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TYLER FAMILY PAPERS
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Box 1. The Gardiner Papers, 1825-1848.

Folder 1. 1825-1832.

23 March 1825. Juliana Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.] to husband [David Gardiner], [Albany, New York] Mentions her interest in politics; is "puzzled how to account for the changes of opinion and principle in those who are considered so very wise and honorable"; describes the construction on Chatham Street; mentions that David has been out of school due to his lame foot. 2 pp. ALS.

15 August 1825. A bond, from David Gardiner, for the sum of $10,000 to be paid to James Van Antwerp of New York. 4 pp. PDS.

15 August 1825. Mortgage of David and Juliana Gardiner; $5,287.50 to be paid to James Van Antwerp. 2 pp. PDS.

27 Dec[ember] 1827. Mrs. Delavan, Washington, D.C., to Mr. [David] Gardiner, n.p. Requests the company of Mr. Gardiner on 2 January. 1 p. ANS.

24 August 1831. James Van Antwerp, New York, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, n.p. Acknowledges receipt of Gardiner’s mortgage payment; discusses the transfer of the mortgage to Mrs. Abigale Rhodes. 1 p. ALS.

27 November 1831. Joanna Van Wyck, Croton, [N.Y.] to "aunt" [Juliana Gardiner], [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Apologizes for not writing earlier; discusses her mother’s upcoming eye operation; mentions their disappointment at not seeing her; hopes that she will visit in the spring. 2 pp. ALS.

2 March 1832. Mary Van Wyck, Croton, [N.Y.], to "brother" [David Gardiner], [Easthampton, N.Y.]. Announces that "General Van Cortlandt has commenced hostilities against us", claiming that they had no right to the estate and that they must leave by the first of May; states that Mr. Van Wyck is very anxious to see Gardiner. 2 pp. ALS.

12 March 1832. Ch. G. Van Wych, New York, [N.Y.], to "brother" [David Gardiner], [Easthampton, N.Y.]. Discusses General Pierre Van Courtlandt’s attempt to take away his estate; gives a history of the land in question; is sorry to hear that Gardiner’s wife is ill; gives news of the family. 2 pp. ALS.

29 March 1832. Henry Tho[ma]s Dering. Sag Harbour, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [Easthampton, N.Y.]. Informs Gardiner that Col. Hunt’s newspaper will discontinue from lack of subscribers if aid is not forthcoming; asks Gardiner to write to people in New York.
concerning this problem. 1 p. ALS.

22 May 1832. Isaac G. Ogden, New York, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [Easthampton, N.Y.]. Describes his purchase of a sideboard from Miss Harrison which was initially owned by Gardiner; requests that the keys to it be sent to him. 1 p. ALS.

13 July 1832. R.O. W[?], New York, [N.Y.], to D[avid] Gardiner, [Croton, N.Y.]. Discusses the itinerary of J.G. Dyckman; informs Gardiner that he is standing by to "execute and commands" for him in New York. 2 pp. ALS.

21 August 1832. Jonathon Thompson [?], n.p. to David Gardiner, [Easthampton, N.Y.]. Discusses prospects for the upcoming election; believes the vote in his county will "depend upon the exertions of the National Republicans." 2 pp. ALS.

25 August 1832. Cha[rle]s Tho[ma]s Dering, n.p., to [David Gardiner], [Easthampton, N.Y.]. Notifies Gardiner of the meeting at Bull Head next Wednesday; hopes that he will attend. 1 p. ALS.

1 October 1832. James Van Antwerp, New York, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Acknowledges receipt of a check for $300 from Gardiner. 1 p. ALS.

12 October 1832. Cha[rle]s Tho[ma]s Dering, Sag Harbour, [N.Y.] to [David Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Informs Gardiner of the convention’s resolution to nominate Gardiner as their candidate for Congress. 1 p. ALS.

31 October 1832. John A. King, Jamaica, Long Island, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Describes his visits to the towns of the county and believes the county will provide a majority for the ticket; states that he had 5000 tickets printed and distributed in the county. 2 pp. ALS.

10 December 1832. Fra[?]s Wessells, New York, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, East Hampton, [N.Y.]. Requests that Gardiner remit the $84 in interest on his bond. 1 p. ALS.

Folder 2. 1833-1834.

16 March 1833. Cha[rle]s P. Dering, Sag Harbor, [N.Y.], to [David Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Announces that they are about $70 short in paying Hunt’s bill after collecting for election expenses; hopes that Gardiner can help them out. 1 p. ALS.

13 May 1833. Joanna Van Wyck, Croton, [N.Y.], to [Juliana Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Describes the visit of her parents to Albany; mentions the contraction of a "large marble Academy [sic] for the Boys"; states that David and Alexander are going to college this spring; hopes to hear from Juliana soon. 2 pp. ALS.

few days at Princeton, his room, studies, and roommate; hopes to hear news from East Hampton soon. 2 pp. ALS.

24 Nov[ember] 1833. D[avid] Gardiner, Princeton, [N.J.], to "mother" [Juliana Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Describes life at college; states that he has not missed a single recitation since classes began; mentions that he has been very lonely and homesick; asks that she write "immediately". 2 pp. ALS.

4 February 1834. Rich[ard] Wells, for Mrs. Rhodes, New York, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Informs Gardiner that Mrs. Rhodes requests him to pay off the mortgage by the first of April. 1 p. ALS.

26 February 1834. [?] Edwards, Washington City, [D.C.], to [David Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Believes that the whole South will go against Van Buren; describes the opposition as very determined; discusses national politics in general; mentions Governor Tyler's address to the Senate. 3 pp. ALS.

28 May 1834. David Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to "Father" [David Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Describes his attempt to procure the items his father had asked for; states that he had bought him a hat, Virgil's works, but did not get a fish pole as there were none under a dollar. 1 p. ALS.

16 June 1834. Nath[ania]l Gardiner, City of Brooklyn, [N.Y.], to "sister" [Juliana Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Sends the green bag [?] and matting which he purchased for her; lists the prices of the items. 1 p. ALS.

2 July 1834. James Van Antwerp, New York, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Sends a receipt for the interest on Gardiner's bond. 1 p. ALS.

25 July 1834. Grades of David Gardiner, expenses for students and curriculum at Princeton. Signed by Nassau Hall, sent to Gardiner's father. 2 pp. PDS.

15 Sept[ember] 1834. Ann Van Wyck, Mount Pleasant Female Seminary, to "cousin" [Margaret Gardiner, Croton, N.Y.]. Hopes that Margaret will come up to Croton to visit; describes her attempt to learn French; states that she is translating "Estelle" and that "it is all about shepards [sic] and it is realy sichnes [sic] to read it." 2 pp. ALS.


24 October 1834. [?] K. Hamilton, New York, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Concludes that Gardiner had not been able to find a suitable site as he had requested; describes some land and asks Gardiner to complete the purchase of it. 2 pp. ALS.
31 Dec[ember] 1834. L.S. Akerly, n.p., to [David] Gardiner, n.p. Informs Gardiner that she [?] would be happy to ride to the harbor with him but regrets that she will be unable to do so due to her mother's illness. 1 p. ALS.

Folder 3. 1835-1840.

5 Feb[rury] 1835. Grades of Alexander Gardiner for his Sophomore year at Princeton University; list of expenses and curriculum. 2 pp. PDS.

21 March 1835. David Gardiner, [Princeton, N.J.], to "Father" [David Gardiner, New York, N.Y.]. Is disappointed to hear that his father will not be visiting Princeton this spring; gives an account of his expenses; asks for $240.00 to be sent. 2 pp. ALS.

2 April 1835. David Carle, Huntington, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Promises to find a pair of horses for Gardiner as good as he can find; asks Gardiner to write giving the size, colour, age, and price he is willing to pay for these horses. 1 p. ALS.

10 April 1835. JA[me]s K. Hamilton, New York, [N.Y.] to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Describes his attempts to contact Mr. Tabill by mail; asks Gardiner to check if Tabill received his letter; discusses bills obtained in furnishing his house. 3 pp. ALS.

1 May 1835. Sam[ue]l S. Gardiner, Shelter Island, [N.Y.], to "Brother" [David Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Encloses some papers for Dyckeman; discusses some legal proceedings with Dyckeman. 1 p. ALS.

7 May 1835. Nath[anie]l Gardiner, New Haven, [Conn.], to "Brother" [David L. Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Asks him to inform Mr. Dayton that he received his letter; states that he has been ill most of the time since he left New York. 1 p. ALS.

11 May 1835. Ise B. Henshaw, New York, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Asks his opinion on the present condition of the East Hampton School as her son, Edward, "having in some degree got over his predilection for a sea life" requires some more schooling; asks for his advice concerning his board. 1 p. ALS.

12 May 1835. Alex[ander] Gardiner, Princeton, [N.J.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Describes his trip back to Princeton and his visits with relatives; tells of the prices to repair his watch; describes the weather. 2 pp. ALS.

26 May 1835. Ise. B. Henshaw, Brooklyn, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Introduces her son, Edward, and his friend, William Braser, as the bearers of this letter; discusses arrangements to be made for their schooling in East Hampton. 2 pp. ALS.

5 August 1835. D[avid] Gardiner, [Princeton, N.J.], to "Father" [David L. Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Requests that more money be sent as he has to purchase some books; mentions that he believes his father’s writing to have become worse over time, pointing out mistakes in his last letter. 2 pp. ALS.

21 August 1835. James Van Antwerp, New York, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Sends receipt for the interest due on Mrs. Rhode’s bond. 1 p. ALS.

