relates his sympathy for the independence movement; he feels that there are many good men in Texas, he hopes that he can help her better financially from Texas than he could have from Norfolk; he does not want to be a burden to his aunt and uncle anymore, is very upset, but will trust in God that everything will turn out all right. 7 pp. ALS

Folder 93. 9 December 1836. A.P. Maury, Washington, [D.C.], to his cousin, Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Would be happy to spend the Christmas holidays with them; planned on visiting them in New York before the beginning of the session [of Congress] but bad weather prevented them from doing so, will probably visit at Christmas but will inform her for sure at a later time; hopes that she and her brothers will come to Washington in March for Inauguration Day; saw his cousin Richard Maury and his wife, who urged him to visit New York; would like to become better acquainted with her brother, whom he has already met; would also like to meet her and Mr. Maury; has heard of Mr. Maury ever since he [APM] was young, would have liked to have visited him in Liverpool, but now will be content to meet him in America, sends regards. 2 pp. ALS

Folder 94. 20 January 1837. Rutson Maury, Savannah, [Ga.], to his sister, Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Knows they will be alarmed by what Mr. Cummings said about his [RM] health, but is doing much better now; is sure that he will be able to take his trip to the West in a week; will probably go by ship; did not feel well traveling from New York to Charleston; ate at the homes of friends and smoked many cigars; in Savannah, had a bad headache and drank alcohol to make it go away; became very ill shortly thereafter; describes his symptoms; Mr. Cummings let him stay in his home and called the doctor, his treatments; feels bad because Mrs. Cummings is not feeling well herself and was nursing him; is very appreciative of the Cummings and the doctor; hopes that they are all well, letters from Matthew, made his friend Hay go on without him; is happy to be out of the hotel he was staying at; his legs have become very weak because of the bleedings and calomil treatments. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 95. 25 June 1837. S[arah] Maury, Liverpool, [England], to her sister-in-law, Anne [sic] Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Is sorry that she is upset; William says that everything will turn out all right and that their losses will not be too bad; does not think it will be necessary to give up any of Mr. Maury’s habits; feels that Matthew blames himself which is why he is so depressed, William decided to do whatever he could to help matters, and she is proud of him; is glad that Mr. Maury has not been too upset by the events, many families in Liverpool are having bad times, tells of the troubles of their friends, aside from the financial difficulties, all is well; William said that he wrote her [AM] a letter saying that he was angry at her for telling him to concentrate more on business than on the garden, thinks they should not argue about the issue, will be sorry if Matthew has to sell the Republic, Rutson should be married soon, since everyone thinks they will do good
business again; Matthew’s state of mind, news of friends. 4 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 2 pp.

Folder 96. 9 Dec[ember] 1837. William Maury, Liverpool, [England], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [New York, N.Y.]. Announces the birth of his child [Charles] on the 8th, both Sarah and the baby are doing well; could do fifty times the business M[atthew] & R[utson] Maury send him. 1 p. ALS

Folder 97. 7 Feb[ruary] 1838. John Pintard, [New York, N.Y.], to [James] Maury, [New York, N.Y.]. Declines Mr. Maury’s invitation to dinner to celebrate his 94th birthday; Mr. Pintard’s deafness keeps from dining with company, hopes to visit Mr. Maury on his birthday to congratulate him. 1 p. L

Including Ts of L, 1 p.

Folder 98. 4 June 1838. Th[omas] W[alker] Maury, Charlottesville, [Va.], to his cousin, Lieut[enant] Matthew F[ontaine] Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.]. Apologizes for not having replied sooner, gives a list of the Maury relations in Kentucky, as he requested, does not know precise age of all the children, but gives the date of birth of his brothers and sisters; news of his family; saw his [MFM] kinsman Lancelot Minor Sen[ior], Lancelot Minor is visiting his son Charles who he planned to visit as well but might be prevented from doing because of the bad weather; Lancelot Minor’s plans for travel; his nieces and nephews in Kentucky seem to be promising; sends regards. 3 pp. ALS


Folder 99. 6 July 1838. Rutson Maury, Richmond, [Va.], to his sister, Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Gave her letter to Miss Ellen Mordecai; encloses Miss Ellen’s reply [not present], Miss Ellen’s sister Mrs. Lazarus, Mrs. Lazarus, her husband, and her father were not Christian; Mrs. Lazarus managed to educate her children with Christian values in spite of her family, he was able to be baptized just before she died, her husband already being dead; is reminded of families in the early Christian era by Mrs. Lazarus’s story; is very glad that he was brought up in a Christian family; Miss Laura [Mordecai], his favorite, is a Christian, does not think now that he and she will marry, appreciates her advice on the subject anyway; Mr. Mordecai’s health; Miss Ellen wants to
raise Mrs. Lazarus’s daughters herself; regrets the death of Dr. Wilke’s wife; would rather never marry than have his wife die young; news of friends; a violent thunderstorm; more news of friends; wishes her much success with her book. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 100. 30 Aug[ust] [1838]. M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to his cousin, [Ann] Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Received her letter and a portion of her book, [The Memoirs of a Huguenot Family]; other portions of the text are missing, was very pleased with the book; asks her to send him a translated copy of the Abbé Maury’s letter to her father [James Maury]; found only a few typographical errors; will try to give a copy of the book to Bishop Atoy, who will be able to deliver it to his [MFM] parents. 2 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 1 p.

Folder 101. 6 Sept[ember] 1837. M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to his cousin, [Ann] Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Thanks her for the Abbé’s letter; received the rest of the book [The Memoirs of A Huguenot Family]; the book is now at the binder’s; will let Mary Blackford read it to get an unbiased opinion; Dick wants to know what happened to the little parson’s white hat; will only live in New York if he was captain of a ship which sailed from New York to Liverpool; heard that Rutson is in Richmond; will ask Nannie [his wife, Ann] to fill up the rest of the paper. 2 pp. ALS

Bears ALS from Ann H[erndon] Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to [Ann] Maury, New York, [N.Y.], [6 Sept. 1838]. Admires the book very much; thinks it will be a good thing for the youth of the family to have; thinks Dr. Hawks’ introduction is just right; is glad that her uncle [James Maury] is in good health; Charles might take her suggestion about wearing the leg for a short time each day, will be happy to have Kate back; Annie looks very healthy; Mary is in the country; William and Dabney are still in Culpeper, cousin Fanny is in Fredericksburg, sends regards. 2 pp.


Folder 102. 14 Sept[ember] 1838. Rutson [Maury], Richmond, [Va.], to his sister, Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Went to visit Laura’s mother to ask for her approval [of his match with Laura], she told him she did approve but that the difference in religion between the two might be a problem; Laura had told him that she had not informed her parents that she had changed her faith; told her mother that Laura would have to judge that for herself; Laura was very
upset the next morning, so he did not see her until later in the day; Miss Ellen told him what had happened; Mr. Augustus Mordecai and his bride Miss Young, who dined with her [AM] in New York; Miss Young’s father and old Mr. Mordecai [Laura’s father] were neighbors and Laura and Rosina Young became close; Rosina’s brother John was also closer to the girl, and he developed romantic feelings for Laura; Laura did not know this; on the evening when he and Laura became engaged, they saw John Young; Laura told John the news the next morning, and he was very upset; Laura felt terrible for making him so upset; Laura’s sisters became angry with her; this made her even more upset, and they reconciled; Laura was reassured by Ann’s instructions to Rutson to propose before he left Richmond; extols Laura’s virtues; assumes she has already written to her; hopes that Matthew told her to keep his [RM] engagement a secret for the time being; his kind treatment by Laura’s family, Augustus and two sisters would have preferred for Laura to marry John Young; would like Mr. Maury to write a letter to Mrs. Mordecai, will probably leave Saturday. [The next portion of the letter is written crossways over the writing on the first page] Hopes Matthew will appreciate his new sister, has found time to read her [AM] book; thinks the style is good, although he thinks she writes better in some of her letters; thinks the book will sell well in So[uth] Carolina, since many Huguenots settled there; suggestions about whom she should send the book to. 4 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 2 pp

Folder 103. 10 Oct[ober] [18]38. M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to his cousin, [Ann] Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Does not think she will be able to get him enough good mulberry seeds, asks for two pounds of mulberry seeds and two pounds of sugar beet seeds; the bookseller has sold out of her book [The Memoirs of A Huguenot Family]; M[ary] Blackford was charmed by the book; she hopes that its readers will realize that it is not fiction; tells her to look in the Nov[ember] edition of the “Southern Literary Messenger” for an advertisement of the book; Mrs. Hite asked for their grandfather’s bible; does not know where it is, but wants to keep it among the Maury line; expects orders daily. 3 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 1 p

Folder 104. 28 Oct[ober] [18]38. M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to his cousin, [Ann] Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Is happy that the book is doing well, suggests an English [British?] edition, the typo[graphical] errors were the fault of the Ed[itor] or compositor; the Lie[u][tenant][?] says he did not know about the attack on the Navy until he read about it in the Globe; asks which of Mat[thew]’s friends is working on building the steamer for Liverpool; Nannie wants to visit New York; Betty [his daughter, Elizabeth] is looking very healthy; Charles wears the leg occasionally, news of family, tells Rutson to come visit him if he is in the area; sends
regards. 3 pp. ALS

Folder 105. 11 November 1838. Rutson Maury, Richmond, [Va.], to his sister, Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. He and Laura are no longer engaged; would rather tell her about it than brood over it; his trip back to Richmond; was unable to stop by and see James; William Lewis of Fredericksburg died, but he [RM] did not stop to see the family; arrived in Richmond too late to go to church; went to Laura’s house and saw most of the family; Laura was at church when he arrived and asked to be excused from eating lunch with the family; finally got to see her, and she was very upset; she told him that she felt they should not be married; she said that she felt gratitude toward him for his kindness after her father’s death, but she did not love him; she is unhappy with herself for not letting him know any of her feelings in her letters; she said that she would still marry him if he wanted her to, but he released her from the engagement; feels more sorry for her than he does for himself; plans to leave for Petersburg soon and go to Charleston from there; tells Ann not to worry about him; Laura read Ann’s note but declined the gifts from her and Matthew; Laura will reply to Ann’s letter and he hopes she will reply to Laura’s; does not hold a grudge against Laura or her family; if she wants to tell Sarah what happened, she may; wants her to let Matthew know that this will not affect his work; is going to take Laura’s letters back to her, as she requested; send regards, does not think there is a rival for Laura’s affections. 3 pp.

Folder 106. 6 January 1839. James Maury, Liverpool, [England], to “My dear Trib,” [America]. Expects the old doe to deliver her young very soon; the new buck and the two does have mange, his mother was sick the night before from eating too much fruit; will write to A by the next ship; likes his school and his teacher; went to the theater; damage done [by a storm?] the previous night, sends regards. 3 pp. ALS

Bears ALS from [Sarah Mytton Maury], [Liverpool, England], to [Ann Maury?], [America], 8 January 1839. James wrote his letter quickly because he wanted to feed the rabbits; will ask Aunt Bold if Rutson can stay with her once he arrives, as she is not feeling well; is not very worried by Mr. Maury [her father-in-law]’s colds in the winter; hopes he is feeling better; damage done by the storm; William does not want Matthew to sell the Republic. 1 p.

