paid in the notes)
- 2.21.14 Deed document, June __, ____ (2 pages)
(release claim on estate)

Folder 22: Abstract of Title – Perry (1 item)

- 2.22.1 Frances Perry Bond, Abstract of Title, McLean County (18 pages bound).
(No. 87425, Vol. 469, Page 182)

Folder 23: Collins, Gladys – Poetry (15 items)

- 2.23.1 “Joel M’David is Post Name” Newspaper article, not dated.
(Young Decatur lawyer who died in aerial service in France is awarded Veterans of Foreign Wars)
- 2.23.2 “January Tern 1919 Macon County Circuit Court, Joel McDavid.” Monday January 13, 1919. (2 separate documents)
(Obituary for Joel Furnas McDavid)
- 2.23.3 Untitled poem on notebook paper, not dated
- 2.23.4 “A Soldier’s Vision (Margaret & Saugster?), not dated.
(on a half sheet of paper)
- 2.23.5 Untitled poem on a regular sheet of paper, not dated
- 2.23.6 “Fool Squirrel and Smart Fox”, not dated.
(typed on ¾ sheet of paper)
- 2.23.7 “With Apologies to Mr. Coleridge” and “Firefly” and “Courtship a la Camouflage”, not dated.
(three separate poems on same sheet of brown colored paper, typed)
- 2.23.8 “A Hymn for Aviators.” not dated
(typed on sheet of paper)
- 2.23.9 Untitled rough sketch of poem, not dated.
(on ripped sheet of paper)
- 2.23.10 Untitled poem, not dated
(typed on small piece of paper with six hole punches)
- 2.23.11 “My Dream” not dated

- (typed on small piece of paper with six hole punches)*
- 2.23.12 “The Indian’s Farewell” not dated
(typed on small piece of paper with six hole punches)
 - 2.23.13 “You” not dated
(on small white piece of paper)
 - 2.23.14 Untitled poems (on front and back), not dated
(on notebook paper)
 - 2.23.15 Photocopy of newspaper article titled: “Was Killed Near Paris, Lieut. J. F. McDavid, Fiance of Miss Gladys Marie Collins Met Death in Airplane Accident.
(Obituary)

Folder 24: Gladys Collins – U of I Diary 1917 (1 item)

- 2.24.1 University of Illinois Handbook
(Rules, guidelines, organizer in back with journal entries)

Folder 25: Misc. (17 items)

- 2.25.1 “Miss Benson.” Not dated, calling card.
- 2.25.2 “Profs. G.D. Edmondson & Son of Edmondson Optical Association” card, not dated.
(Detroit, Mich.)
- 2.25.3 “Admit the Bearer” card for Perry and Family.
(ticket to cemetery entrance from Wright Street, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.25.4 “Dr. Dinsmore will lecture on California” Monday Ev’g, June 26, 8 o’clock.
(Second Presbyterian Church, admission 25 cents)
- 2.25.5 McLean County Bank check to ? for \$44.48 from D. W. Perry, Aug 2, 1864.
(No. 65)
- 2.25.6 McLean County Bank check to myself for \$30 from D. W. Perry, June 18, 1864.
(No. 54)
- 2.25.7 McLean County Bank check to myself for \$10 from D. W. Perry, Aug 31, 1865.
(No. 144)
- 2.25.8 National Bank of Bloomington check to L _ Rood for \$5 from D. W. Perry, Oct, 16 1868.
(No check no.)
- 2.25.9 Envelope addressed to Miss Frances Perry, City, not dated.
(empty, not stamped)
- 2.25.10 Envelope addressed to Mr. David I Perry.
(stamped from ?, March 23)
- 2.25.11 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott.
(stamped from Paris IL., Jun 24)
- 2.25.12 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott.
(stamped from Paris IL., Jun 21)
- 2.25.13 Envelope addressed to Hon. John M. Scott.
(stamped from Pushville IL., Jul 11)
- 2.25.14 Envelope addressed to Mr. Justice Scott.
(stamp illegible)
- 2.25.15 List of books?

- (*written in pencil on half a sheet of paper*)
- 2.25.16 Piece of fabric
(*green with red thread entwined*)
- 2.25.17 “The Oak of Our Fathers” not dated
(*a poem?*)

LOOSE ITEMS

Pamphlet—A Tribute to John M. Scott, Former Illinois Supreme Court Justice
(*For the John M. Scott Health Resources Center’s tenth anniversary. Enclosed are a biography and a photograph of John M. Scott along with excerpts from his Inaugural Address to the Historical Society on March 12, 1892.*)

Small book: Hon. John M. Scott, Justice—Constitution of the United States for the use of schools and academies by Geo. S. Williams, A. M.
(*The Constitution of the United States, Manual on The Constitution of the United States, The Constitution of Illinois, Washington’s Farewell Address, Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Appendix, and Index to the Constitution*)

Small maroon colored book: Record John M. Scott, January 1888-
(*personal list of belongings or gifts designated to particular people along with personal notes (pages 1-192)*)

Small book: Law of Commission—By Edward J. Hill
(*a signed copy given to John M. Scott by Edward J Hill on June 29, 1880*)