11 September 1835. Nathaniel Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [David L. Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. States that he deposited $1500 in the Manhattan Bank into his [DG] account; asks him to send a receipt. 1 p. ALS.

14 Sept[ember] 1835. David Gardiner, [Princeton, N.J.] to [David L. Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Discusses his attempts to locate a teacher for the situation his father requires; asks for $250 to be sent to pay his bills at Princeton; notes that he needs two teeth to be filled. 2 pp. ALS.


1 November 1835. H.F. Jones, South Oysterbay, [N.Y.], to David Gardiner, [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Asks Gardiner’s opinion of the teacher at the East Hampton School as he wants to send his son there. 1 p. ALS.

9 June 1837. Alex[ander] Gardiner, Princeton, [N.J.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], [East Hampton, N.Y.]. States that he has been very well at Princeton; mentions his visit with Mrs. Clark and Miss Hewes; describes the plagiarism of Harlow and his punishment; describes hailstones 3 inches in circumference falling when it was eighty degrees; discusses his classes. 4 pp. ALS.

2 June 1840. Alexander Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], [East Hampton, N.Y.]. Describes the cloth which he purchased for her, details, patterns, and prices. 4 pp. ALS.

Folder 4. 1843-1845.

6 August 1843. Alex[ander] Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.]. Discusses his return to health; asks about the activities of Mr. P[ickens] and whether his mother is enjoying Saratoga Springs; suggests that his mother should send all her letters to him and he would send them on to David, saving her from writing separately. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.
30 December 1843. Document certifying the payment of David Gardiner’s mortgage to Abigail Rhodes; signed by Charlotte Rhodes, executrix of Abigail Rhodes. 1 p. PDS.


4 July 1844. Margaret [Gardiner], n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner, New York, N.Y.]. Discusses her apprehension at traveling to Old Point [Comfort, Fort Monroe, Va.]; describes the Fourth of July activities at the house; mentions the President’s plan to travel to White Sulphur Springs. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

5 Dec[ember 18]44. Mary Gardiner, Shelter Island, [N.Y.], to [Margaret Gardiner, New York, N.Y.]. Apologizes for not writing sooner; mentions her intention to go to New York; states that Phoebe [Gardiner] is very angry with Margaret for not writing; congratulates Margaret on the outcome of the election. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

23 December [1844]. Margaret [Gardiner], n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. States that Julia [Gardiner Tyler] wants enough velvet to "make a low waist and short sleeves"; describes how "lame Thomas" attempted to find out the President’s actions on the sub Treasury Bill; believes the President will veto it. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

[1844]. Alex[ander] Gardiner, n.p., to [David L. Gardiner], n.p. Asks to have his letter to Dr. Dayton on the subject of the annexation of Texas published in the Aurora; describes the cabinet dinner last night at Gov. Wickiffe’s. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

2 January [18]45. Margaret Gardiner, n.p., to "Brother", n.p. Mentions Commodore Elliot’s gift of an Arabian horse to Julia; runs down a list of dinners and receptions for the coming week; describes the President’s jealousy at seeing Judge Mclean looking "all sorts of ways at Julia". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

18 February [1845]. J[uliana] Gardiner, n.p., to "Son", n.p. Mentions the speculation concerning the President’s cabinet and the fate of the Democratic Party; describes the "beaux" of Miss Corse; states that he must be here for the ball. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

20 February [crossed out] 1845. [Alexander Gardiner], Washington, [D.C.], to ?. "Mrs. Tyler’s Farewell Ball. ‘Sic transit gloria mundi’"; gives a very detailed account of the ball and those in attendance. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

28 February 1845. J[uliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], New York, [N.Y.], to "Son" [?], n.p. Mentions that she has seen no account of the 22nd ball; discusses the question of the annexation of Texas. 1 p. TCy of ALS.
February [1845]. J[uliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], n.p., to "Son" [?], n.p. Asks him to read the article in the Herald about the Tyler administration "in which it reflected upon Mr. T[ylers]'s son so severely"; advises him on the political course that he should take; notes that John Carter Brown travels with "a second rate set"; discusses Mr. Fordham's affidavit. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

25 April [1845]. P. Nelson, New Haven, [Conn.], to Alex[ander] Gardiner, [New York, N.Y.]. States that he will not get through court until Saturday; informs Gardiner that he will not be able to return to New York on time due to his son's illness; wishes Gardiner would see Judge Betts about adjourning the court until Tuesday so that he could be there. 2 pp. ALS.


23 August [1845]. J[uliana] Gardiner, [Newport, N.Y.], to [David Gardiner], n.p. Describes the friends who visited Margaret [Gardiner] and Alex[ander Gardiner]; mentions that she has been very ill with influenza; gives news of family and friends. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

[Jan.? 1845?]. J[uliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], [Washington, D.C.?], to [Alexander Gardiner?], n.p. Mentions her desire to get home; discusses his prospects for political appointment; asks that he not place confidence in any one as "politicians are intriguing". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

Folder 5. 1846-1847.

18 June [1846]. M[argaret] M. G[ardiner], n.p., to "Brother" [?], n.p. Describes the construction of the monument; mentions Mr. Gibson's concern over "whether we pay for it or the government". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

22 June 1846. Alex[ander] Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [David Gardiner], n.p. Informs him of the President's plan to arrive in New York and travel to East Hampton; asks him to make all the necessary arrangements. 3 pp. ALS.

16 Sept[ember] 1846. Alex[ander] Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. States that in regards to the Governor's visit, he was very "tempted to rejoin the family circle", but decided that it would be more discreet not to; describes the travels of Graham. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

1846. Seating chart for the New York State Convention Chamber. 1 p. PM.

[14 February] 1847. Valentine's Day card to Miss Gardiner. 1 p. AN.
19 May [18]47. Phoebe Dayton Gardiner, the Abbey Manor, [N.Y.], to [Margaret Gardiner], n.p. Mentions that she received from Julia [Gardiner Tyler] some poetry written by the President [Tyler]; describes a story she heard from Eliza Gardiner concerning her [MG]; discusses her mother's views on Mr. Polk and Miss Corse. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

9 Aug[ust] 1847. David L. Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Alexander Gardiner], n.p. Informs him of the latest high society gossip; mentions that Kitty Livingston and W. Langdon are to be married on November 3rd. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

15 Aug[ust] 1847. Alex[ander] Gardiner, Sharon Springs, [N.Y.], to [David L. Gardiner], n.p. Describes his fellow passengers on the steamboat ride from New York; describes all of his acquaintances at the house at Sharon Springs. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

3 Sept[ember] 1847. Alex[ander] Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes the travel plans of the President [Tyler], Julia [Gardiner Tyler], and David [Gardiner]. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

12 Sept[ember] 1847. Alex[ander] Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions a letter he received from Grahm who received it from Mr. Andrew's of Rochester concerning the latter's gratification in entertaining the President [Tyler] and Julia [Gardiner Tyler]. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

12 Sept[ember] 1847. David L. Gardiner, Saratoga, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes in detail their itinerary [President Tyler, Julia Gardiner Tyler, and himself] and all the people with whom they have made acquaintance. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

14 Nov[ember] 1847. Alex[ander] Gardiner, Baltimore, [Md.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions that he missed his train and is obliged to remain there until tomorrow; states that Julia [Gardiner Tyler] is doing very well; discusses the improvements made to the President's [Tyler] plantation; describes the President's [Tyler] travel plans for the day. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

[1847?]. Margaret Gardiner, n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions how odd she felt when Mrs. B[eckman?] and the "old gentleman" kissed her; describes her meeting Mr. and Mrs. Ely and Mr. Grahm. 1 p. TCy of ALS. Including TCy of ALS from Margaret [Gardiner], n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. [1847?] comparing Mrs. B[eckman?] with Mrs. J.W. Livingston.

[1847?]. Margaret Gardiner, n.p., to [?]. Describes the dinners on the plantation; believes Julia [Gardiner Tyler] to be recovering slower than Mrs. Seldon. 1 p. TCy of ALS. Incomplete.

[1847?]. Margaret Gardiner, n.p., to Mr. Beeckman, n.p. Explains that it was too late for her to write last night as fairies
"might have stolen me away to deck their fitful abodes"; thanks him for his "flattering representations of me to your mother"; expresses desire to stay where she is rather than travel with the President. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

[1847?]. Minna G[ardiner?], n.p., to Mr. B[eeckman?], n.p. Encloses her daguerrotype; describes her return trip. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

Folder 6. 1848.

20 Jan[uary] [1848]. M[argaret Gardiner], n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions that she, Julia [Gardiner Tyler], and the President [?] are all suffering from colds; describes the dance of the previous night; mentions that Alice was "smitten" with Gilbert. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

24 Jan[uary] [1848]. Catherine Beeckman, N[ew] Y[ork], [N.Y.], to "children" [?], n.p. Relates Gilbert’s description of the hospitality President Tyler and family. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

26 Jan[uary] [1848]. M[argaret Gardiner Beeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City County, Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes her life at "Sherwood" as very pleasant; states that the President [Tyler] was somewhat upset that there was not more mention of her wedding to Mr. B[eeckman] made in the papers. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

5 Feb[ruary] [1848]. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eeckman], Richmond, [Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Plans to leave for Washington [D.C.] and be in New York on Saturday a week; mentions that Julia is looking forward to seeing her [JMG] in March. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

11 Feb[ruary] [1848]. Margaret G[ardiner] Beeckman, Washington, [D.C.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes visiting all her friends and attending the third Assembly. 1 p. TCy of AL. Incomplete.