Folder 107. 12 June 1839. Nannie W. Morris, [Green Springs, Va.], to Ann [Anne Maury, William’s daughter?], [n.p.]. Wrote a letter to her in February, but it was never sent; Jimmy has been very sick but is now getting better, her schoolhouse and her two “wild” friends both named Polly, received the piano, and her mother is very pleased with it; asks her about the place she lives in; her trip across the ocean, and her opinion of America; would like to visit England; Jimmy wants their father to bring him a gun from Richmond; the two girls named Polly saw some bears,
the children will have a month off from school soon because “cousin Mal is going to break up next week”; her mother sends love to Ann’s Aunt Ann and grandfather; thanks Mr. Maury for the books he sent; asks when she is going to England to see her parents. 2 pp. ALS

Bears ALS from A.C. Morris, Green Springs, [Va ], to [Ann] Maury, New York, [N.Y.], 22 June 1839. Apologizes for not thanking her for the piano; the family’s bad health; James Maury [Morris] is still sick with lung disease, but has improved; thanks her for the piano; are all glad to hear of Mr. Maury’s good health; visit from Mr. Reuben Maury, who spoke of his visit to the Maurys in New York; hopes that she and Mr. Maury will visit them again, sends regards. 1 p.

Including Ts of ALS by A.C. Morris, 1 p.

Folder 108. 27 June 1839. Butler Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to his cousin, [Ann] Maury, New York City, [N.Y.]. His mother received the letter she sent; he has decided not to return to New York; will try to go to Norfolk or to Baltimore, since Siffrin [his brother?] tried to find one and could not; growth of importation to Norfolk; Mr. Soutter will look for a position for him in Norfolk; Aunt Betsy is not well and wants to sell the mill; Siffrin will do the farming and Roslyn will look after the store; Uncle Vass left his estate to Aunt Betsy and her children instead of his own children; Uncle Vass’s children sued them but they lost, Walker Maury’s wife and sister are visiting; thanks Rutson for sending the clothes; hopes Mr. Maury’s health is good; sends regards to Matthew, Rutson, and Nannie [Anne Maury?]; asks them to send a purse and guard that his mother sent him. 2 pp. ALS

Folder 109. 12 July 1839. Rutson Maury, Richmond, [Va.], to his sister, Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Is grateful to Matthew for letting him come to Richmond; the entire Mordecai family was glad to see him; is glad he decided to go even before they invited him; Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Taylor expected him to come; describes again the gratification of the Mordecai family upon his arrival; was reminded of Laura wherever he went, but the memories were not sad ones; was glad that she was happy and that she was to be [had been?] married to Mr. Young; Ellen showed Laura what he had written about her in a letter, and Laura was touched by the fact that Rutson said such kind things about her; does not feel that he is worthy of such approval, but is glad to have it, felt very welcome in the Mordecai’s home; he and Mr. Young had a conversation about Laura, feels very bad for Mr. Young but is impressed with the way he is handling things; hopes to console Emma and Julia with the prospect of joining Laura in heaven; George intends to be baptized; Mrs. Mordecai is very resigned; Julia is very upset, as she and Laura were very close, hopes will write to Ellen and Julia, thinks that what Ann has to say will be helpful, since she is taking care of Nancy and might understand Julia’s feelings about Laura better for that; hopes that his father is well, Laura was buried with her father; Mr. Young knew that she
was a Christian, but could not bring himself to ask Mrs. Mordecai if Laura could have a Christian burial; everyone is upset that a likeness of Laura was never made. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 110. 5 Oct[obe]r 1839. E[liza] Maury, Piedmont, [Va.], to her cousin, Ann Maury, New York City, [N.Y.] Ann will probably wonder what she is doing in the mountains of Virginia; [her son] Dabney left West Point to be closer to her; decided to go to college in the fall and chose between W[illiam] and Mary and the University of V[irginia]; chose the University of Virginia; she went to visit him to make sure that he was getting settled in all right; has been able to see many friends and family members near Charlottesville, approves of the University; thinks that Dabney will do well there, Reuben received her letter and sends his love; she will write for Reuben as Ann did in New York; he and his son are harvesting their crop; cousin Betsy's health is still not good, but she has gotten better; Betsy wishes to send Ann a book; will return home next week; thinks that Matthew will be back from visiting his parents in Tennessee in time to travel with her; Matthew's parents didn't receive the letter telling them he was come so he surprised them, his mother mistook him for an Irishman; Matthew's parents will probably come back with him for a visit; visits to family members; would like to hear from Mr. Maury; news of family; Reuben's crops; wants to sell her Multicandes[?]. 4 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 3 pp.

Folder 111. 30 January 1840. M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, Fredericksburg, V[irginia], to his cousin, M[atthew] Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Is not upset that he mistakenly took his [MM] gown, as it is comfortable; his Paris and London terms for payment benefitted him; offers him his rubber boots; or his wife[?] can give him one of his [MM] gowns; he and Lynch had been thinking about overhauling the papers in the Department [of the Navy]; spoke to Dickinson about it, and he approved the idea; did not have the time to do anything at the time; Dickinson claimed the idea as his own; the other day, someone was regretting the fact that there was no existing account of [Governor] Spottswood's trip across the mountains; Jno [John] Minor volunteers to make a glossary of the words in the journal, Mary Blackford wants to know about the private history of Mrs. Jameson; asks Ann to tell her, business matters. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 112. 19 Feb[ruar]y 1840. William Maury, Liverpool, [England], to his sister, Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. The birth of his son [Walker], Sarah was not due to give birth until the next week, but she has been upset lately by the death of her sister, Willy James is visiting and everyone likes him, including Sarah, who usually does not like young men; will travel to London next week with John Garrett; is working at the office a lot; Joe[?] Ewart's plans to build a house; William Rutson's wealth, which does not make him [WR] happy. 3 pp. ALS
Folder 113. 4 March [1840]. A.P. Prevost, Canandaigua, to William Wood, "Snuggery." Agrees to inscribe James Maury's name on the monument for "Heber" which is in the Episcopal church. 1 p. ALS

Bears ALS from W[illiam Wood], [Snuggery], to Miss [Ann] M[aury], Wall St[reet], New York, [New York], [n.d.]. Planted an evergreen tree in front of the Snuggery, inscribed [Mr. Maury's] name on the Heber Tab[le]t; asks her to send one of the enclosed items [not present] to Mrs. W[illia]m Maury [Sarah], asks for information about Mr. Maury's death. 1 p.

Folder 114. 15 April 1840. Rutson Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann Maury, Fredericksburg, Virginia. He will leave for Mobile tomorrow to settle Mr. Boykin's account; does not want to go, but does not want to lose the money either; does not like leaving Matthew alone with all of the work the company was to do; hopes to be back in time to take her and Nan back to New York; does not think they should go back early, as they would be of no use to Matthew at work; will let her know once he gets there how long he thinks he will stay in Mobile; William's trip to London; business prospects; was very impressed by the ship Republic; more discussion of business; William was upset to learn that Mrs. Ja[me]s Bold is to be confined in August; news of friends, Mr. Varian's re-election. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 115. 23 April 1840. Rutson Maury, Montgomery, [Ala.], to his sister, Ann Maury, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Wants her to tell Matthew of his progress, will take the steamboat John Duncan from Montgomery to Mobile; his health, the weather, friends he has seen on his trip; met a man on the way to Charleston who turned out to be the man Mr. Danforth, whom he met in Northampton, spoke of; the man, Mr. Napier, had contributed a great deal of money to the colonization society; they had a nice talk and Mr. Napier told him to visit him in Northampton; saw Dr. DeRosset, whom he met at the Mordecai's in Richmond; in Wilmington, [Del.], he also invited him to visit; wrote to Miss Ellen Mordecai from Wilmington, she gave him some oranges and biscuits to take on the trip; his companions from Greensboro, G[eorgia] were respectable men; two of them were descended from Huguenots who settled in Staten Island, [N.Y.]; one of them had read her book and liked it; books Miss Ellen let him borrow; gives the titles so she can get them for Nan, sends regards; will write to Matthew once he arrives in Mobile. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 116. 27 April 1840. William Maury, Liverpool, [England], to his sister, Ann Maury, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Would have written to her earlier, but there were no boats going; Sarah wants her to bring Trib[Nan?] and live with them in England; would be glad to have her; his house is very much like their house was when they were children, may be considered extravagant; used the salary he got from being Director and Treasurer of the Wilmington Patent Dalt[?] company to purchase a Hot House; thinks the price is worth it to make the home prettier for the children; his
parents made their house a home, and no one wanted to leave it; news of friends; Jimmy goes to London tomorrow, sends regards to Trib; sees that he has written on a letter he intended for one of his business acquaintances; Jimmy has gone. 4 pp. ALS

Bears AN from [William Maury], Liverpool, [England], to Mr. Mandrot(?), [n.p.], 17 April 1840. Regarding a bill for flour.

Including Ts of ALS, 1 p.

Folder 117. 18 May 1840. Rutson] Maury, Mobile, [Ala.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [n.p.]. Thanks her for wishing him a happy birthday; will arrange his plans around hers; will not stay anywhere along the way till he gets to Wilmington, [Del.]; will leave for Montgomery tomorrow; plans to be in Wilmington unless he does not get there until the 30th, will try to reach New York by the evening of the 30th, sends regards. 1 p. ALS

Folder 118. 3 February 1841. Ann Herndon] Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to Ann Maury, Sedgewick House, near Kendal, [England]. Asks if she has received a letter from her since she got to England; she sent one before her child was born [Richard Lancelot Maury]; she and the baby are in good health; is glad that he does not depend completely on her for nourishment, as she feels much weaker than she did when she nursed her other children; sometimes feels as though she will not be strong enough to fulfill her motherly duties; Betty is enjoying the book; she reads frequently; Annie has not learned to read yet; Betty would like to hear from Nan; The “Scraps” [a book by Matthew Fontaine Maury?] has been very well-received; Mr. M[auy]'s knee is getting better; he uses the linament [sic] she recommended; Dabney [Herndon Maury] came to visit at Xmas [Christmas]; the rest of the family is well; news of her brothers and sisters, the Blackfords and Aunt Minor are sending four children [former slaves] to Africa; the children are being sent with a Missionary; when they get to Africa, they will stay with cousin Lancelot Minor; the children were excited about the trip; hopes she will come visit there once she has returned to the United States, Betty and Annie send regards. 4 pp. ALS


Folder 119. 27 August 1841. Matthew Maury, Dunkeld, [Scotland?], to his sister, Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Eliza[beth] [his wife] is getting over her fever now; thinks they will
resume their journey by the end of the month; is sorry to have lost so much time and so much of this summer; is glad that Rutson’s hearing is improving and that the rest of his health is good; is not sure what boat they will come back on, hopes they will not start papering the room, since the cotton accounts won’t bring much money in Sept[ember], hopes his return will not interfere with her visit to Virginia; his wife will look after the children [William’s?] while she is gone; business is not going well, but William says not to worry; is willing to work for his living, and hopes William is too; his travel itinerary; him impressions of William’s children, asks her to tell Mat[thew] F[ontaine Maury] that he has no news about Naval affairs; sightseeing, news of friends; received a letter from William, who seems to have decided to stop and ask time; asks her to tell Rutson not to worry. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 120. 17 Sept[em]ber 1841. Rutson Maury, [n.p.], to his sister, Ann Maury, [n.p.]. William has had to stop payments, Matthew is still at Dunkild waiting for Elizabeth to recover, he does not feel as bad as he thought he would about the situation. 1 p. ALS