10 March [1848]. M[argaret] G[ardiner] B[eeckman], New York City, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Hopes that her mother's trip to "Sherwood" will turn out successfully; mentions all the calls that she and her husband have been making; describes the [Henry] Clay procession in New York; assures her mother that everything will be taken care of at home. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

20 March [1848]. M[argaret Gardiner Beeckman], New York City, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes all the people that have come to visit. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

24 March [1848]. Margaret [Gardiner Beeckman], New York City, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes a dinner that the "boys" hosted the other day. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

27 March [1848]. M[argaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. to [Juliana
McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Relates a story that Joe H. told her about Mr. Pindle "having fallen desperately in love with her [?]"; mentions the visit of Gilbert Beeckman and Henry Livingston. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

3 April [18]48. Margarett Gardiner Beeckman [?], New York City, [N.Y.], to "Mama", n.p. Discusses Mary's illness and how she was sent to the hospital on Staten Island; mentions the dispute over the Williams' estate; describes her own illness and other troubles. 9 pp. ALS.

23 May 1848. Alex[ander] Gardiner, Philadelphia, [Pa.], to [David L. Gardiner, New York, N.Y.]. Describes his meeting with Fenton; asks David [Gardiner] to advance him $25.00; mentions seeing Robert; discusses the money due Shumfeld from Hjouberry of Brooklyn. 3 pp. ALS.

1 June 1848. Alex[ander] Gardiner, Monongahela House, Pittsburgh, [Pa.], to [David L. Gardiner], n.p. Gives a description of "Homewood," Judge Wilkens' estate; describes his visit with the Wilkens, Mrs. Hutchinson, and her daughter. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

6 June 1848. Alex[ander] Gardiner, Galt House, Louisville, [?], to [David L. Gardiner], n.p. Describes his travels and impressions of Louisville; states the "Judge Brown is too slow and antiquated to be of much use to us"; believes himself to be in much better health since he left New York. 2 pp. ALS.

12 June 1848. David L. Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions his letter from Alexander [Gardiner]; discusses the engagement of Alex Bruen to Eliza Joy; gives news of other friends; discusses gardening; asks that no one outside the family be allowed to use the horses and carriages, "not even clergymen"; describes the activities of the Haight who recently returned from Paris. 4 pp. ALS.

19 June 1848. David L. Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner, East Hampton, N.Y.]. States that he hired a man as a coachman and gardener, believing that "there will be no danger of his introducing Foreigners on the premises"; describes a letter he received from Alex[ander Gardiner]. 1 p. ALS

26 June 1848. David L. Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Asks for the last balance on his mother's bank book and any subsequent withdrawals as he must pay the interest due; gives news of family and friends; discusses the care of the wagons. 2 pp. ALS.

5 July [18]48. David L. Gardiner, n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes the Fourth of July celebrations; notes that he did not observe anyone intoxicated; states that the corn and potatoes should be attended to; family news. 3 pp. ALS.

13 July 1848. John H. Beeckman], New York, [N.Y.], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Describes the large procession yesterday
in honor of those killed in Mexico; mentions the turmoil in Paris.
1 p. TCy of ALS.

21 July 1848. John H. Beeckman, New York, [N.Y.], to [Margaret
Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Mentions that father and mother started
their trip South; notes that he has sent her a violin, care of Capt.
Nash; hopes that she has been exercising; awaits news from Europe.
2 pp. TCy of ALS.

Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Describes a very large gathering of
Irishmen, discussing the wrongs of "Injured Ireland"; believes that
Bob [Robert] Tyler could have secured ten thousand votes there. 1
p. TCy of ALS.

Gardiner Beeckman, East Hampton, N.Y.]. Is upset at his wife's
illness; gives news of the family; describes the city; wants to come
and visit. 4 pp. ALS.
BOX II. The Gardiner Papers, 1849-1861.

Folder 1. 1849.

14 January [1849]. Juliana [McLachlan] Gardiner, "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City County, Va.], to Margaret G[ardiner] Beeckman, New York, [N.Y.]. Encloses the checks and a letter from Mr. Cunningham to the P[resident]; discusses the Democratic Party's estimate of the previous administration. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

13 February [1849]. Clarissa, East Hampton, [N.Y.], to "friends," Margaret G[ardiner] Beeckman, n.p. Describes the funeral service for Egbert [?] in Acapulco [?]; believes Alex [Gardiner?] to be a "sincere Christian". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

13 February [1849]. J[ohn] H. B[eckman], "Latitude south 8.5, Long. 33.24", to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Describes in detail the storm that they sailed through; states that he did not believe that they were going to survive; notes that they are heading for Rio where they will stay several weeks for repairs; describes the passengers; hopes to live to see home and family. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

[27 February 1849]. John H. B[eckman], [Rio de Janeiro, Brazil], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Describes the sights as his vessel comes into the harbor at Rio; states that he can hardly wait "to set foot upon the green grass and enjoy a good bath...and a good meal of fresh provisions"; describes his impressions of the city; finds the slavery disgusting; hopes to be there if revolution should break out; describes the hordes of Americans en route to California. 4 pp. TCy of ALS.

8 March 1849. J[ohn] H. B[eckman], Rio [de Janeiro, Brazil], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Describes in great detail his impressions of Rio; mentions their visit to the house of Mr. Todd, the American minister; describes his tour through the "largest and richest monastery in Brazil"; discusses the effect of the gold rush in Rio; wishes he was home. 3 pp. TCy of ALS.

17 March 1849. J[ohn] H. B[eckman], [Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Describes his accommodations in a "delightful country boarding house"; discusses the effect of the California gold rush; describes the villas he has visited; notes the fear that the slaves will revolt; mentions the arrival of the Emperor and Empress in Rio; thinks the mixing of blacks and whites as equals to be "disgusting and repugnant in the extreme to an American". 4 pp. TCy of ALS.

27 March 1849. J[ohn] H. B[eckman], Rio [de Janeiro, Brazil], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Discusses plans he made with Mr. Herrick to establish a commercial house; describes his visits with neighbors, merchants, and the Neopolitan ambassador; complains of the necessity to endure all the fine dining and entertainment with the Brazilian ladies who speak no English; discusses the value of
land in California; hopes to leave port tomorrow morning. 4 pp. TCy of ALS.

5 May [1849]. Margaret Gardiner Beeckman, n.p. to "Brother" [?], n.p. Informs him that she received a letter from Gilbert Beeckman enclosing one from her husband; asks the date of his letter from H. Livingston; mentions that her husband is located in a suburb of the city [Rio] in the company of Mr. Herrick and Dr. Bardell. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

16 June [1849]. "Mother Beeckman", N[ew] York, [N.Y.], to Margaret [Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Mentions that the city is full of cholera; asks what are Margaret's plans. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

7 Aug[ust] 1849. John H. B[eeckman], San Francisco, [Calif.], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Gives account of his voyage from Rio to San Francisco; describes the lack of amenities at such places as Conception where they had stopped on the way; complains about the captain of the "Chio Colon" - "a good navigator but a bad sailor"; mentions receiving everyone's letters upon his arrival; complains of the bad weather and the problems associated with his voyage being so delayed; finds land values incredibly inflated and the goods he brought with him practically worthless; describes the "Happy Valley" where he pitched his tent in order to avoid the high prices of accommodation in town; complains of an attack of "deserted" [sic]. 10 pp. TCy of ALS.

9 Aug[ust] [1849]. John H. Beeckman, San Francisco, [Calif.], to David [Lyon Gardiner], c/o Agnew Rogers & Co., [Sacramento, Calif.]. Discusses his bewilderment at the situation he finds himself in after his seven month journey from New York; mentions the incredibly high prices for land; asks him to send word of what rents are and what goods are in demand "up the river". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

8 Sept[ember] 1849. John H. Beeckman, San Francisco, [Calif.], to David [L. Gardiner], Sacramento, Calif. Explains that his dysentery kept him from meeting him [DLG] in Sacramento; hopes to be well enough to travel by next week. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

14 Sept[ember] 1849. Gilbert L. Beeckman, J[uliana McLaren] G[ardiner], [N.Y.], to Margaret [Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Explains that he does not believe that his brother could have reached San Francisco in time for him to have sent mail via the last steamer; is pleased that both she and the baby [Henry] are in good health; believes New York to be an agreeable place of residence. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

23 Sept[ember] 1849. John H. B[eeckman], Sacramento City, [Calif.], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Describes how some have struck gold with no problems while others labor away with no luck; explains that beneath the grime, many of the miners are cultured, well-educated gentlemen; gives a description of Sacramento as a "city principally of tents springing up in the wilderness"; mentions that many nationalities are represented there. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.
14 Nov[ember] 1849. John H. B[eeckman], Sacramento City, [Calif.], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Hopes to be able to repay her mother and send several thousand dollars to her [MGB] additionally by the next year; notes the prices of various commodities; describes the little shack he and his partner, Major Bean, built to spend the winter; mentions that David [L. Gardiner] has moved into the auction business in San Francisco. 3 pp. TCy of ALS.

7 December 1849. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], "Sherwood Forest," Charles City [Co., Va.], to [John H. Beeckman]. Describes attendance at the wedding reception of Miss Cornelia Scott; is happy to hear that he has recovered from his illness; mentions visiting his family; gives all the latest news about friends and relatives; asks for a very detailed letter from him. 3 pp. TCy of ALS. Incomplete.

[1849]. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p., to [John H. Beeckman], n.p. Is thankful for his words that he survived the storm; asks why he did not write more, detailing every experience; wishes that she could be on board ship with him. 1 p. TCy of AL. Incomplete.

Folder 2. 1850.

13 January 1850. Alex[ander], New York, [N.Y.], to [David Lyon Gardiner], n.p. Informs him that Mr. Mullone intends to ship carts, wheelbarrows, and similar articles; states that Mr. Mullone wishes to know which articles would be in most demand; mentions that mother [JMG] and Margaret [Gardiner] left for "Sherwood". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

20 January 1850. John H. B[eeckman], Sacramento City [Calif.], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Gives a detailed description of the flood waters which covered Sacramento; discusses prospects for the future; complains about the poor mail service. 3 pp. TCy of ALS.

8 February 1850. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co.], Va., to [John H. Beeckman], n.p. Asks his opinion of the daguerreotype of their son [Henry Beeckman] that she sent; mentions the warm weather they have been experiencing; describes life at "Sherwood Forest"; wishes that he would be more detailed in his letters as she is often lead to wild speculations; mentions the controversy concerning the North and the South. 3 pp. TCy of AL.

8 March 1850 [?]. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman?], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co.], Va., to "Joe", n.p. Notes that "very little seems to have resulted this winter in the matrimonial way"; describes a social function she attended. 1 p. TCy of AL. Incomplete.

[March 1850]. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], ["Sherwood Forest,"
Charles City Co., Va.], to [John H. Beeckman], [Sacramento, Calif.?]. Expects to receive several letters by the next steamer to make up for the fact that she has not received a letter from him in four months; describes an excursion to Richmond for the laying of the cornerstone to the Washington Monument; describes the activities of their son. 2 pp. TCy of ALS. Incomplete.

[c. March 1850]. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman ?], n.p., to [?], n.p. Mentions an excursion to Richmond on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the Washington Monument; describes a ball given by the Governor. 1 p. TCy of AL. Incomplete.

3 April 1850. David L[yon] Gardiner, San Diego, [Calif.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes the development of San Diego and the house he built, the "Granda Cassa"; notes the lack of vegetables in his diet; believes more gold than ever will be extracted from the mines this season; describes his daily routine; discusses the advantages of separating Southern California from the Northern section. 4 pp. TCy of ALS.

27 April 1850. Henry [Beeckman Livingston], "Freemont 30 miles above Sac[ramento] City," [Calif.], to Gil[bert Beeckman], n.p. Gives a detailed account of the death of John H. Beeckman by the accidental firing of his gun; notes all the arrangements that have been made. 5 pp. TCy of ALS.

30 April 1850. Henry Beeckman Livingston, Sacramento City, [Calif.], to "Aunt", n.p. Discusses the arrangements he made after the death of John H. Beeckman; offers his condolences, describing how much he [JHB] felt for his family. 3 pp. TCy of ALS.

[pre-April 1850]. John H. B[eeckman], Buteville, [Calif.], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Mentions his connection with the development of the new town of "Buteville"; congratulates Julia [Gardiner Tyler] on the birth of her daughter; notes that he would have been very rich had it not been for the flood. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

April [1850]. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p., to [John H. Beeckman], [Sacramento, Calif.?]. Complains of the infrequency of his letters "your letters! they are my only true solace in your absence, and each disappointment sends a keen pang to my heart. Oh! mails! mails! you have much, indeed, to answer for." 1 p. TCy. Incomplete.

13 May [1850]. "Mother Beeckman," New York, [N.Y.], to Margaret [Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Relates the contents of a letter received from John H. Beeckman, describing the flood and the search for a better location; states that he believed that his stay in California would be shortened. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

May [1850]. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], ["Sherwood Forest," Charles City Co., Va.], to [John H. Beeckman], [Sacramento, Calif.?]. Mentions her sorrow at not having received a letter from him since January 20th; describes her life at "Sherwood" and

7 June 1850. Alex[ande]r Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to [Julia Gardiner], n.p. Describes the death of John H. Beeckman; discusses the condition of Margaret [Gardiner Beeckman] and the Beeckman family; notes the information received concerning his estate; encloses a letter from David [Gardiner]. 3 pp. TCy of ALS.

13 June 1850. Alex[ande]r Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to Henry B[eeckman] Livingston, n.p. Thanks him for all that he has done concerning the death of John H. Beeckman; lists particulars that need to be attended to concerning the discharge of Beeckman's estate. 3 pp. TCy of ALS.

[pre-June 1850]. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p., to [John H. Beeckman], n.p. Discusses the engagements and marriages of some friends. 1 p. TCy of AL.

[pre-June 1850]. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p., to [John H. Beeckman], n.p. Rejoices that she has at last received a letter from him, even if "the tidings he bears are of a most disastrous nature"; hopes to receive more letters. 1 p. TCy of L. Incomplete.


185[?]. Poem, "Would I were with him! he is free," probably written by Margaret Gardiner Beeckman. 1 p. Poem.

Folder 3. 1851 - 1852.

14 June 1850 - October 1851. Chronology of events concerning the estate of John H. Beeckman. 1 p. TCy of D.

18 January 1851. David L[yon] Gardiner, San Diego, Calif., to [Alexander Gardiner], n.p. Answers his [AG] questions concerning the estate of John H. Beeckman; mentions a letter received from Bean asking for the matters between them to be settled amicably and "without recourse to law"; states that he wants to buy as many carts as he can afford; is happy to hear that mother is well. 4 pp. ALS.

22 January 1851. Juliana Gardiner, "Sherwood [Forest," Charles City Co., Va.], to Alex[ande]r Gardiner, U.S. Circuit Ct., New York City, [N.Y.]. Notes that the family is well; mentions meeting with Robert Tyler and his family; gives some news concerning David [Lyon Gardiner] in San Diego; news of friends and family. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

26 January [1851]. Margaret [Gardiner Beeckman], New York, [N.Y.], to [David L. Gardiner], [San Diego, Calif.]. Discusses arrangements she wants made concerning some personal effects of their late brother [Alexander Gardiner]; describes his death and how people have been dealing with the situation. 4 pp. ASL.
27 January [1851?]. H[enry Livingston], Sacramento City, [Calif.], to G[ilbert Beeckman], n.p. Explains that business has been poor due to competition; gives local news; believes his papers, the Daily Index, will become very profitable and influential; describes a staged fight between a dog and a grizzly bear; discusses his leisure activities with a certain belle, "the Prairie Flower". 3 pp. TCy of ALS.

3 February 1851. David L. Gardiner, San Diego, [Calif.], to Alex[ander]r Gardiner, n.p. Acknowledges receipt of his letter; discusses the number and type of vessels in service between San Francisco and Sacramento; discusses the China tea trade; notes that A.B. Smith left to visit friends in New York and that he sent a letter with Smith for him [AG].

11 February 1851. Document granting power of attorney to David L. Gardiner for Margaret Gardiner Beeckman. 2 pp. ADS.

28 February 1851. David L. Gardiner, San Francisco, [Calif.], to [Alexander Gardiner], n.p. Encloses a bill of exchange for $2000, to pay back loan for the lumber; notes that his [AG] shipments have been disposed of except the wheel barrows and lumber; expects to be remunerated for the loss he incurred while he was attending to his [AG] business; mentions the poor market for tea from China; notes that everyone is complaining of hard times but that they expect a good season at the mines. 4 pp. ALS.

5 March 1851. David L. Gardiner, San Francisco, [Calif.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Relates his shock and grief at the news of Alexander's [Gardiner] death; hopes to be able to leave by next month; mentions mailing a check for $2000 and a box of gold dust to Alex[ander Gardiner]. 3 pp. ALS.

13 March 1851. Mr. Mullone, Jersey City, [N.J.], to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, Brooklin [sic], [N.Y.]. Offers his condolences for the loss of her son, Alexander [Gardiner]; inquires as to the status of a shipment of carts, wheelbarrows and harnesses to David L. Gardiner. 1 p. ALS.

14 March 1851. H[enry] B[eeckman] L[ivingston], Sacramento City, [Calif.], to G[ilbert Beeckman], n.p. Discusses recent lynchings and the role of the law in Sacramento; mentions the fire in Nevada City which destroyed the business district; advises him not to sell John H. Beeckman's store now as it would not bring a good price; discusses the prospect of coming home and getting married. 4 pp. TCy of ALS.

15 March 1851. David L. Gardiner, San Francisco, [Calif.], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Discusses his reaction to the news of their brother's death; states that he is concluding all business so that he will not have to return to California. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

10 November [1851]. M[argaret Gardiner] B[eeckman], n.p., to
[Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes her visit and dinner with the "bachelors"; believes Uncle Nathaniel is recovering; gives news of family and friends. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

12-13 January [1852]. Margaret Gardiner Beeckman, n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Relates her visit with Madame Arestes, a "genuine Hungarian". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

21 January [1852]. J[uliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Explains how she has been taking care of herself; describes the severe weather they have been experiencing and the flooding of the James; is sorry to hear about her poor luck with a nurse for Henry [Beeckman]. 4 pp. ALS.

27 January [1852]. Margaret Gardiner Beeckman, n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions Mrs. Porter's plans to travel to Havana; lists the people who have come to call. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

11 November 1852. B.W. Bean, Sacramento, [Calif.], to Mrs. Margaret Gardiner Beeckman, n.p. Describes the fire that destroyed a good part of the city; discusses how this will affect their business dealings there; notes that the Buteville property is becoming very valuable. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

Folder 4. 1853 - August 1854.

22 January [1853]. Margaret Gardiner Beeckman, Philadelphia, [Pa.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions arriving in Philadelphia safely and plans to leave for Baltimore at 1:00; mentions her meeting with Thackeray and Mrs. Robert Tyler. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

22 January [1853]. Margaret Gardiner Beeckman, Baltimore, [Md.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Staten Island, N.Y. Describes her trip from Philadelphia; complains that she will be detained in Baltimore due to an accident until tomorrow night; hopes to move on to Norfolk after that; gives news of friends and family. 4 pp. ALS.