Folder 121. 17 Feb[rury] 1842?]. Ann H[?] Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to her cousin, [Ann] Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Is sending the letter with Mrs. Blackford, who is traveling to Boston; her husband’s[?] parents still want to come to Virginia; Dabney [Maury] will get them next month; thanks her for the advice she gave her husband about buying the house; cousin Walker’s family is recovering from the measles; her husband expects to get the command of the Pointset, her brother Dabney has just been stationed in Florida with the army, does not know whether and Dabney will meet again in this world, but is hopeful that she will see him in heaven; her son injured his tongue, but it looks like it will not affect him too much, sends regards. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 122. 6 November 1843. Rutson Maury, Savannah, [Ga.], to his sister, Ann Maury, Charlottesville, Albemarle Co[unty], Virginia. Hopes she had a good trip; sends regards to the family and asks for news of them; his trip to Savannah, was only in Charleston, [S.C.], for a few hours, so he did not get to see anyone there; George B[rooke?]’s family was not ready for his return, but they were happy to see him, is in the same room he stayed in last summer; caught a cold which has dulled his hearing; George B[rooke?]’s health is much improved; Seipir[?] is ill again with inflammatory rheumatism; asks if she knows any remedies for it; has spoken to Mr. Cumming about the Grampus subscription and hopes it will get started soon; hopes that their cousin is beginning to feel better again after being widowed; thinks that she should find a way to provide for herself; offers to lend some money to Fanny if she needs it; Mr. Robert Gwathmey traveled part of the way with him and was very cordial, unlike his “former friends at New Orleans”; hopes one day to patch things up; business matters, news of friends; his ideas about how he, Ann, and Matthew and his wife should divide the household expenses; his ideas about what to
do about the expenses until Matthew's return. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 123. 24 December [?] 1845. M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, Washington, [D.C.], to his "dear cousin," [Ann Maury?], [n.p.]. Sent for Alek immediately after receiving her letter and freed him; liberated the child as well; Alek paid $250 for his wife; that money added to other costs makes $451.50 that Matthew will be requested to charge to her friend's charity; encloses vouchers [not present], history of Alek and Caroline; his wife agrees that there are many good people among the American and English anti-slavery advocates, doubts the philosophy[?] of the British government; does not want to discuss the subject since it is not pleasant to her; thinks her friend is being judgmental without having the right to do so, when she says that slave holders are unchristian; slavery is not condemned by the Bible; would rather be judged as a [?] master than as a [?] judge of his neighbors; is not saying anything for or against slavery; the Bible does not condemn it, and neither will he, would like six copies of their branches of the family tree, [final portion of typescript is incomplete due to illegibility of original]. 3 pp. Tcy of LS

Folder 124. 1 January 1849. Mary A. Fontaine, Columbus, [Ga.], to [Ann] Maury, New Orleans, [La.]. Thanks her for her letter; was sorry to hear that she had a bad trip; hopes she met Mr. B. Fontaine and his family in Mobile, thinks she should leave New Orleans since the cholera is there; would like her and her brother to come stay with them until the cholera subsides; Henrietta sends regards and will make out the family pedigree by the time she [AM] comes to Columbus; sends regards and wishes for a happy New Year. 2 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 1 p.

Folder 125. 23 October 1849. M[atthew] Maury, James Hotel, Phil[adelphia], [Pa.], to his sister, Ann Maury, Liverpool, [England]. Informed her by the last steamer of their brother William's death on 15 [Oct.] from typhoid fever, because of transportation difficulties and visits he had to make, he did not reach Windsor until Saturday [20 Oct.]; all eleven children were well and glad to see him; James [Maury?] had promised to call daily; he was in favor of sending the youngest children to Fred[ericksburg]; Walker [Maury] had volunteered to take the girls to Washington, the children want to stay together, though, and they will do so until she arrives, all of the children are in pretty good health; supplies and food that he bought for the children; instructions he left the children about legal and financial matters, did not ask if William had had any last requests because he did not want to upset anyone; thinks that James would have mentioned things of that nature, but he did not; found a will that William made in 1835, but there is nothing in it that needs to be acted on right away; William's illness and death, found it difficult to keep from weeping while he was at Windsor; James, Harriet, and Ann seem willing to look after things; his arrival in New York. 4 pp. ALS
Including Ts of ALS, 5 pp.

Folder 126. 17 Dec[embe]r 1849. Rutson Maury, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to his sister, Ann Maury, Windsor, King George County, Virginia. Talked with Mr. Mason and Mr. Tayloe about William's estate; Mr. Mason made a new proposition which he accepted; encloses a copy of the agreement [not present]; the terms of the agreement, feels that it is better to be certain of things than it would be to deal with a lawsuit, they must stick to the bargain, which there should be no reason to complain about; he and Mr. Mason agreed not to speak of the bargain in public, because it might keep people from attending the sale, does not expect to get more than $10,000 at the sale, the sale of William’s furniture, boat, and farm animals; paid Walker [Maury] back for the money he loaned to William, thinks [William’s] things should be stored in Alex[andria] until April or May; news of family, his travel plans, James has been staying with Eliza since he has to talk to Brodie Herndon about the re-interment; spoke with Mr. Vass about their affairs, James wants to leave for New Orleans after he took the things to Alexandria, does not think this is a good idea; thinks James should deal with the disinterment and shipping the goods; (18 Dec[embe]r) James got the boxes; James is asking about a schooner to take the grain to Alexandria; instructions he gave James about bills of landing; William Quisenberry will send his stage down to her whenever she is ready for it, he will also take care of the disinterment and reinterment; James is going today to select a plot in the new Episcopal burying ground; James will stop by Alex[andria] on his way to Baltimore and check on things; J.M. Herndon approves of the agreement he made with John Tayloe, sends regards, asks her to let the neighbor who is good at packing china help her out. 7 pp. ALS

Folder 127. 14 January 1851. James G. King, Washington, [D.C.], to the Hon[orable] C.M. Conrad, Secretary of War, [n.p.]. Encloses an application [not present] by Matthew Fontaine Maury, Jr., that his name may be put on the register for appointments-at-large to West Point; he is the grandson of James Maury, who was taken prisoner during the Revolution, James Maury also served on the Ville de Paris and helped the Count de Grasse distinguish between Englishmen and Americans; James Maury had a contract with the government to sell tobacco to the prisoners at Charleston, at great expense to himself; James Maury was appointed consul to Liverpool by Gen[era]l Washington and served faithfully until Gen[era]l Jackson removed him; no one was a better example of American character than James Maury, would like to help out his orphaned grandson, will consider it a great personal favor if his application could be advanced. 3 pp. ALS

Folder 128. 15 March 1852. [Rutson Maury], New Orleans, [La.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [n.p.]. Wanted to write to her last night, but knew that she would rather he waited until it was light; her past two letters, hopes the season will be profitable so they can send Myttan and Walker to a country school; his business profits from 1849; lately he has been concerned that, if Louis
Napoleon dies, his business will suffer, trusts his own judgment in matters of the cotton trade; treats business matters ethically, unlike other businessmen he knows; thinks that this crop of cotton will produce 3 million bales, feels that it would be better for trade and for France if Louis Napoleon were to die as soon as the new French government is organized, more comments about the cotton trade; visited Mrs. McCormick, who was very ill, talked to her nieces; the nature of Mrs. McCormick’s neuralgia; her nieces help their aunt write letters; they have not had time to write to Ann, but wanted him to thank her for the letters she had sent; Dr. McCormick’s health has not improved. [Final portion of the letter is missing.] 4 pp. ALS

Folder 129. 4 Dec[ember] 1852. M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, National Observatory, Washington, [D.C], to A.A. Calkins, New York, [N.Y.]. Cannot say positively if he can come on 11 Jan[uary], but will come if he can; in his lecture, he will try to show that the ocean currents are regulated by laws, will explain what he sees as the effects of salt water on the ocean; will try to show where the salt in sea water comes from and how sea shells and marine insects influence the sea water. 2 pp. ALS

Bears N, unsigned, [n.p.], [n.d.]. Stating that Matthew Fontaine Maury was “a black-hearted traitor to his country in 1861.”


Including ANS from B[aron] [?] de Humboldt [?], [n.p.], to “Monsieur,” [n.p.], [n.d.]. Thanks him for the information he gave him, including the account of Mr. [Matthew Fontaine] Maury; will publish studies about ocean currents in Germany; comments on current political situations. 1 p.

Folder 130. 22 Ap[ril] 1853. H. [?] A. Adams, Flag Ship Mississippi, Whampoa, to Lieut[en]ant W[illia]m L[ewis] Maury, [n.p.]. Received his note with the accompanying extracts from Logbooks; showed all the information to the commander-in-chief, who was pleased. 1 p. Cy of ALS

Bears N, [n.p.], [n.d.], stating that the letter reproduced is “excessively rare.”

Folder 131. 13 October 1853. R[utson] Maury, 122 Duke St[reet], [Liverpool, England], to his sister, Anne [sic] Maury, [New York, N.Y.?]. Mary Bold will probably not send her a letter by the next ship, the younger Miss Garnet enquired after Ann and her book, so he told her to talk to Mary Bold if she wanted a copy; purchased G. DeFelice’s book, The History of the French
Protestants, but was not sure if it was the correct book; went to Grapels' and found that it was
the right book, bought a copy of it in French for her, news of friends, his plans for his trip, has a
cold, which does not help him improve his hearing; steps he is taking to improve it; went with
Tom Bold to Moss's bank to pay dividends; before they left, he received a letter from Tom Moss
asking him to give Moss and Co[pany] all the money they held for Maury, Latham and
Co[pany], met with Mr. T.E. Moss at the bank and refused to sign the letter without Mr.
Latham's consent; told him he would sign a check for the money already agreed on, but nothing
else; Mr. T.E. Moss signed the rec[ipt]s and Ann's deed; spoke to old Mr. Moss while he was
there and believes that the letter was his idea; was very happy to have gotten the document he
wanted; is keeping Tom Bold's copy and sending the original to Ann, Mr. Latham's letters; is
now back in the business world. 4 pp. ALS

Includes ANS from Rutson Maury, Liverpool, [England], to his sister, Ann Maury, New York,
[N.Y.], 14 Oct[ober] 1853. Stating that he sent her the deed of relinquishment. 1 p.