31 January 1853. G. Fagnani, New York, [N.Y.], to [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], [Staten Island, N.Y.]. Asks her to send directions so that he can make the frame for her brother's picture. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

5 February [1853]. Margaret Gardiner Beeckman, "Sherwood
Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Discusses the reception that the publication of Julia's [Gardiner Tyler] letter received; assures her of its originality; notes that it has been approved in almost all the cities. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

19 February [1853]. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes her dinner party; discusses the tremendous success that Julia's [Gardiner Tyler] address has received; notes that a publisher in Ithaca wrote her [JGT] asking her to "write a book entitled White Slavery in England, of the size of Uncle Tom's Cabin"; gives news of friends. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

23 February [1853]. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions the continued favorable response to Julia's [Gardiner Tyler] letter; notes that they made "the necessary invocation to get the spirits to manifest their presence among us...but without success"; gives news of the family. 1 p. TCy of ALS.


14 June [1853]. B.W. Bean, Sacramento, [Calif.], to Mrs. John H. Beeckman [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], n.p. Regrets that he was not able to come home by this steamer; remits to her $300; informs her that the other $400 will be settled; mentions that he is leaving for San Francisco this afternoon. 1 p. ALS.

29 July 1854. Juliana McLachlan G[ardiner], Saratoga, [N.Y.], to [David L. Gardiner], n.p. Mentions that Margaret Gardiner Beeckman is going to send Mr. B. the ring in order to get rid of him; reports that there is a young lady from the South who is disputing "the belleship with Mrs. Duncan". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

4 August 1854. Juliana McLachlan G[ardiner], Saratoga, [N.Y.], to [David L. Gardiner], n.p. Describes a "party of young Tennesseans" at the house; notes that the young ladies are pretty but rather provincial; informs him on Margaret Gardiner Beeckman's attempts to avoid B. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

9 August [1854]. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eeckman], n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes the activities of her day, at the racetrack, at tea, and at breakfast. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

14 August [1854]. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eeckman], Saratoga, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Reports the little details of the days activities, her acquaintances, the weather, etc. 1 p. TCy of ALS.
21 Aug[ust] [18]54. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eckman], White Sulpher Sp[ings], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Hopes that Julia [Gardiner Tyler] will write some but believes her to be working on her dress for the ball tonight; describes her adventures on horseback with some friends. 4 pp. ALS.

22 Aug[ust] [18]54. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eckman], Saratoga, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, Staten Island, N.Y. Mentions everyone who came to greet her after dinner; reports that Mrs. Young and Ann were overjoyed at her return. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

24 Aug[ust] [18]54. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eckman], Saratoga, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, Staten Island, N.Y. Informs her of an invitation received from the Haight for a dinner party; believes Julia [Gardiner Tyler] and the P[resident] [Tyler] to be recovering well; notes that the Clarks left to go North. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

Aug[ust] [18]54. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eckman], Saratoga, [N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Gives all the details of a dinner party last night at the Lake; notes that the P[resident] [Tyler] was imprudent enough to eat ice cream and today is quite under the weather." 1 p. TCy of ALS.

August 1854. Receipt for $5.00 from [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner to P.A. Raynor. 1 p. ADS.


3 November [18]54. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eckman], Richmond, [Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, North Shore, Staten Island, New York. Recommends the services of a Dr. Hodges of Philadelphia for her; mentions their sightseeing in Richmond, the parade, and a balloon. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

18 November [18]54. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eckman], n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Reports that Mrs. C. brought all the purchases out for Julia [Gardiner Tyler] to inspect; states that General Millison is there and "on the stump to reconcile his constituents for having voted against the Nebraska Bill". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

22 November 1854. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes the evening with Col. Mallory and Judge Clopton; mentions that the boys seem quite content at the school, bringing home "three sweet potatoes as a reward of merit; notes the travels of Mrs. [Letitia Tyler?] Semple. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

3 December [18]54. Margaret G[ardiner] B[eckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, [North Shore], Staten Island, New York. Mentions her trip to "The Rowe" to see Mr. and Mrs. Ben[jamin] Harrison, but they were not home; informs her of a dinner Julia [Gardiner Tyler] will
be giving in honor of Mrs. Millson, the Senator's wife. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

17 December [18]54. Margaret Gardiner B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, [North Shore], Staten Island, New York. Describes the dinner party that was held last Friday; believes herself to "have grown to be such a belle in the county here"; mentions her success in treating Mary Clopton's ailments; notes that the President is preparing his Baltimore address. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

21 December [18]54. Margaret Gardiner B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, [North Shore], Staten Island, N.Y. Acknowledges receipt of her letter containing the "Bowery Extension" motion made by the "Mayor & c."; reports that the President has gone to the Court House to determine whether the County Clerk can witness their signatures to the deed of conveyance. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

23 December [18]54. Margaret Gardiner B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co.], Va., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Reports that all the boxes except one came safely, but that the mince meat broke and ran over David's book; describes preparations being made for Christmas; encloses the papers signed and certified that she [JMG] wanted. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

9 January [18]55. Margaret Gardiner B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co.], Va., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, [North Shore], Staten Island, New York. Notes that yesterday's sermon was quite scathing; reports that all her "numerous beaux were in attendance" with her at church; discusses some music she is called upon to play; mentions visits from the Harrisons and the Crenshaws. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

12 January 1855. Margaret Gardiner B[eeckman], Norfolk, Va., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions that her friends Wilcox and Christian rode out to meet her, states that she "never saw two sprucer looking beaux on finer steeds than they"; lists all the problems the steamers have had navigating in the fog; hopes to visit the Whittles in order to meet Mr. James; hopes that the "Bowery business" will be settled soon. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

12 February 1855. Margaret Gardiner B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, [North Shore], Staten Island, New York. Reports that the river boats are frozen up and that there is no means of communication by mail. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

16 February [18]55. Margaret Gardiner B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, [North Shore], Staten Island, New York. Describes in detail the dancing and the dinners at Dr. Wilcox's party; reports the safe arrival of her trunk; thinks "Mrs. Carleton is a great goose to marry Col. Phye unless he has something besides his salary & title". 2 pp. TCy of ALS.
2 March 1855. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Mrs. Beeckman Sr.], n.p. Believes that the county has never seen "such a season of festivities"; discusses the activities of little Harry [Beeckman] at school and around the house; states that the President [Tyler] has been busy preparing a speech to be delivered to the Maryland Mechanics Institute. 2 pp. TCy of ALS. Including TCy of the above letter. 1 p.

11 March [18]55 M[argaret] G[ardiner] B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, [North Shore], Staten Island, New York. Reports the return of Mrs. James Brooks from Europe and that she injured her back and has been an invalid for three months; describes the escort she will have on her trip to Baltimore. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

20 March 1855. M[argaret] G[ardiner] B[eeckman], Baltimore, [Md.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Announces their arrival in Baltimore; reports that the wedding came off with no problems; notes that the P[resident] [Tyler] has been receiving callers all morning. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

22 March 1855. M[argaret] G[ardiner] B[eeckman], [Baltimore, Md.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes the dinner at the Nelsons' last night; remarks the "there were never collected such an ugly set of people"; plans to go out with her old beau, Mr. Gittings; reports that the "President's [Tyler] address is complimented beyond limit". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

3 April 1855. M[argaret] G[ardiner] B[eeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes her dinner at Col. Wilcox's on the way back from church; reports that Allen lost in a yacht race by a New Yorker but then offered to bet $10,000.00 to race again; believes the New Yorker should have taken him up; mentions the acquisition of two new admirers - Capt. Lester and Mr. Fear. 2 pp. TCy of ALS. Including TCy of ALS, M[argaret] G[ardiner] B[eeckman], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], notes that everyone's crops except the P[resident]'s [Tyler] are doing poorly; mentions the return of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox.


27 Aug[ust] 1855. M[argaret] G[ardiner] B[eeckman], [White Sulpher Springs, [Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Describes a costume ball that Julia [Gardiner Tyler], the President [Tyler], and she attended; relates a joke they played on the President [Tyler]. 4 pp. ALS.

10 Dec[ember] [18]55. S.P. Parker, Castleton, [N.Y.], to Mrs. Beeckman, n.p. Discusses bringing some of Dr. Muhlenbergh's choir
boys to his church "to illustrate Congregational Singing". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

[1855?]. [Margaret Gardiner B(eeckman)], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Discusses their meeting at church and calling on the Douthats; believes that the young ladies of Charles City [County] are jealous of her as "she usurps the beaux at parties, at church and on the road!"; mentions the debate concerning the relocation of the church. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

Folder 6. 1856 - 1861.

30 Dec[ember] [1856?]. [Margaret Gardiner Beeckman], "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Lists the devices and dinners she recently attended; describes herself as a belle; notes that the fog has been so thick on the river as to prevent mail delivery and cause the wreck of the Augusta. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

17 May 1857. [Margaret Gardiner B(eeckman), Sherwood Forest, [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], Castleton, [North Shore], Staten Island, New York. Complains of feeling "under the weather"; hopes to see Harry [Beeckman] soon; reports the presence of Judge Clopton in their house - "a terror by the way to the ladies"; believes that any report on the President's [Tyler] address published in advance of his pamphlet "must be both incorrect & incomplete". 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

22 May [18]57. [Margaret Gardiner B(eeckman), "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. States that she has still not fully recovered from her illness due to the poor weather; reports the death of Augustus Christian - "his exit was no doubt a happy relief to his family". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

[ante-June 1857]. [Margaret Gardiner B(eeckman), n.p., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Reports that the children enjoy school and all are well except for Lachlan [Tyler], who needs support for his foot as she believes his lameness is increasing; mentions the death of Alex Wells; believes that "if all that was reported of him is true, Ann will be the better off for the event"; mentions the request from the Protestant Episcopal Seminary in Baltimore to have the President [Tyler] speak on religion. 1 p. TCy of ALS.


21 Sep[tember] 1858. [Juliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], Staten
Island, [N.Y.], ["Villa Margaret," Hampton, Va.], to [David L. Gardiner], n.p. Announces her safe arrival at Julia's [Gardiner Tyler's] new house in Hampton, [Va.]; describes the advantages of its location; requests that he pick up and send her the spiritual papers - "a banner of light & Spiritual Telegraph". 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

29 Oct[ober] 1859. David L. Gardiner, "Sherwood Forest," [Charles City Co., Va.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Reports that the President [Tyler] is complaining, but that he is better. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

29 June 1860. Sarah [Griswold Thomspn], Staten Island, N.Y., to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Lists the names of people she met one evening at Miss Bard's; describes her trip to Telegraph Hill to watch the passage of the "Great Eastern" up the river. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

3 July [1860]. J[uliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], "Villa Margaret," [Hampton, Va.], to [David L. Gardiner], n.p. Plans to accompany the children to the point to see the parade on the fourth; describes the party she attended last week given by Capt. Dyer; describes the visit of Mrs. General Green and her daughter. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

17 July 1860. "Fanny" [?], Staten Island, N.Y., to Mrs. [Juliana?] Gardiner, n.p. Describes the festivities at the Japanese reception; wishes that Harry [Beeckman], Gardie, Alex, and Julia [Tyler] could have been there; mentions going to the Telegraph to see the Great Eastern sail; reports on the encampment of the seventh regiment near the railroad; states that "the opposition boat is getting along finely". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

23 July 1860. David L. Gardiner, Staten Island, [N.Y.], to Juliana [ McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Reports his sighting of a great meteor that crashed last Friday evening; asks her if she know of the marriage of Jacob LeRoy and the daughter of Rob[er]t McClelland. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

6 Aug[ust] 1860. David L. Gardiner, Staten Island, [N.Y.], to Juliana [McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Lists the names of people he visited yesterday; hopes that she will be able to see the Great Eastern when it arrives at Old Point [Comfort, Va.]; does not believe that it compares favorably with American ships. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

15 August 1860. J[uliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], "Villa Margaret," Hampton, [Va.], to [David L. Gardiner], n.p. Describes her visit to the Great Eastern with Julia [Tyler] and Mrs. Seldon. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

[1860]. Sarah [?], n.p., to Mrs. [Juliana?] Gardiner, n.p. Reports her evening with Mrs. Satterthwaite; lists the callers she has received. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

10 June 1861. J[uliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], S[tenant] I[sland],
[N.Y.], to D[avid Gardiner], n.p. Expresses concern over his safety; encloses a clipping from the Herald which believes that Tyler's house will go unmolested; states that everyone is "looking for a terrible battle in Virginia"; reports the commencement of the Naval Brigade's movements upon the James [River]; discusses the debate concerning English intervention; mentions speculation concerning the location of the first battle. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

14 July 1861. Phoebe G[ardiner] Horsford, "The Abbey Manor," [Shelter Island, N.Y.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], [Staten Island, N.Y.]. Reports that they have "settled on the island for the summer"; wants to know where Julia [Gardiner Tyler] is "and what she is doing through all these troublesome sad times?"; offers congratulations on the birth of David [Lyon Gardiner]'s son; discusses "the fearful news from Cambridge the last week ... of the death of Mrs. Longfellow". 4 pp. ALS.

9 August 1861. Juliana [McLachlan] Gardiner, Staten Island, [N.Y.], to Miss Cooper, n.p. Thanks her for the letter with all the news; notes the "Julia's [Tyler] mind is so engrossed with the inhumanity of this war she could write of nothing else"; does not call on neighbors as she does not desire opposition to her views on the war; reports that Mr. Crittenden has been delivering "a vigorous prosecution of the war". 1 p. TCy of ALS.
Box III. The Gardiner Family Papers, 1862-1874 and n.d.

Folder 1. 1862.

27 January [1862]. Phoebe G[ardiner] H[orsford], Cambridge, [Ma.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p. Offers condolences on the death of Mr. [John] Tyler; hopes to hear from her soon; wants news about Julia [Tyler]. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

31 January [1862]. Juliana [McLachlan] Gardiner, Staten Island, [N.Y.], to Miss Cooper, n.p. Reports that she has been refused a pass "for military reasons". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

8 March 1862. Pass granting permission for Juliana [McLachlan] Gardiner and 2 children to go to Virginia. 1 p. PDS.

23 March 1862. Louise Ludlow, Baltimore, [Md.], to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Wishes that she had some intelligence to communicate, but observes that contact with Virginia has been cut off; promises to relay any information they might receive concerning Julia [Gardiner Tyler]; does not believe that there is any chance that Mrs. Gardiner might travel south at present. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

28 March [1862]. Louise Ludlow, Baltimore, [Md.], to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Reports that enquiries made among prisoners about the condition of Mrs. [Julia Gardiner] Tyler and family have revealed only that nothing serious has happened; states that "Mr. Ludlow has again made a request to Gen. Wool for permission to send a flag over to you ladies, but it remains to be seen what the cross old man will do". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

14 April [1862]. Juliana [McLachlan] Gardiner, Staten Island, [N.Y.], to Mrs. Crane [?], Elizabethtown, N.J. Asks that an enclosed letter to Julia [Gardiner] Tyler be delivered to the gentleman who offered to take charge of the letter; reports that "Alex[ander Gardiner Tyler] is very measy and anxious to return South". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

18 May 1862. Juliana [McLachlan] Gardiner, Staten Island, [N.Y.], to Miss Cooper, n.p. Reports that Julia [Gardiner Tyler] is determined to remain at "Sherwood," "under any circumstances"; mentions that the papers reported that "the Union gun boats have met a repulse near Richmond". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

29 May [1862]. S.P. Scott, Norfolk, Va., to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner?], n.p. Acknowledges receipt of a letter addressed to Julia Gardiner Tyler; reports that it is being sent to the nearest military fort of the "insurgents"; disclaims any responsibility if the letter is lost. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

7 June 1862. Mattie T. Smith, Maysville, Kentucky, to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], n.p. Regrets to hear of Mrs. [Julia Gardiner] Tyler's illness; is happy to hear that she has been
allowed to remain at "Sherwood," "in comparative peace and quiet".

13 July [1862?]. J[uliana McLachlan] G[ardiner], n.p., to Miss Cooper, n.p. Discusses her attempts to reach "Sherwood" by mail; notes that there have been some efforts at compromise and peace, but fears "the appropriation made by Congress for prolonging the war will make peace measures a slow business". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

22 July [1862?]. L.F. C[ooper], Magnolia, New Rochelle, [N.Y.], to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Believes prospects for the South are looking brighter; discusses reports from foreign newspapers about the war; wishes that "the Southern Confed. could maintain their own independence without the aid of foreign powers". 1 p. TCy of ALS.

2 August 1862. Mary E. Moseley, Norfolk, [Va.], to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Offers to provide assistance to her to contact her daughter, Mrs. [Julia Gardiner] Tyler; reports the description of battles received from her uncle, Dr. Minge; notes that the Federal soldiers "have laid waste, the beautiful estates of Westover" and "Berkeley," and in fact, all the country around here, not leaving a blade of grass, or living thing upon the land"; gives a forwarding address where letters to Julia [Gardiner Tyler] might be sent. 4 pp. ALS. Including TCy of above ALS. 3 pp.

2 August 1862. J[uliana McLachlan] Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to "Friend" [?], n.p. Discusses her attempts to get a pass to meet with her daughter at "Sherwood" as she had heard reports that Mrs. [Julia Gardiner] Tyler was ill; states that she is now awaiting a reply from Major Ludlow on the matter; wants to bring Julia [Gardiner Tyler] north, as "the climate during the summer is all but death to her". 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

17 Aug[ust] 1862. W[illiam H.] Ludlow, Headquarters Seventh Army Corps, Fort Monroe, Va., to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Reports that permission is still not being granted to civilians to travel up the James River as preparations are pending for the removal of their forces; promises to notify her as soon as he has favorable news. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

19 August 1862. Mary E. Moseley, Norfolk, [Va.], to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Informs her that it will be possible to travel to Charles City [Co., Va.] "under a 'flag of truce'" to meet up with her daughter [Julia Gardiner Tyler]; notes that Norfolk is "only peopled by women, children, and men incapable of bearing arms"; reports the rationing of tea and salt; describes the effect of the war in Eastern Virginia; believes God to be on their side in this war; discusses the possibilities of her [JMG] traveling to meet with her daughter. 4 pp. ALS.