Folder 132. 5 March 1854  Rutson Maury, New Orleans, [La.], to his sister, Ann Maury,
[New York, N.Y.?]. Was glad to receive her letter, as he was worried about Matthew's health; is
glad to hear that Matthew is doing better; is sorry that Elizabeth and Nan have colds; his health
has been good despite the bad weather; congratulates her and Myton on the good job they did
preparing for his test; sends his best wishes to William and will help him if he needs it; as William
was the most difficult at first, is glad that he is doing so well now; has not heard anything about
Fontaine; thinks it is good that Walker is so fond of telling the truth; thinks she must be glad to
have the children to take care of; James and Rutson both enjoy visiting Edward Pollard; the
enclosed letter from Mrs. Cox [not present] should explain that her daughter has the measles, will
escort Mrs. Cox to Mrs. Alex Gordons' tomorrow, George Pollard did not get the post he
wanted, but was offered a position as a book-keeper with the same company; he debated about
whether or not to accept it, but he finally took the position; spoke to him last month, and he is
satisfied that he can handle the work; is embarrassed about a bad decision he made about cotton;
sometimes feels that he is too old to do anything, and that his experience does not help him; finally
found and read the memoir of Mr. King in Hunts' Merchants' Magazine; felt that he looked too
stern in the daguerrotype, though. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 133. 7 June 1854. John W [?] Maury, Washington, [D.C.], to his cousin, [Ann Maury],
[New York, N.Y.]. Thanks her for her letter, was not very enthusiastic about running for
reelection [as mayor of Washington], but did it anyway to please his friends; is looking forward to
being able to relax; is proud to have received as many votes as he did; was defeated by a
candidate of the Know-Nothing party, their efforts to make him out as a Catholic and foreign
candidate; many people were convinced that his election would be a triumph for Popery, looks
forward to being able to visit friends and relatives; his newborn twin sons were not expected to live for very long; one of the boys died yesterday, and they expect the other one will die soon, had hoped they would live, even though he already has many children; his family and the other Maurys in the area are all well, expects to visit her in New York soon; sends regards. 3 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 2 pp.

Folder 134. 13 Nov[embe]r 1854. E[liza] Maury, [n.p.], to her cousin, [Ann Maury], [n.p.]. Is sorry about the recent death [of Harriet (Maury) Ludlow's son, William], would have written sooner, but she was ill; is very sorry for Harriet, thinks that the loss of an infant is not as difficult to bear as other losses; thinks that time will help them come to terms with the loss; hopes they will be consoled with the though that the child is with God; the deaths of her friends, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Tyler, and Mrs. Bemis; the birth of her second grand-daughter, Eliza Fontaine; has not been to see her because of bad weather or her illness; the child's mother is still very weak and sorry to be separated from Dabney; Dabney is doing well in the army in Texas; trying to provide for her family of Blacks; was sorry to hear that Ann's health was poor over the summer, and hopes that she is feeling better; Mary Blackford is going back to Philadelphia because her parents hope it will help her health; Sally expects to have her confinement next month, and she will try to go to her, Sally's health is very feeble, sends regards to Rutson and M[atthew], John wants to send Lybley to an institution in the North or in Staunton, Miss Hetty sends regards. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 135. 22 January 1855. M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, Observatory, Washington, [D.C], to "Sir," [n.p.]. In reply to his questions, states that he finds valuable knowledge of scientific matters in the Bible; refers to the idea that the solar system is moving through space, possibly revolving around the constellation of the Pleiades; reference to the earth being round in Psalms; evidence in Job for a knowledge of the laws of gravity; the length of a day during creation was not twenty-four hours; in attempting to understand science, he always keeps in mind that God created nature; therefore religion and nature must both be correct, even if the two seem to be saying something different, Soloman [sic] was aware of the circulation of the atmosphere; enjoys his study of the sea and of the stars. 2 pp. Tcy of LS


Folder 136. 6 April 1855. Rutson Maury, New Orleans, [La.], to his sister, Ann Maury, New
York, [N.Y.]. Heard of Mrs. Leech’s death; saw their nephew William last week; his steamboat seems to be doing well; did not tell him about Rutson and James’s new plans; Rutson told Mr. Menlon about his plans to go to Liverpool and set up business; was annoyed because he had not told him he could tell anyone; thinks that Rutson should escort her to Liverpool, and that he should make his schedule correspond to hers; thinks she should go to England as soon as she can; assented to Rutson and James’s plans after reading Mr. Cray’s notes and his own letter; wanted to consult Matthew about Rutson’s trip, but Matthew is too busy with other matters; Rutson asked him for $250 on top of his traveling expenses; was surprised that he asked for so much money; Rutson does not have any money now and does not have any more coming to him, gave him the money, and intends to give him $100 for traveling expenses; wants Matthew to pay his passage and give him spare money for the trip; James told Mr. Majce[?], his boss, that he plans to go into business for himself; James will not have much money to live on after he quits his current job; he and James discussed Rutson’s finances; James asked if he could go to Liverpool also; explained the state of his own finances to James so he would understand why he is not so willing to lend a lot of money; James said that going to Liverpool would not cost much more than staying in New Orleans would, since he could stay with Mr. Jennings in Liverpool; wants to know her and Matthew’s opinion about James’s plan; would rather he went to New York to see his brothers and sisters; but also appreciates his desire to visit his native country; it might be good for James to discuss business matters with Mr. Cray while he is in Liverpool; thinks James has learned a lot about adversity from working with Mr. Majce; hopes that Rutson will learn to control his selfishness; thinks that James and Rutson are much like their father was in their inability to say “thank you”; hopes Rutson will show gratitude to her when she sees him; his hearing has improved a little; went to the dentist who fixed his tooth very well; thinks that she will have enough people to escort her back from Liverpool; Rutson and James might each take a tour of the South upon their return; hopes that business will go well this season; Mrs. Empie [Mrs. H.B. Gwathmey’s daughter] gave birth to a son. 9 pp. ALS

Folder 137. 9 May 1855. R[utson] Maury, New Orleans, [La.], to his sister, Ann Maury, [Liverpool, England]. Received a letter from Matthew; Mr. Clunas[?] met Capt[ain] Russell of the Princeton and liked him; hopes that she also liked him and that she had a good trip; sends regards to friends and relatives in Liverpool; Matthew says that business is good in New York; despite the fact that he is in good health, he will leave New Orleans as soon as cotton prices are low; news of friends; wants her to ask Tom Bold to reserve a berth for her in a steamer, no earlier than 13 October], is sure that there will be many people she knows on the ship for the trip back; saw James, who is still waiting to hear from Mr. Craig, does not think that Rutson will make much money in Richmond because he doesn’t know enough about the business yet; thinks it would be better for James to go to Richmond instead of Rutson and forego the trip to Liverpool; Rutson should come back this year, though, and he can return when she does; (16 [May]) Charles
has arrived and is well. 2 pp. ALS

Folder 138. 23 May 1855. R[utson] Maury, New Orleans, [La.], to his sister, Ann Maury, [Liverpool, England]. His plans for traveling to N[ew] York; the weather, James plans to leave for Richmond between 10 and 20 June; suggests sending him to White Sulphur Springs before he returns to N[ew] York; Matthew approves of his plans for Rutson and James; William was in New Orleans last week; hopes that Harriet will not come to New Orleans because of the heat, news of friends; cotton profits he expects to make; wishes that he had made more money; hopes that she is well; decided to leave New Orleans sooner because his landlady was giving up her house and he did not want to find other lodgings; news of friends. 2 pp. ALS

Bears ANS from M[atthew] Maury, N[ew] Y[ork], [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [Liverpool, England], 30 May 1855. Discusses how much money they will likely make from cotton, will probably be able to pay her the money they owe her; discusses her financial situation; wants to convince Rutson that he should not work in N[ew] Orleans any more; thinks he is too old for that climate, James could do business there instead; asks her opinion on what he has said; Mary [his daughter] is much better, and the doctor says her cold should be gone in a few days.

Folder 139. [June 1855]. Anne F[ontaine] Maury, [New York, N.Y.], to her Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Uncle Rutson is still asleep, so she will write until he wakes up; preserved some strawberries and pineapple, but burnt them, did some more strawberries today; asks her to thank Mrs. Cropper for the books and pictures; Bridget had a "gouty Rheumatic affection" in her feet, but rested for a day and is feeling better; Ann took Bridget's place in the household duties; is very annoyed with Mrs. Henry Gilpin who invited her niece, Helena Sibley, to stay with the Maury's for a few weeks; Mrs. Gilpin wants to pay them for keeping Helena, but she will refuse to accept payment; Mr. Henry Gilpin has been helping Rutson [her brother]; is uninterested in Rutson's business, feels that Rutson is selfish and heartless; was insulted by his comment that the house looked better as she thought it was wonderful to begin with; did not tell him that he had upset her; told him that the family is upset because he behaves well with strangers and friends but is cross with his own family, Rutson said that it made him sad to remember his home because he was happier then; is glad that her aunt Bridget has a nice home, would prefer to stay with her [Ann] as long as she will have her; Aunt E[izabeth] wants her to tell Ann that Mrs. Richard Gilpin had a son, news of friends; tells her not to use her spectacles so much by writing so many letters; Harriet sends regards. 8 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 1 p.

Folder 140. [June or July 1855]. Anne F[ontaine] Maury, [New York, N.Y.], to her Aunt, [Ann
Maury, [Liverpool, England]. Bridget's gout still bothers her, so she has asked her sister to come help out for the week; Sarah has had one of her usual summer attacks; Tobin fell down and hurt his hip; Mrs. Clinton, Ann's old friend, has died; Dr. Neville said that he appreciated her getting the stocks for him, but that he would rather she got him a copy of Roget's *Thesaurus*, because the American edition is not good; has taken Walker and Mytton's measurements for shirts; their church will not be closed this summer; she and Uncle Rutson dined at Highwood yesterday; Mrs. King came to visit, Mr. Hadden fell and bruised his forehead; she thinks a more serious injury might become apparent later; Cousin Lewis sent her [AM] a letter; Tobin is going to Oyster Bay; have not heard from Harriet. 2 pp. ALS

Folder 141. 7 June 1855. Rutson Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann Maury, [Liverpool, England]. They all received her letters; spoke with Mary Bold about Laura and Bold & Co[monly]'s affairs the last time he was in Liverpool; told her that he thought Tom should settle things with his brother so that he could make arrangements for Laura; Tom's recent business ventures; does not think Mary needs to be worried; does not think she [AM] should mention Tom's affairs to Laura; does not want Rutson to leave yet; he and Matthew do not approve of the circular of Craig & Maury that Rutson sent, feels that Rutson is ignoring his instructions and the plans he made for him and James, he and Nan are going to take a trip to Niagara; Charles left this morning, the letter attached to the circular was poorly written; thinks that Rutson needs to study grammar and learn to write like a gentleman; news of friends; (9 June) read her "Nautical Journal" and found it interesting; arrangements in case Rutson arrives; if he does not come, everything will go as originally planned; will send a pair of eye glasses, belonging to Mrs. H.B. Gwathmey, to be fixed in London; asks her to bring vegetable marrow seed for Mr. Pollard. 6 pp. ALS