20 Aug[ust] [1862?]. L.F. C[ooper], New Rochelle, [N.Y.], to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Mentions that Julia G[ardiner] T[ylor] has been ill again; believes it would be best for her to go north; does "not feel at all alarmed about Julia - now that the
northern vandals have retired from the James River"; notes that communication with Richmond has been reopened. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

August 1862. Juliana [Mclachlan] Gardiner, Staten Island, [N.Y.], to "Friend", n.p. Discusses the prospects of meeting up with Julia [Gardiner Tyler] and bringing her north; argues that since the [Federal] army has left the immediate vicinity of "Sherwood", she ought to try to get Julia [Gardiner Tyler]; fears the effect of the weather on Julia; reports the current concerning a battle to be fought on the Rappahannock [River] with Gen. M'Clellan uniting with Pope. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

4 Sept[ember] 1862. Ja[me]s A. Hardie, Lieut. Colonel, Alde de Camp, Washington, D.C., to Juliana [Mclachlan] Gardiner, Castleton, Staten Island, New York. Regrets that the "military condition of things was such as to prevent a favorable consideration of your request" by Major Gen[era]l M'Clellan. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

9 Sept[ember] [1862]. Phoebe [Gardiner Horsford], Cambridge, [Ma.], to [Juliana Mclachlan Gardiner], n.p. Asks to be kept informed of any news of Julia [Gardiner Tyler]; discusses the rumor that the villa ["Villa Margaret"] in Hampton, [Va.] had been burned; mentions that Mr. Horsford was in Washington [D.C.] right after the battle of Bull Run. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

[1862]. [Juliana Mclachlan Gardiner], n.p., to Miss [Mary E.] Moseley, [Norfolk, Va. ?]. Assures her that her sympathies are with the south; feels that "the state of the country is most sad and lamentable"; hopes to see her soon. 1 p. TCy of AL.

Folder 2. 1863 - 1874.

30 June 1863. [Mr. Dayton ?], Castleton, [N.Y.], to Mrs. Juliana Mclachlan Gardiner, n.p. Gives a favorable report on the scholastic achievement of the "young gentlemen" under his instruction from her home. 1 p. TCy of AL. Incomplete.

21 Aug[ust] [1863]. Phoebe G[ardiner] H[orsford], "The Abbey Manor", [N.Y.], to [Juliana Mclachlan Gardiner], n.p. Mentions her surprise at hearing that Julia [Gardiner Tyler] had returned to Virginia; discusses her husband's involvement with the Runford Chemical Works and the Commission for the Defense of Boston Harbor. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

[ca. August 1863]. Receipt signed by George Mackerley [?] for payment received from Mrs. J[uliana Mclachlan] G[ardiner] for tuition and expenses for Alexander Tyler and Henry Beekman [sic]. 1 p. ADS.

9 September [1863]. L.T. Cooper, Albany, [N.Y.], to Mrs. [Juliana Mclachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Reports that Mr. Tyler [?] has an office in the government at a salary of $3000; discusses the activity on the Potomac [River] - believes that the Northern papers cannot be trusted to print news of defeat; encourages her to keep her spirits
up; quotes Mr. Tyler as saying "we have no more fear of the Yankees
than if they were Hottentots - not a bit more - God is with us and
we will whip them badly." 1 p. TCy of ALS.

9 September 1863. 1. Meta L[ewis], Castleton, S[aten] l[island],
[N.Y.], to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Relays news from
a relative that Julia [Gardiner Tyler] is well; states that "we do
not think the state of the Confederacy by any means gloomy - on the
contrary it is brighter than it has ever been"; believes that France
will soon recognize the south; discusses the current status of their
warships and the denunciation of Admiral Dahlgreen. 1 p. TCy of
ALS.

7 October 1864. Remarks by Rev. Pratt "offered at the funeral of
Mrs. Juliana [McLachlan] Gardiner, at East Hampton, Long Island,
[N.Y.]". 4 pp. AMsS.

[c. 1864]. "Inventory of Mrs. Juliana Gardiner's furniture at her
residence on Staten Island [N.Y.] - taken by her daughter Mrs.
Tyler". 2 pp. ADS.

[c. 1864]. [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p., to ?. Submits her
claim to be reimbursed for damage done to "Villa Margaret" while
occupied by Federal soldiers. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

15 Aug[ust] 1867. Estate of Mrs. Juliana Gardiner. 1 p. ADS.

[1869]. "Mama" [Phoebe Gardiner Horsford], Cambridge, [MA], to
Lilian [Horsford], n.p. Asks her to "give a great deal of love" to
Mrs. Tyler and to congratulate her on the marriage of her daughter,
Julia. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

Discusses his engagement to Dr. Upshaw's daughter; believes the
engagement was entered into "much too hastily"; states that the
future does not offer much hope in regards to his present pecuniary
difficulties. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

Folder 3. n.d.

Feb[ruary] n.y. Mrs. F. Hart, n.p., to Mrs. [Juliana ?] Gardiner,
n.p. Requests the company of the Gardiners on the 13th. 1 p. AC.

[sic] Gardiner, Easthampton, [N.Y.]. Asks if Mr. Gardiner could
handle her money as "I hav[e] had it by Me som[e] time and I long
tow hav[e] it Ear[n]ing something"; hopes that it will be of no
trouble and asks that she be informed of their decision. 1 p. ALS.

29 May n.y. Cornelia [?], n.p., to Mrs. Juliana Gardiner, East
Hampton, Long Island, New York. Looks forward to her visit; hopes
that she will come early so that they can spend lots of time
together; states that she will meet Juliana at the dock of her
choice. 1 p. ALS.
n.d. Mary Dayton, n.p., to Mrs. Gardiner, n.p. States that she can attend to any additional sewing Mrs. Gardiner might have; discusses her father’s illness; thanks Mrs. Gardiner for her kindness. 1 p. ALS.


4 July 18[?]. Alexander Gardiner, New York, [N.Y.], to Juliana Gardiner, East Hampton, Long Island, N.Y. Announces his safe return from Kentucky; mentions that the Beeckmans are well and that Gilbert’s health is continuing to improve. 1 p. ALS.

3 August n.y. Alexander Gardiner, [Princeton, N.J.], to [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], East Hampton, Long Island, [N.Y.]. Does not understand "how the Trustees considered themselves justified in warranting Mr. Gardiner’s conduct; thanks his mother for sending the "corrector"; asks about a Mrs. Ann Rogers who was listed in it; thinks that the family ought to come and visit; mentions that Professor Henry, "the second scientific man in the country" declined a position at the University of Virginia with almost triple his present pay; discusses his academic performance. 3 pp. ALS.


n.d. D[avid] G[ardiner], n.p., to "My Dear Sir", n.p. Regrets to inform him that they will not be able to visit tonight as was suggested; thanks him for his letters; wishes him a "speedy return to health". 1 p. ALS.

n.d. Advertisement for the Staten Island Savings Bank. 1 p. PM.

n.d. Margaret G[ardiner] Beeckman, n.p., to Mr. William S. Plumer, Allegheny, Pa. Sends a copy of the President’s address; describes a grand celebration on the James River. 1 p. TCy of ALS.

n.d. Account for 3 4/7 weeks board for Mrs. Gardiner and relatives.

31 Dec[ember] n.y. David Gardiner, n.p., to [Juliana] Gardiner, Easthampton, Long Island, [N.Y.]. Regrets the delay that will keep him away from home; discusses his business; believes he is getting the better of his cough, hears that Eliza is healthy again; gives news of acquaintances; states that the constant snow has kept him indoors. 2 pp. ALS.

n.d. Mary S. Dubois, "Manor Farm," [?], to Mrs. [Juliana
McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Expresses great desire to see her again, but regrets that her illness prevents her from doing so; mentions that her daughter would call in her place were it not for her sprained ankle; asks her to come visit them instead. 2 pp. ALS.

May n.y. M. Huntington, n.p., to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Apologizes for disappointing her, but explains that the doctor is still away delivering a baby; sends what quinine he has. 1 p. ALS.

n.d. [Juliana McLachlan Gardiner], n.p., to [David Lyon Gardiner], n.p. Reports that the President [Tyler] will leave "Sherwood Forest" on the 21st for New York; describes the house and decorating suggestions; asks him to send several items, including her cookbook. 4 pp. ALS.


16 January n.y. "Pattie", "Sherwood [Forest]," Va., to Mrs. [Juliana McLachlan] Gardiner, n.p. Worries that Mrs. [Julia] Tyler's habit of writing to Mrs. Gardiner twice a week will make her letter "superfluous"; mentions an unusual warm spell; reports that "the family (with the exception of Uncle) have enjoyed perfect health". 4 pp. ALS.

8 June n.y. "Jos" [?], n.p., to Margaret [Gardiner], n.p. Relates his pleasure at seeing her and visiting East Hampton [N.Y.]; describes his visits around New York and New Jersey; states that he enjoyed Beeckman very much. 12 pp. ALS.

[15 August] n.y. M[argaret] G[ardiner] B[eeckman], [Saratoga Springs, N.Y.], to Mrs. David Gardiner, Castleton, [North Shore], Staten Island, N.Y. Reports that there is no cause for alarm as her health is improving; describes a ball held last evening where no one wanted to dance; mentions making the acquaintance of a spectacularly attired French woman in the company of the Count de Reis, a Spanish nobleman; reports that Harry [Beeckman] is well. 2 pp. TCy of ALS.

Folder 4. Miscellaneous. Newspaper clippings; envelopes to Mr. and Mrs. David Gardiner and Alexander Gardiner; envelopes to Margaret Gardiner Beeckman; envelopes to Juliana [McLachlan] Gardiner; calling cards from the Beeckmans and the Gardiners.
BOX IV. The Gilmer Family Papers, 1814-1842.

Folder 1. 1814 - 1829.


16 Dec[embre]r 1814. Petition to the Judge of the High Court of Chancery for the District of Richmond concerning two tracts of land in Ohio purchased by John Tabb. 7 pp. D.

26 May 1816. T[homas] W[alker] Gilmer, Ridgway, [Va.], to "Uncle Francis", n.p. Thanks him for his letter; mentions his readings of Ovid; argues why he has no desire to travel; asks "why desire to see the miseries of the world"; describes the misfortunes of war and poverty; discusses the destiny of the American people. 3 pp. ALS.


29 April 1826. James Hector, n.p., to William N[elson?], n.p. Discusses arrangements to buy a tract of the Royal Company lands; announces intention to resell the land for a higher price. 4 pp. ALS.

5 May 1826. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Charlottesville, [Va.], to Ann E. Baker, Sheperdstown, Virginia. Wishes that he could be with her; discusses his love for her as they plan to be married in a few weeks; mentions his illness; is sorry that he has not procured a rib for Miss Hetly. 2 pp. ALS.


9 June 1827. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Charlottesville, [Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Sheperdstown, Va.]. Hopes that she and her friends are well; describes how much he missed her and how forlorn and desolate the house seems without her; discusses local happenings. 3 pp. ALS.

16 June 1827. T[homas] W[alker] G[ilmer], Charlottesville, [Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Sheperdstown, Va.]. Describes his disappointment after failing to receive a letter from her; asks why she has not
written; mentions establishing a literary and scientific journal; discusses local events. 4 pp. ALS.

13 Sept[ember] 1827. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Washington, [D.C.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Describes his arrival in Washington; fears that he was not a good escort for Miss Randolph as he was too preoccupied with his own business; mentions his visit to Mr. Wist; asks her to write often. 2 pp. ALS.

10 April 1828. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Charlottesville, [Va.], to John Coles, n.p. Discusses the legal action he is taking on behalf of Isaac A. Coles in reference to a bond executed by Charles A. Scott to John Coles; describes his reasons for demurring Mr. Scott's pleas. 1 p. ACyS of ALS.

8 July 1829. James Hector, Big Spring, Va., to [Thomas Walker Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Describes the difficulty he put himself through on behalf of the Loyal Company surveying their tracts of land; states that the present holders of the land will not pay their dues unless sued; desires that such legal action be taken so that he may collect his fee of 8 percent of the money involved. 2 pp. ALS.

30 July 1829. Bond of M.M. Robinson and John H. Cocke to Francis W. Gilmer for $1124.79 dated 20 December 1823. 1 p. D.

16 Aug[ust] [18]29. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, White Sulpher Springs, [Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Describes his stay at White Sulpher Springs and the effects of the waters have upon his health; gives anecdotes of the people he has met there; makes arrangements to meet her at Staunton, [Va.]. 3 pp. ALS.

27 August [18]29. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Warm Springs, [Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Mentions his "disappointment at not receiving a long love letter" from her; describes his stay at Warm Springs and the people he has met; describes his love for her; mentions his trip to Hot Springs, [Va.]. 4 pp. ALS.

30 Nov[ember] 1829. James Hector, Giles County, Va., to Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Esquire, [Richmond, Va.]. Asks to wait one month to move in to collect receipts of Loyal Company land holders so that he can be "legally armed"; sends the names and locations of the occupants of the land; warns that the collection will be a difficult operation. 7 pp. ALS.

2 Dec[ember] 1829. [Hewson?] Marten, Nelson, [Va.], to [Thomas Walker Gilmer, Richmond, Va.]. Announces that he has given David Anderson power of attorney to attend the general meetings of the Sayall Company as his proxy; sends a servant to return the papers so that Gilmer and Mr. Maury can complete the agreement and make a report at the meeting. 1 p. ALS.

18 Dec[ember] 1829. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Richmond, [Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Shepherdstown, Va.]. Describes his deep devotion to her; is upset that she implied that he could forget her; discusses
his social life; relates new of the family; mentions his debut in the legislature. 4 pp. ALS.

27 Dec[ember] 1829. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Richmond, [Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Shepherdstown, Va.]. Complains about her not writing often; desires her to be with him; mentions news of family and friends; asks for her decision regarding visiting him. 4 pp. ALS.

Folder 2. 1830 - 1831.

5 Jan[uary] 1830. Th[omas] W[alker] Gilmer, Richmond, [Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Relates his meeting with her relative, Miss Baker; wishes she was with him; complains of his ill health; discusses the purchase of a family Bible; asks why she has not written. 3 pp. ALS.

11 Jan[uary] 1830. James Hector, Giles County, Va., to [Thomas Walker Gilmer], n.p. Asks for some money in return for his services in identifying the surveys of the Loyal Company; believes the surveys to be worth $50,000 of which his commission would be $4,000. 1 p. ALS.

1 February 1830. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Richmond, [Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Asks her to come down and stay with him for the remainder of the legislative session; discusses all the preparations required for her trip. 3 pp. ALS.

1 Feb[ruary] 1830. James Hector, Giles County, Va., to Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, [Charlottesville, Va.]. Asks for the legal services of Gilmer regarding tracts of land in Montgomery that he wishes to purchase; gives an account of past owners and transactions of the land in question. 3 pp. ALS.

[29?] July 1830. J.E. Haleer, n.p., to [Thomas Walker Gilmer, Staunton, Va.]. Requests that Gilmer inform him of the amount paid for a survey made on a tract of land for Mr. Walters. 1 p. ALS.

31 Aug[ust] 1830. Th[omas] Lawson, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to [Thomas Walker Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Informs him of the receipt of the Order of Account from Staunton for the Loyal Company case; asks if there are any other defendants interested in the result of the account who should be notified. 1 p. ALS.

11 Sept[ember] 1830. Th[omas] Lawson, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Charlottesville, [Va.]. Asks that the court date for settlement of the debts owed the Loyal Company be moved up as he does not believe that it will be possible to notify all the defendants 30 days before the present court date; asks for a complete list of the defendants and their addresses; discusses arrangements for settlement of the case. 2 pp. ALS.

9 October 1830. [Thomas Walker Gilmer], n.p., to father, n.p. Discusses the prospects of procuring security for his father to purchase some land; does not believe the accumulation of debt to be
a good idea; proposes plans to keep his father happy in his old age. 4 pp. Incomplete.

4 Nov[embre] 1830. Th[omas] J. Boyd, Wythe C[our]t House, [Va.], to [Thomas Walker Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Discusses legal arrangements to be made in the absence of General Preston; suggests that Gilmer should publish his "sketch of the [Loyal] Company" in the Abingdon paper so as to give everyone the facts in the case; promises to see to it that any effort in the Legislature to abolish the Company's claim will be defeated. 2 pp. ALS.

2 Dec[ember] 1830. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Charlottesville, [Va.], to [Thomas] Lawson, [Fredericksburg, Va.]. Discusses the case of the Taylors; sends a copy of G.C. Taylor's bond; asks that he return the copy of the Journal as soon as possible; discusses Mr. Pratt's case. 1 p. ALS.

13 February 1831. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, [Richmond, Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Complains that she does not write as often as she should; discusses the arrangements for her move; describes visits with friends; asks about the possibility of enlisting their family; discusses the possibility of retiring from public life. 3 pp. ALS.

18 March 1831. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Richmond, [Va.], to Ann [E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Discusses at length his renewed need for a closer relationship with God; mentions the depravity of the world and his own; begs her to also consider these religious matters. 3 pp. ALS.

14 Sept[embre] 1831. Tho[mas] Lawson, Fredericksburg, [Va.], to [Thomas Walker Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Discusses arrangements to deliver to Gilmer the papers of the Loyal Company v. Walker case; asks that his fee of $40.43 be forwarded to him by Mr. B[otts]. 1 p. ALS.


1831 [?]. Accounts of deeds, trusts, and other transactions concerning R[ichard] Moon, J[r.]. 3 pp. D.

Folder 3. 1832 - 1838.

22 January 1832. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Washington City, [D.C.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Relates his need for religion and guidance in this world; believes that he would have turned to religion long ago if only his wife were pious; asks her to think of religious concerns; discusses family news; debates the prospects of remaining in the Legislature. 4 pp. ALS.

16 January 1833. [Rev.] Francis Bowman, Charlottesville, [Va.], to [Thomas Walker Gilmer, Richmond, Va.]. Apologizes for not writing first; believes that Gilmer will make it through his present difficulties with the help of God; discusses the need for God amidst the evils of the world. 4 pp. ALS.

25 April 1833. [Mr. Bradford], Paris, [France], to [Monsieur Southall, Paris, France]. Informs Southall of a parcel received for him at the American Consulate. 1 p. AL.

22 February 1834. "To the People of Albemarle"; campaign speech of Thomas W[alker] Gilmer. 11 pp. PV.


4 May 1835. "Proceedings of a Meeting of the People of Albemarle"; for the purpose of recommending and nominating Hugh L. White of Tennessee as President of the United States of America. 12 pp. PV.

8 October 1836. Receipt of $2,250.53 from Thomas Walker Gilmer "on the principal and interest on the debt of Andrew Sweeney secured by deed of trust from Richard Moon, Sr.", signed by W[illiam] Lomptins. 2 pp. ADS.


18 March 1837. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, New Orleans, [La.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Explains that his passage on the William Bryan has been delayed; describes his impressions of the city of New Orleans; gives his itinerary. 4 pp. ALS.

23 March 1837. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, New Orleans, [La.], to Ann [E. Gilmer, Charlottesville, Va.]. Describes his impressions of the people and rituals he observed during a visit to a Catholic cathedral; mentions the prospect of sea sickness, but notes that "no one ever died of it"; describes his purchase of a substantial amount of property on Galveston Island; mentions other business dealings. 4 pp. ALS.

31 May 1837. Thomas W[alker] Gilmer, Charlottesville, [Va.], to [Ann E. Gilmer, Shepherdstown, Va.]. Announces his arrival home; describes his reception; wishes that she and the children were with