Folder 142. 24 June 1855. Rutson Maury, Fourth St[ree]t, New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann Maury, [Liverpool, England]. He, Nan, and Miss Laura Hadden returned on Wednesday from their trip to Niagara; visited *Trent* on Falls, rode to Utica in a hack instead of taking the train, which wrecked, so the hack was better even if it was expensive; traveled across the Suspension Bridge, stayed at the Clifton House, where they took a private parlor for tea; visited the falls at Niagara; traveled to Ogdensburg; traveled over the rapids and was impressed only by the last two; visited Montreal; traveled to Ticonderoga on the same boat as Mr. George W. Lyman and his family, trip to Lake George; was not as impressed by it as by other lakes he had seen; visited Lake Champlain, took the train back to New York; was disappointed to find out that Rutson had returned; James and Rutson will meet in Richmond to discuss their plans; Rutson stopped at Philadelphia and Balt[im]ore on the way, will make Rutson stay with him when he returns to New Orleans, instead of with friends; feels that Rutson tries to make people think that he has accomplished everything on his own, while it is really people's respect for his family that
has helped him, Rutson’s failure to spend enough time with his family when he visited; received the letters she sent to certain relatives, but none for him or Matthew; is glad that she has reserved a place on the boat; Matthew’s advice that he should let James take over the N[ew] Orleans business; intends to return to N[ew] Orleans for one more season at least; thinks that James would do better with an older partner than with one younger than he is; James had to reject a good job offer from Mr. Magee because he had already make other plans; Matthew told Mr. Craig about this to show him what a good choice it would be to employ James; feared that James would get cholera in N[ew] Orleans, but has heard that the city is safe; Rutson wanted to try to go to Charleston and do business, but they convinced him not to; Rutson is overconfident about his business skills; Fontaine [Maury?] is upset because a romantic relationship did not work out; news of friends; will have Mrs. H.D. Gilpin’s niece stay with them in July 8; Mrs. Gilpin wants to pay them for taking care of her, but they will not accept payment; went to see Dr. Francis because his hands were bothering him, the medicine the doctor gave him worked; (26 June) James should be in Richmond by now; Rutson made a good impression on Mr. H.D. Gilpin; Mr. T.J. Spence has definitely decided to break his business connection with the Maurys; asks her to bring him some Glycerine from London. 12 pp. ALS

Folder 143. 2 July 1855. [Rutson Maury], Fourth St[reet], N[ew] York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Has still not received the letter from Bolds & Co[mpany] that should have arrived on 9 June; is sorry that she is still in Liverpool instead of visiting people in the North, understands that Mary Bold will be sorry to see her leave Liverpool, wishes that Tom [Bold] was not in politics and could live quietly at home; wrote a long letter to James about the prospect of setting up a partnership between him [JM] and David Spence in N[ew] Orleans; advised James and Rutson not to drink alcohol; James was disappointed that Rutson was not in Richmond when he arrived; they do not know exactly where Rutson is, but assume he is visiting friends in Balt[im]o[re]; told James he could buy some more clothes in Richmond, but James did not want to; wants Rutson to stay in 4th St[reet] when he returns, and will try to get James to stay with Reuben, James will work for Mr. Magee if he can’t make enough money on his own; hopes that will not be necessary; though Mr. T.J. Spence wants to stop dealing with Rutson in N[ew] Orleans, he does not want to break all ties with Maury Brothers; is hopeful that a partnership can be arranged with David Spence and James; feels that he spends a lot of time arranging other people’s lives, thinks he is not yet too old to control his own business affairs. 4 pp. AL

[Final pages of letter appear to be missing.]

Folder 144. 13 July 1855. Tobin Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England] The weather has been cold and rainy, is going to Oyster Bay tomorrow
with Dr. Sabine; Walker sold his bird and the cage for 3 shillings, school ended today; they went to see the fireworks, which had been postponed from the 4th of July because of rain; Nan and Uncle Rutson went to visit Mrs. Gracie; Mytton and Walker’s school had commencement on Wednesday. 1 p. ALS

Bears ALS from Anne F[ontaine] Maury, [New York, N.Y.], to her Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England], [July 1855]. Begins to look forward to her [AM] return; Jones is at Green’s Farms; Mytton has gone to Saratoga; Tobin has gone to Oyster Bay; Tobin is enjoying himself so far, he wants to come back home when James comes to visit; Walker has not been feeling well; she hopes he will be able to go to Green Farms; they have not heard from Mytton yet, but she expects they will tomorrow; Master Tom came to visit on Thursday; heard from Cousin Lewis, who said that he does not expect to return to New York for a while; she and Uncle Rutson had a pleasant visit with Miss Gracie; Mr. Cogswell came to visit, and he is still “bashful and silent”; news of friends, plans to preserve raspberries tomorrow; Mrs. Collins and Katie thank her for the pictures; the commencement was stupid; news of friends, is almost asleep, so she will end the letter; fell asleep twice while revising the letter. 4 pp.

Folder 145. 15 July 1855. Rutson Maury, Fourth St[reet], [New York, N.Y.], to his sister, Ann Maury, Liverpool, England. Is glad she had a good trip to Kendal; comments on news from her letter; is glad that she will be able to hear the Rev[erend] D[octo]r Cumming preach in London, as he is impressed by his writings; sent Mytton to Saratoga Springs to improve his health; Mytton was to stay with George B. Cumming; also wanted to reward Mytton by sending him on a day trip with Walker to help improve his [WM] health as well; hopes to send Nan to Tribridge eventually, the weather has been pleasant lately; Rutson plans to stay in Richmond till Aug[ust] or later, James plans to leave for the springs tomorrow, (17 [July]) had not heard from Mytton to say that he had arrived in Saratoga, so he telegraphed Mr. Cumming, received letters from both of them today, encloses copies of those letters and his reply [not present]; Rutson’s desire to travel to Liverpool to get business for James. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 146. 24 July 1855. Rutson Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann Maury, [Liverpool, England]. Only he, Nan, and Miss Sibley [Mrs. Gilpin’s niece] are at home; encloses a letter from Mytton [not present]; Matthew says that Sarah and Walker both have excellent appetites; assumes that Nan will have described Miss Sibley to her, the weather is now hot and humid; Rutson made an arrangement with W. & G. Gwathmey to do business; is very pleased with the way Rutson handled it; the arrangement will make it unnecessary for Rutson to make an annual trip to Richmond, Rutson has agreed to go south instead of to England on business; has not heard from James since he left Richmond; assumes that Mr. Mordecai advised Rutson about the contract he made; Rutson plans to travel around Virginia as well. 4 pp. ALS
Folder 147. 30 July 1855. [Rutson Maury], New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Sent copies of her letter to Nan and Harriet; sent her twelve-page letter to Matthew so he could read it too, Matthew sent the letter back with a note saying that all was well at Tribridge; Lieut[enan]t M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury will try to visit them on Wednesday, as he will be in the area; Myton returned on Friday and looks much better; Myton made a visit to Lake George; does not think that Myton can appreciate all the beautiful scenery he saw on the trip; Myton lost his traveling bag, but they are attempting to retrieve it; a rain storm on Friday prevented them from paying a visit to Capt[ain] and Mrs. Russell; Myton went the next day and brought back the package Ann had given to Capt[ain] Russell, is afraid the rain has harmed the wheat crop; M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury gave a speech at the University [of Virginia]'s graduation in which he mentioned their grandfather [Revered James Maury]. 4 pp. AL

[Final portion of the letter is missing.]

Folder 148. 5 August 1855. [Rutson Maury], New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Thinks that her eyes would feel better if she wrote fewer letters; is sorry that Mr. Turner's grandnephew, who is supposed to inherit his money, has turned out so badly; is sorry that she did not receive the packet containing Mrs. Gwathmey's spectacles; asks her to get someone else to get the prescription filled; Matthew F[ontaine] Maury] arrived on Tuesday; he and his party came to 4th St[reet] the next day; William Maury, who is to marry Betsy [M.F. Maury's daughter, Elizabeth Herndon Maury] was also with them; the ship Matthew F[ontaine Maury] was supposed to take was delayed, so they eventually gave up the trip to see the telegraph cable laid down, Cousin Lewis and his daughter Jane are visiting now; Jane was not feeling well but is improving; news of friends and family, Harriet still plans to return to St. Louis by way of N[ew] Orleans; Harriet's son [Francis Maury Ludlow] is teething; hopes that none of Harriet's party gets sick at N[ew] Orleans. 4 pp. AL

Folder 149. 6 August [18]55. Anne F[ontaine] Maury, [New York, N.Y.], to her Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England]. The visit from Matthew Fontaine Maury] and family; Will[iam Maury] wrote to thank them, but the rest have not; the relationship between Fontaine and Nannie seems to be platonic; was not happy to see Bettie [Elizabeth Herndon Maury] at first, but the visit went well; Cousin Lewis and Jane are visiting and Jane has been ill; let Jane stay in her room, and so have to clean it up in a hurry; Helena will leave on Thursday, will go to Green's Farms with Uncle M[atthew] to relax; Tobin gave her the enclosed letter [not present] but told her not to read it; asks her to bring two silk umbrellas and a book for them, bought Jones a mantle which she likes and wears, Sarah and Myton have gone to Highwood, news of friends. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 150. 7 August [18]55. [William] Lewis [Maury], Bible House, [New York, N.Y.], to his
cousin, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England]. He and his daughter, Jane, returned to 4th St[reet] on Saturday, everyone there was well, especially Jones, who is very fat; Nan in not quite fat enough yet, is grateful to Jones and Nan for looking after Jane, Jones left for Highwood this morning; she was worried she would have to behave very properly while she was there; they have finished their work in Washington, unless the Secretary of the Navy calls them back, he would not enjoy looking at the material again; [a portion of the letter is torn off] the forbidden land of perpetual snow[?]; Nan took Jane there; had to carry her since she couldn’t walk; enjoyed himself; will have finished his work [in N.Y.] by Sept[ember], but will still meet her in Boston, his family is well, sends regards. 2 pp. ALS

Folder 151. 12 August 1855. [Rutson Maury], New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Was glad to learn, from her letter to Nan, that she had checked on Mrs. Gwathmey’s spectacles; Mytton went to Highwood with Sarah and then went to the Hudson River to row and bathe; received a letter from Dick, one of Richard B. Maury’s sons, asking if he could stay with them while he was in New York; Rutson had told him that he was welcome to stay with the family; Nan was upset with Rutson, but he [Rutson Sr.] was glad that Dick had not invited himself; Nan was glad to see Miss Sibley leave, Mr. Gilpin thanks them and offered to let any of them visit him; he and Nan went to Tribridge on Thursday; the family there are all healthy and well; had wanted Cousin Lewis to take Nan, but he would not leave during the day because of his business; Cousin Lewis wanted to take his daughter to Tribridge for the weekend, though; thinks Jane might stay there to further improve her health, wants Nan to stay there for a long time so she will be healthy too; Mr. J.P. Taylor visited and prevented a trip to the Elysian Fields, news of friends. 4 pp. AL

Folder 152. 19 August 1855. R[utson] Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [Barrock, England]. Hopes she has a good visit at Barrock, Matthew and Cousin Lewis returned to Tribridge yesterday; Lewis must return to Washington, although his health is poor, in the meantime, he must stay in New York because his business partner is on vacation; sent more peaches to Aunt Elizabeth; Mytton and Richard plan to visit Tribridge again for a day; Richard will leave New York on Tuesday, he is uninteresting but well-behaved; encloses a letter from Matthew F[ontaine Maury] [not present]; Mr. Doswell may come to stay; the weather has been pleasant; news of friends, people in N[ew] O[rleans], Norfolk and Portsmouth are dying from yellow fever, news of friends; Mytton’s health has been very good since he got back from Saratoga; (20 Aug[ust]) received a letter from Harriet saying that her husband Frank [Francis Maury Ludlow] is leaving for St. Louis by way of New Orleans; she and her son will join him when the fever is gone, he sent a copy of the letter to Nan, thinks it is a bad idea because Harriet will be separated from her husband for a few months; also is concerned for Frank’s health; Mytton and Richard made the trip to Tribridge; Lewis and Jane have not yet returned; they all have to get
up early the next morning to see Richard off; finds this inconsiderate of Richard; Mr. Doswell will not stay with them; encloses Dr. Neville’s letter to her [not present]; thinks she should sell her railroad shares; deaths from yellow fever have increased. 8 pp. ALS

Folder 153. 21 August [1855]. Anne F[ontaine] Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to her Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Has just returned from Tribridge with Cousin Lewis and Jane; many people, including herself, were ill, but are better now; things at home seem to be going well, she and Jones intend to joke with Cousin Lewis about how busy their friends are; Mary enjoyed Jane’s visit; hopes they will hear tomorrow that Frank has arrived; Walker looks well and enjoyed his visit at Green’s Farms; Richard enjoyed his stay; she wishes she could have spent more time with him; news of friends; all will be glad to see her again. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 154. 26 August 1855. Rutson Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [England]. Received a telegraph message saying that Frank had arrived safely in St. Louis; sent a letter to Harriet suggesting she come to New York; wrote to Mr. Mees, asking him to go to N[ew] Orleans in case Harriet needed money; wrote to Frank to tell him what he planned for Harriet; the next day, wrote and asked Mr. Mees to escort Harriet to Montgomery and Savannah or to St. Louis, wrote to Frank to inform him of his decision; received a letter from William in St. Louis, telling of Frank’s arrival and Harriet’s travel plans; Sarah received a letter from Harriet in which she did not mention her husband; wrote to Mr. Mees, telling him of Harriet’s intended route; sent a copy of that letter to Harriet; told Harriet that they could not accommodate her entire party in New York, suggests that they use Frank’s brother-in-law as an escort if Mr. Mees is unavailable, telegraphed to Parker and Ludlow in St. Louis to tell them the plan; Mr. Mees will telegraph to him to tell him the route they will take; does not approve of the way Frank handled the whole affair; thinks Frank’s father [Mr. Ludlow] would have handled it well, William wanted to discuss his future in business; William would like to settle in St. Louis; Rutson and James will come to N[ew] York together; Fontaine is still getting little sleep; Nan and Walker both look healthy; (28 Aug[u][s]t) the weather is good, and all are well. 6 pp. ALS

Folder 155. 1 Sept[ember] 1855. Rutson Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann Maury, Liverpool, [England]. Is sorry that Mrs. James Bold will have to return to Duke St[reet]; thinks that Tom Bold will make more money, as the shipping industry is picking up again; asks her to tell Mary Bold this; James arrived from Richmond this evening; Rutson is in Petersburg and will arrive next week; Rutson got the consignment of about 100 H[ogs]h[ead]ds of Tob[acco]; James visited the Kehawva coal mines and found the coal very good; wants to sell it in N[ew] Orleans for steamboats; James will probably leave for N[ew] Orleans by the end of the month; received a letter from Frank, thanking him for arranging an escort for Harriet; Frank wants Harriet to return directly to St. Louis; asks her to get a good watch for Nan; suggests she buy Sarah a writing case
and a tray for calling cards; plans to meet her when she arrives in Boston; feels that his provision of an escort for Harriet is enough of a gift, but if she sees anything for Harriet or her son she should buy it; repainting the house and remodeling the porch; bought a new washing tub which James will use; Cousin Lewis and Jane left that morning, and he plans to come back next week; Matthew F[ontaine Maury] is coming to New York, presumably on naval business; Matthew plans to take Mytton with him to Tribridge next week; Miss Mary Gilpin came to New York on Wednesday for the Educational Convention; (4 Sept[ember]) the porch is being rebuilt now; received a letter from Rutson which included one of her notes declaring her intention to sell her R[ail] R[oad] shares; received a letter from Harriet; who had not yet heard that Frank had reached St. Louis safely; thinks Harriet will come to New York and that her sisters-in-law will stay in Mobile; received a letter from Andrew Graham stating that their brother James [James Sifrein Maury] is in good health and drawing $172 for the half-year’s expense. 10 pp. ALS

Bears ALS from Sarah F[anny] Maury, [New York, N.Y.], to her Aunt, [Ann Maury], Liverpool, [England], 4 Sept[ember] 1855. Cousin Lewis took his daughter and the other ladies, the Magruders, back himself; Nan, Jane, and Walker went to Highwood; sent them off early in the morning; the Gilpins and Helena came to visit; Mrs. Gilpin gave Nan money, which she [SFM] found insulting; James arrived on Saturday and looks well, they are all happy to have him at home, especially Nan, they had Sunday school this week. 2 pp.

Folder 156. 10 Sept[ember] 1855. Rutson Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann Maury, Liverpool, [England]. Hopes she enjoys her visit to Sedgwick, is happy that she got Mrs. Gwathmey's spectacles; the roof of the new porch has been tinned; they will probably start painting the house the next week; Sarah and Nan have not been feeling well; Cousin Lewis returned on Thursday, Elizabeth [Matthew’s wife] is coming tomorrow to start arranging for the family’s return to Irving Place; Rutson arrived last night and went to talk to Matthew about business matters today, James plans to leave for N[ew] Orleans next week; feels that James behaves too informally with his sisters; thinks it improper that Cousin Lewis kisses his nieces when he greets them or leaves them for Washington; heard from Harriet and Mr. Mees that Harriet intended to stay in Mobile until the frost, then received a telegram from Harriet saying that she was leaving for St. Louis by way of Nashville; Noah Ludlow [Frank’s brother] will escort Harriet; wrote to Frank to tell him Harriet’s plans; Harriet plans to borrow money, probably from Mr. Owen; wrote to William and told him that he and Matthew approved of him supporting himself but do not want him to set up business in St. Louis, would like William to work in a Hardware, Grocery, or Dry Goods store, Rutson will return to N[ew] York from the West before he goes south; Mytton’s appetite is very good; Tobin began school today, news of friends; feels that it may be must as well that Harriet is leaving Mobile, as he heard of cases of y[ellow] fever there too. 8 pp. ALS
Folder 157. 10 Sept[ember] 1855. Tobin Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Likes his new teacher; came back from the country on Saturday and brought some plants with him; they will consider whether or not he will learn German; Rutson has gone to Green’s Farms for the day; has been sawing wood to try to build up his muscles, if he learns Latin he will not be able to learn bookkeeping; news of friends. 1 p. ALS

Bears ALS from Anne F[ontaine] Maury, [New York, N.Y.], to her Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Is glad to have Tobin at home again, put a new handle on the wood saw so he could chop wood; progress is being made on the new piazza [porch]; Rutson is in New York; he had planned to leave the West yesterday, but they convinced him to stay; yesterday Rutson went to Green’s Farms, James’s health is better; hopes that Tobin will be able to learn German, as it seems to be a useful language to know in America; Myton has gone to Green’s Farms for the week; is going to Miss Lathrop’s wedding with Cousin Lewis; she and cousin L[ewis] plan to marry, despite the difference in their ages and religions; wishes she had been there to help her decide what to do; the only thing that bothers her is the difference in religion; would not have agreed if Sarah did not understand her duty to the family; will stay if she [AM] asks her to; thinks Jones will be good to her; must go get ready for Miss Lathrop’s wedding; Cousin Lewis sends regards. 1 p. ALS

Including Ts of ALS by Anne F[ontaine] Maury, 1 p.

Folder 158. 11 Sept[ember] 1855. W[illiam] L[ewis] Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his cousin, [Ann Maury], Liverpool, [England]. Has fallen in love with Nan; meant to wait to express his feelings until she [AM] came home, but could not; they have pledged their love to each other; hopes she will approve of this action; is aware of the possible difficulties that may arise, but hopes to overcome them; has no intention of interrupting Nan’s visit to England; hopes that this news does not ruin the rest of her trip; asks her to bring a present for Nan; asks her to reply by the next steamer. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 159. 16 Sept[ember] 1855. [Rutson Maury], New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Recalls a trip he, she, and their mother took to a place Ann had revisited; remembers Miss Atkinson and hopes that she may find a good husband; the family is all in good health; he and Nan visited Mr. and Mrs. Clunas in Greenwich, Conn[ecticut]; were introduced to their young children; Mrs. Clunas looks very well; took a short boat trip; had a “Connecticut” dinner, including a dish of tea; Mary Magrath [a servant of the Clunas?] was glad to see them especially Nan, met Myton in the carriage on the way back; Miss Mary Gilpin recovered her missing car pet bag, received two letters from Harriet; she said that they had taken a stage [coach] for part of the journey, but that it was not too tiring; approves of this turn of
events, as it will get Harriet to St. Louis sooner; Harriet reports that her son is doing well; Rutson has left for the West, saw a copy of Craig & Maury's first monthly circular, which was mostly satisfactory, James will leave on Wednesday; finds James too materialistic; was upset because Nan, Sarah, James, Walker, and Tobin decided to go the theater without asking his permission, assumes that James paid for the tickets with his [RM] money, did not mention the fact that he was upset to the children, they are making progress on the porch; Mr. J.P. Taylor returned from Saratoga and is looking well. 8 pp. AL.

Folder 160. 16 Sept[ember] 1855. Tobin Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Was sick yesterday, but feels better today, likes his new French teacher; will learn German and bookkeeping; the Sabines came back from Oyster Bay; Mrs. Tufnell's only son has married a Spanish countess who is very rich, went to the theater and enjoyed the show even though he had to sit next to a very large lady who took part of his seat as well as all of her own; hopes she will bring him a birthday present, one of the birds is moulting. 2 pp. ALS.

Bears ALS from Anne F[ontaine] Maury, [New York, N.Y.], to her Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England], [18 Sept. 1855]. Asks her to get two carving forks; encloses the key to James's desk [not present] which is broken; asks her to get a replacement key; Aunt E[liabeth Maury] came to town to get the house in order [for the family's return from Green Springs]; Miss V[an] N[ess] will probably spend the winter in New York; is waiting for her reply to Walker's letter suggesting that he not return to school, is upset that Cousin Lewis's board has retired[?] Cousin Matt[new Fontaine Maury?] on leave-of-absence pay; Walker wants to know where she got her new ring; Cousin Lewis is anxious to know what she has to say about the letter he sent; is glad she will still be able to go to England; Lewis plans to give up the Navy and live in Kanawha, they talked again about the difference in religion and how they will baptize their children; decided to deal with that when it comes up later; hopes she is doing the right thing; will give up the idea if she wants her to stay at home; went to the theater; the play upset James because the heroine dies in her lover's arms, which reminded him of the death of "that poor girl", the improvements on the house continue slowly; took an enjoyable trip with Uncle Rutson to Greenwich, [Conn.], to see Mr. and Mrs. Clunas; Mary McGrath was glad to see how grown-up she [AFM] is; she and Cousin Lewis took a carriage to Miss Lathrop's wedding, and the sexton asked if they were the ones to be married; she laughed in his face; news of friends; Cousin Lewis sends regards. 7 pp. AL.

Folder 161. 23 Sept[ember] 1855. R[utson] Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann Maury, [Liverpool, England]. Received a letter from Harriet in Nashville, saying that they were leaving for St. Louis that evening; Fontaine's accident on the Memphis R[ail] R[oad], he will probably recover well from the accident, Matthew and his family will return from Tribridge for
good on Tuesday; they will have a lot to be thankful for this year at Thanksgiving, since the family will be all together, has not heard from James since he left, but expects to hear from him tomorrow, expects a letter from Harriet tomorrow, saying that she is safely at home; heard from Rutson in Louisville, and he is doing well; the new porch is finished; Mr. Simpson will start painting on Monday morning; Mr. Fitzsimmons is working on the new fence; their neighbor claimed that the fence encroached 3 or 4 inches on his land; he finally agreed to let them put up the fence but stated that he would want to use the land if he ever wanted to build onto his house; their neighbor’s mother was concerned about a tree which is now dead; the fence was completed yesterday, does not know how much these repairs will cost; hopes that the smell of paint will be gone by the time she returns; was surprised to learn that Walker did not want to go to school anymore and had asked her to approve of this; paid the money for the term as she instructed in her letter; Walker seemed disappointed at first but now is studying diligently; the painters have begun to work; Nan informed him of her engagement to Cousin Lewis, wrote a letter to her saying that he did not expect any obstacles to their marriage to arise; Lewis may resign his commission; will meet her in Boston; Nan will probably join him. 9 pp. ALS

Folder 162. 24 Sept[ember] 1855. Sarah F[anny] Maury, [New York, N.Y.], to her “dear Aunt,” [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England]. Cannot write very well because she cut her thumb but wants to write one last time; Miss Haines arrived and looks well, Miss Haines tried to see her [Ann] in England but was unable to do so; news of friends; is glad that things went well at home while Ann was gone; thinks Mytton has treated Nan poorly, though; Tobin is doing well in his study of Geometry, though she does not think he has mastered arithmetic yet; she and Nan went to visit Dr. Neville, the mosquitoes are very bad; went with Uncle Rutson, Tobin, and Mytton to see Mr. Simpson about painting the house, thanks her for all her letters, wishes her a safe journey. 4 pp. ALS

Including LCy from M[atthew] F[ontaine] Maury, Memphis, Tenn[essee], to Nan [Anne Fontaine Maury], [New York, N.Y.], 11 Sept[ember] 1855. Was taking the train to Somerville when he had an accident; a sliding door closed on his head, he bled a lot, but there was a doctor on board who took care of him; is still weak, but is recovering. 2 pp.

Bears LCy from H[arriet Maury] Ludlow, St. Louis, [Mo.], to her Uncle Rutson [Maury], [New York, N.Y.], 19 Sept[ember] 1855. Arrived safely the night before, there were many mosquitoes and bed bugs on the way, which gave Frank [Jr.] many bites; all are well at home; they are all thankful to him for his kindness; will write to Nan in a few days. 2 pp.

Bears AL from [Anne Fontaine Maury], New York, [N.Y.], to her Aunt, [Ann Maury], [Liverpool, England], 24 Sept[ember], 1855. The fact that Fontaine wrote to them shows that he
is feeling better; James left last Wednesday, he did not look over the papers because the thought of doing so made him unhappy; his visit made her happy and unhappy, the boys [Walker and Tobin] are being noisy, but she does not want to go upstairs to reprimand them; Cousin Lewis is still there; he was ill last night, seems to want to try to convert her, but she knows that her religion is the true one. 2 pp.

Folder 163. 27 Oct[obe]r 1855. J.C. Dobbin, Navy Department, [Washington, D.C.], to Lieut[enant] W[illiam] L[ewis] Maury, Bowling Green, Virginia. Commodore Perry has informed the Department that his [WLM] employment in the special service he has been engaged in can be dispensed with, he is to consider himself to be awaiting orders; encloses an extract from Commo[dore] Perry’s letter of 26 [Oct. 1855]. 1 p. Cy of ALS


Bears Cy of AMS by M.C. Perry, [n.p.], to [William Lewis Maury?], [n.p.], [n.d.]. Stating that he forwarded the letter.

Folder 165. 28 Jan[uary] 1858. Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to her “dear Cousin,” [Anne Herndon Maury], [n.p.]. Nan told her that Betty [Elizabeth Herndon Maury, Anne’s daughter] was considering taking chloroform during childbirth, urges her to oppose this action as she has known several people who used chloroform and had bad results; Mrs. Archibald Gracie used it, and it affected her memory; Augusta Hagarty used it, and her child died; the same thing happened to the child of Mrs. Horsfall, Mrs. Bainbridge died under chloroform while giving birth; did not suggest that Nan take it, even though she was in great pain; feels that chloroform is useful for surgical purposes but dangerous to both mother and child in childbirth; felt it was her duty to tell them of the experiences of her acquaintances, would like to knit some socks for the baby; sends regards to Cousin Eliza and the rest of the family. 4 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 3 pp.

Folder 166. 27 March 1859. Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.], to her “dear Cousin,” [Eliza
Maury?], [n.p.]. Is sorry she has been ill; Nan said that she was improving, so hopes she is feeling better now; saw Mrs. D. Herndon last night; has taken her many places in New York, is very grateful to Dr. Herndon and is glad to be able to help his family; Mrs. Lewis Herndon wants Betty to see a doctor who specializes in women's problems; her father would rather have her return home; thinks she would be better off at home with her parents; heard that Dr. Minor wanted to go to Virginia for his health; is glad to hear that Sallie F. is feeling better; Dick is getting better; feels that Christian doctors have the ability to do a lot of good; hopes that Dick will use the opportunity to heal people's souls and bodies; met the wife of Dabney's friend Gibbs and liked her; they met at Mrs. Fry's house, likes Mr. and Mrs. Fry; Sarah had a good time visiting Nan; hopes Nan and her children will come to visit New York over the summer; plans to go to Richmond in October for the meeting of the General Convention, thinks she should not return to her own home because she would get lonely; Mytton continues to train for the ministry, sends regards. 8 pp. ALS

Including Ts of ALS, 1 p.

Folder 167. 9 Sept[ember] 1860. [Rutson Maury], New York, [N.Y.], to his sister, Ann Maury, [England]. Received her letters by the America; Mr. Menlar[?] and his son came to visit, the temperature is much cooler today than it was the day before; had a slight cold, but it went away; this Sunday was Communion Sunday; Dr. Morgan preached and looks much healthier; Nan talked to Mr. Duyckinck[?] about the sale of the church, he said that they could not do anything before the order of the court is issued; does not think that will happen before she leaves to return home; the precedent set by the case of the Dutch Reformed Church in Franklin St[reet] does not apply to this case; is pleased and surprised at John Wakefield's donations; is happy because he [JW] is helping Mary Bold; business in Liverpool has been poor since [1857]; will continue to object to Tobin's plans with respect to attending college, Walker seems prepared to return to hard work; Mytton was supposed to take Walker's last letter to Nan, but he lost it, does not think Nan is looking forward to the visit from James and Louisa [his wife] because she did not enjoy his last visit; Mrs. Pollard will not come to visit; Mr. and Mrs. Cox will arrive tomorrow; at Harriet's request, wrote a letter to Frank giving his opinion on the effect the European wheat crop has on American business; gives daily temperatures and weekly mortality rates for New York City, (11 Sept[ember]) heard from William, who intends to return to New Orleans with James and Louisa; has not heard from Rutson in two weeks; Mr. Wilder is to be married on 25 Sept[ember]. 8 pp. ALS

Folder 168. 8 February 1861[?]. Rutson Maury, Liverpool, [England], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [America]. Anne Hamilton got the salts for her and the books of Dr. Vaughn's sermons for him; Anne Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Davis and said that Mr. Davis supported the actions
of Mr. Seward [U.S. Secretary of State] and the Northern people, is sending the London Times from yesterday, which contains the speeches given in both Houses [of Parliament] [not present]; the speeches do not indicate that the British government will interfere with the Blockade [of the southern coastline]; the speeches also do not indicate that the government will recognize the C[onfederate] S[tates of] A[merica] as an independent country, began reading the speeches aloud at teatime the previous night, and they all stayed up till 1 A.M. reading them, the profits from the cotton crop were satisfactory. 2 pp. ALS

Folder 169. 24 Feb[ruary] [1861?] A.F. Maury, Old Mansion, [Va.], to “my dear Aunt,” [Ann Maury?], [n.p.]. Asks her for stamps; William [Lewis Maury?] found some carpenter work near Richmond, [Va.]; he plans to work there for about three months; she and the children hope to join him; Nan [Anne F. Maury] wants to have a photograph taken [enlarged?] of Harry [her daughter, Harriet]; the picture she sent is beautiful; Nan wants a black calico and a set of hoops, but she cannot afford it; received a dozen nice handkerchiefs; news of family; sends regards. 1 p. ALS

[AFM is writing about herself in third person.]

Including Ts of ALS, 2 pp.

Folder 170. 5 Dec[ember] [1861?] A[nne] F. Maury, Old Mansion, [Va.], to her “dear Aunt,” [Anne Maury], [n.p.] Heard news of her through the young doctor; learned from him that the older boy was with the other and was concerned; notified William [her brother?] as soon as she heard that news; expects that his [?] wife wishes she was back in her own country; Jane went to stay at her Uncle Rob[er]t’s for the winter; chose to visit her uncle instead of going near her father; the boys are well, Willie wants to visit Auntie [AM?], but she told him that the soldiers would not let them, he suggested sneaking by the soldiers while they were not looking; Willie sometimes gets very upset about the baby [Harriet], saying that he wants to get sick and die so he can see her [Harriet died in 1861], it is strange how they all loved her so much, and yet it seems that her life was only a dream; after her death, her forehead reminded her of Grandpapa [James Maury?]s bust; knows she loved her too much, but could not help it; W[illia]m [her brother?] says that business is slow; Lewis [her husband] sends James money sometimes; wishes she could send Louisa some clothes, hears a few lessons from Willie every day, thinks he is learning grammar from the ox-cart driver, Charley is very affectionate, (8 Dec[ember]) William writes that their cousins in Mobile will soon be in want, is very glad to hear that Frank [her sister Harriet’s husband] has a job, dislikes the place where they are living, but they cannot afford to go elsewhere; would rather have buried Harry [Harriet] elsewhere with Papa and Mama [William and Sarah Maury], but did not mention it because she did not know the arrangement about the lot, although she dislikes the place, she hates to leave Harriet here, the weather is warm, Lucy is an
invalid; Nannie Belle had scarlet fever; two of her servants have had Diphtheretic sore throats; sends love to all, asks her to send the enclosed [not present]. 6 pp. ALS

Folder 171. 18 August 1861. Rutson Maury, 11 Welfield Place, Liverpool, England, to his sister, Ann Maury, New York, N.Y. Thinks she goes to too much trouble in writing him such long letters so often; encloses a letter from the brother of their two servants [not present]; thinks Sarah should stay with her while he is gone, thinks she should go to Sarah's house and Sarah should go to New York; is staying with Mary Bold and Laura; when Elizabeth comes back, he will probably go stay with Tom Bold instead; went to see Tom and Jessie and their sons today, got a favorable impression of Jessie; Tom might come to [New] York next year; Tom and his business partners all offered to let him use a desk in their office for writing letters, Tom does not believe that Rutson is married, as he is supposed to be; told him what he knew about the matter; when Tom was in Newton, he saw the Rev[erend] Mr. Leigh, who is also a friend of Rutson's; Mr. Leigh did not think Rutson was married and had heard that he had run off with a woman, possibly his former landlady; the woman is now keeping a house elsewhere, so he does not think that this could be the woman Rutson is married to, Tom thinks that if Rutson is married, that it happened recently, not three years ago, Mr. L[eight] said that Rutson was seeing a young woman in Newton until the man she was staying with kicked Rutson out of his house, thinks Rutson's marriage was a forced one and thinks it happened after his daughter was born; decided to go to Newton with Tom to talk to Mr. Leigh; Tom did not know that Rutson's wife's maiden name was Vaughan; hopes to find out something about her relatives from Mr. Leigh; tried to visit Horatio Hughes, but his office was closed, took her letter to Mrs. Cropper on Monday evening, saw Miss Briggs the other day; he has enough clothing and looks well; Tom Bold heard from an editor of the London Times that the English and the French intended to mediate between the North and the South; Tom told Littledale to sell cotton; the "Manasses disaster" [Battle of Bull Run] ruined this plan; asks her to show Matthew that paragraph; news of friends; (19 Aug[ust]) went to Newton with Tom Bold; saw a stout woman who, Tom said, had been the first person to make him think Rutson was not married; talked to her about the subject; she said that Rutson stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Stall and visited a Miss Gregory while he was in Newton; asked if she knew anything about the person Rutson was supposed to be married to or if she knew anyone named Vaughan; she referred him to a Mr. Mercer; spoke to Mr. Leigh, who felt that Rutson had not been married because he visited Miss Gregory; he [RM] said that Rutson had girlfriends everywhere he went; Mr. Leigh knew that Rutson had not been married in his church, but he could have married elsewhere; asked him if he knew anyone named Vaughan, and he said that Mrs. Stall's maiden name was Vaughan; James [Maury] told him that Rutson's wife was a Miss Vaughan who was staying with the Stalls; thinks that Rutson's wife is somehow related to Mrs. Stall; would not be surprised if Rutson was not married until he went to England this past time; went to talk to Mr. Mercer, did not have time to speak to him but assumed that he was the man that Miss Gregory...
was a governess for; thinks that Mrs. Stall could explain some things, but does not want to meet her; asked Rutson to show him his marriage certificate, but he has not done so; until he sees the certificate, will not believe that Rutson has been married for as long as he says he has; does not think Rutson would claim to his family that she was his wife if she is not; is glad he went to Newton, although he did not really learn very much; did not tell Mary Bold why he went to Newton; met Mr. Hargraves, who had made a portrait for his [RM] nephew; there was a mix-up about the payment, and he [RM] asks Ann to straighten it out, (20 Aug[us])t Tom Bold talked with Mr. Mercer after he left Newton [RM]; Miss Gregory did not live at his house, but he knew her and liked her; Mr. Mercer and Rutson were close; but when Rutson became too wild, Mr. Mercer stopped associating with him; Mr. Mercer does not think Rutson is married, but he has not proof; talked to Mr. Torr about cotton; does not expect for the conflict between the North and the South to be resolved before the next session of Congress, but expects that a decision will be made during that session; told him that New Yorkers were not financially distressed, news of friends and business acquaintances; asks her to tell Walker he is pleased with his speech and to tell Mytton that his note is acceptable; (23 Aug[us]t) more news of friends. 16 pp. ALS

Folder 172. 25 August 1861. [Rutson Maury], Liverpool, [England], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [New York, N.Y.]. Has not called on Mary Matthews yet; went to call on Mrs. Hagarty, but no one was home; Miss Macaulay and Miss Maggie Croppler called on Mary and Laura Bold; called on Joshua Dixon; Mr. Green was also a guest there; Miss Dixon was there as well, looking delicate, wishes he had brought his ear trumpet so he could have heard the conversation better; the dinner was good, Laura is much more aged than Mary Bold; read out loud a short sermon on the Gospel for the day; read a book of Dr. Vaughan’s sermons, which he liked; the sermon at church today was given by a Home Missionary, and Laura and Mary did not like it, (26 Aug[us]t) received a letter from Matthew, who said all was well; is sorry to hear that Gen[era]l Lyon died in the battle in Missouri, will dine at Mr. Ferdinand Rodewald’s tomorrow; David Spence called on him today, wanting to know news of his [RM] nephews in N[ew] Orleans; Mr. Menlove[?] came to visit and sends regards; he is still not reconciled to his wife, but they did not discuss the topic, Tom Bold has been appointed to look after the traffic department of Birkenhead, news of friends. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 173. 27 August [1861]. Rutson Maury, [Liverpool, England], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [New York, N.Y.]. Has all the letters given in charge to young Mr. Weed, including 3 to himself, from her, Sarah, and Mytton, asks her to tell Matthew that he thinks they should sell most of their cotton before they invest in Manilla Hemp. 1 p. ALS

Folder 174. 30 August 1861. Rutson Maury, 11 Welfield Place, Liverpool, [England], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [New York, N.Y.]. Young Mr. Weed called on him today and presented
Mr. Gardner’s letter of introduction; intends to introduce him to Tom, Laura, and Mary Bold; thinks she should take the trip to Niagara; dined with Mr. and Mrs. Rodewald on Tuesday; met their two children and some of their other relatives; Mr. Lanfear’s other daughter is going to marry Mr. Graham of N[ew] O[leans]; had a pleasant evening, even though Mrs. R[odewald] is a secessionist; called on Mrs. Hagarty again, and she and her daughter Virginia were home; stayed till 10 o’clock talking with them about American affairs; Mrs. Hagarty looks unwell; called on Mary Matthews and gave her the letter she [AM] wrote, an old friend of hers is going to come and stay with her; she is very knowledgeable about American affairs; went to see the Flax fields with Mr. Spence; saw a collection of pretty flowers and rare plants in the outskirts of Oriniskirk[?]; the man who owned them knew Uncle Bold and Miss Bold; stayed at an inn at Burscough Bridge that night, brought Mary Bold some Ginger Bread; news of friends, is not sure what is the best thing to do about cotton sales. 6 pp. ALS

Folder 175. 31 Aug[ust] 1861. R[utson] Maury, [Liverpool, England], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [New York, N.Y.]. John Cropper’s wife got a letter from Fanny, saying that Mary Wakefield is doing better; Arthur Willink is also a little better, but probably will not live much longer; hopes she and Matthew will not be upset by what he did for Tom Bold, refers her to the note he wrote to Matthew; asks her to show Matthew this letter. 1 p. ALS

Folder 176. 31 Aug[ust] 1861. A[nn] M[aury], New York, [N.Y.], to her niece, Nan [Anne Fontaine Maury], [n.p.]. Wrote to her last week on the last day letters were permitted to go to the South; is trying to send this letter by Port Tobacco; Mytton plans to teach and study at the same time; Mrs. R’s gardener sounds like Mytton, always finding objections to everything; told Mytton this and thinks he has considered it; recommends the book *Passing Thoughts on Religion* by Miss Sewell, received her letters of 4 Aug[ust] and 15 [August]; hopes they will be able to communicate even though it is forbidden; the Haddens are enjoying their trip to England; received a letter from Uncle R[utson]; he is staying with the Bolds in Wilfield Place; news of friends; (1 Sept[ember]) Dr. Hawks preached at church, wishes there were still southerners at church, wonders how long it will be before the two sides relent, enjoyed the service, especially the sermon; did not want to mention the accident that happened to Maggie [Margaret Rutson Ludlow] the last time she wrote because she did not know if she would be able to write to her again saying that she was better; asks her to read the next part of the letter to Willie and Charlie [William Lewis Maury and Charles Walker Maury, Nan’s sons], Frankie [Francis Maury Ludlow, Harriet Maury Ludlow’s son] was playing with matches and caught his sister Maggie’s clothes on fire, she was very badly burned and in a lot of pain; received letter from Harriet saying that Maggie was improving; did not mean to conceal anything from her, but did not want her to worry; hopes she will write back and send the letter by Dr. Stewart; sends regards. 4 pp. ALS
Including Ts of ALS, 7 pp.

Folder 177. 6 September 1861. Rutson Maury, The Old Hall hotel, Buxton, [England], to his sister, Ann Maury, [New York, N.Y.]. Hopes Sarah will come back soon so that she [AM] can go on vacation, hopes that they will be able to go to England together some day; visited Hefferston Grange, the last time he was there, Mr. Heath was lodging at a farm house but has now moved into his own mansion; Rob[er]t Heath, his mother, and brother John were all there, the mother knows Mrs. Sabine, whose family came from where she lived in Durham; went to church and took communion; Walker would have enjoyed the ride they took through the countryside, since the dray went very quickly and was very nice, Rob[er]t Heath went back to Liverpool with him. 4 pp. ALS

Folder 178. 7 Sept[ember] 1861. Rutson Maury, The Old Hall, Buxton, [England], to his sister, Ann Maury, New York, [N.Y.]. Remembers his previous visits to Buxton; finds it changed in good and bad ways; the serpentine walk is much the same, there are many new houses; the streets are named, labeled, and lighted with gas lights, St. Ann’s well has been demolished; the public baths have been improved, many of the same families still work there; there are new churches and roads, the construction of the railroad destroyed some beautiful scenery; Mr. Menlove was surprised to see him, hopes to talk to him about his estrangement from his wife and daughter, there are many people there trying to recover their health; met the Caruthers family, whom he liked very much, Mrs. Caruthers sends regards; (9 Sept[ember]) there were many people on the serpentine walk yesterday, spent the morning trying to find the issue of the London Times which mentioned Mr. Latham’s death but could not, received letters from the family, was upset to hear about Maggie, but hopes she is recovering, is sorry that they will not be able to send letters any more, thinks that the people of N[ew] York and N[ew] Orleans will be the first to want peace; the English press is in favor of the South, does not think England or France will try to break the Blockade; (10 Sept[ember]) is glad to have received the letter saying that Maggie is improving; donated money to Devonshire Hospital. 8 pp. ALS

Folder 179. 12 Sept[ember] 1861. Rutson Maury, Old Hall, Buxton, [England], to his sister, Ann [Maury], [New York, N.Y.]. Talked to Mr. Menlove yesterday about his estrangement from his wife and daughter, Menlove said he had made an overture to his wife after arriving in England, but that he was not impressed by her response; said that his wife had behaved shamefully while he was sick, his daughter was sorry to learn that she was part of the reason her father was sick; his daughter’s husband is back from India and is annoying him, was unable to learn as many details as he [RM] wanted to, feels that Menlove and his wife are both too indifferent to the situation; Mary Wakefield has invited him to visit Sedgwick for a few days, wrote to her about American affairs; she favors separation, Mary Bold found the notice of William Latham’s death, he had mentioned