

**A3010****Morrison-Steen-Little Family Papers, 1837-1887**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Pitcairn Morrison was born September 18, 1795, in New York City, and served as a U.S. Army officer from 1820 to 1863. He died October 5, 1887, in Baltimore, Maryland. Georgiana Morrison, daughter of Pitcairn Morrison, married Alexander Early Steen in St. Louis in 1848. Alexander Early Steen served as a Confederate colonel during the Civil War, and was killed December 7, 1862, at the Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Martha R. "Mattie" Morrison (died December 27, 1913), another daughter of Pitcairn Morrison, married Lewis Henry Little. Little rose to the rank of brigadier general in the Confederate States Army, and was killed September 19, 1862, at the Battle of Iuka. Frances M. "Fannie" Morrison (died January 20, 1884), another daughter of Pitcairn Morrison, married F. Higgins and later Thomas Rector.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists primarily of correspondence of the Morrison-Steen-Little family, including two letters of Kit Carson to Mrs. Georgiana Steen. The collection also contains several poems.

**Folder 1**

2011

Typescript inventory of the collection compiled by the donor, Mary R. Maguire.

**Folder 2**

1837 Dec 11

Letter signed P. Morrison [Pitcairn Morrison], St. Augustine, to Sir. “. . . . I shall remit the money to the cashier of the Union Bank of Louisiana with a request [word unclear] deposit the amount to the credit of the U States [United States] and notify you of the fact.”

**Folder 3**

1838 May 10

Unsigned draft of letter dated Fort Brooke, Florida. “On my arrival at this Post a few days since I found that the funds in deposit in the Branch Bank of Alabama at Mobile will no[t] be available as the notes are at a discount of fourteen to fifteen per cent at New Orleans. . . .”

**Folder 4**

1843 May 15

Letter signed C.C. Sibley, Detroit, to Capt. J.P. Davis, A.Q.M., 7th Infantry. Letter of introduction on behalf of Lt. Little, who is joining the 7th Infantry.

**Folder 5**

1845[1846?] Nov 10

Unsigned love letter [of Alexander Early Steen?], in verse, to Georgianna.

**Folder 6**

1847 Mar 11

Letter signed Capt. [John Randolph Barent] Gardenier, steamer Julia, near Baton Rouge, to Mrs. Morrison. Briefly comments on the Mexican War. Discusses his friend Lt. [Charles Lewis] Denman's love for Miss Carry Hammond. Includes several sketches. Tells her to address her correspondence to Capt. Gardenier, 1st Infantry, U.S. Army, care of Col. Hunt, quartermaster, New Orleans, La.

**Folder 7**

1847 Sept 20

Letter signed C.C. Augur [Christopher C. Augur?], Camp at Sabinito, to Capt. P. Morrison [Capt. Pitcairn Morrison], 4th Regiment Infantry, St. Louis or Jefferson Barracks, Mo. States his regret that Morrison had not yet received the repayment of a loan that Augur sent to him. Mentions that he [Augur] has been appointed acting assistant adjutant general to General Cushing and that he will soon be going to Vera Cruz. Mentions Dr. Wheaton.

**Folder 8**

1850 May 25

Letter signed P. Morrison [Pitcairn Morrison], Fort Lincoln, to his daughter Mrs. F.M. Rector [Mrs. Fannie M. Rector], St. Louis, Missouri. Sends her money to be distributed to her, Georgia, and to Taps for his

board and schooling.

**Folder 9**

1850 Dec 18

Unsigned letter of [Lewis Henry Little], Augusta, to Mattie. Discusses the “utter sadness and desolation” he has experienced since he left her. While at home in Augusta, he “several times discovered my mother’s eyes fixed upon me, noticing that gloom which I could not throw off. It was yesterday that my Father followed me to my room where I had returned to be alone and begged me to tell him the cause of that despondency which I so evidently displayed.” Mentions his attempt to get a daguerreotype of himself made at New Orleans, and asks her to send him a “miniature” likeness of herself.

**Folder 10**

1852 Sept 6

Letter signed “A.C.,” East Pascagoula, to Mattie. Mentions a recent storm that damaged his boarding house and led to him moving into the barracks with three bachelors. Describes the barracks. Mentions Lieut. [Henry Eveleth] Maynadier, whose wife was formerly Miss Julia Barker of Baton Rouge.

**Folder 11**

1855 Mar 21

Letter signed Geo. A. McCall [George A. McCall], Philadelphia, to Col. Pitcairn Morrison. Encloses warrant for bounty land, and asks him to deliver it to Miss Martha. Mentions that he now has a son and daughter—Archy and Emily.

**Folder 12**

1857 Feb 18

Letter signed Thomas Rector, Glen Morrison, to Capt. Henry Little, Fort Gibson, Arkansas. Mentions his desire to bring Taps’ remains to Jefferson Barracks.

**Folder 13**

1858 May 27

Letter signed Litt [Lewis Henry Little] to Miss Mary Morrison, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Mentions that he rode down to Leavenworth City today.

**Folder 14**

1858 Nov 18

Letter signed Father, P. Morrison [Pitcairn Morrison], Camp Floyd, to his daughter [Martha Morrison?]. Advises his daughter: “. . . attend to your studies and occasionally take a little Frolic don’t enter into life too young as you will become an old girl before you know where you are. . . . [Litt] is now absent in command of two companies. . . .”

**Folder 15**

1859 May 17

Letter signed Papa [Lewis Henry Little], Camp Floyd, U.T. [Utah Territory], to his daughter Miss Kate M. Little, care of Mrs. Mattie R. Little, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Sends her a gold dollar “to buy goodies for

yourself and little sister.” Tells his daughter to be a good girl, and instructs her to “be kind to the servants and never raise her hand to strike them.”

**Folder 16**  
1859 Sept 10

Legal document signed Henry Little, Camp Floyd, Utah Territory, revoking the power of attorney of John M. Walker of Baltimore.

**Folder 17**  
1860 June 3

Letter signed Henry, Ft. Bridger, U.T. [Utah Territory], to his wife, Mrs. Mattie R. Little, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Mentions that he and Hayman are counsel for the accused in the trial of the four men charged with murder. Mentions that a woman claiming to be the wife of Lt. Bennet, adjutant of the 10th Infantry, made an appearance at Camp Floyd, and that Bennet afterward became engaged to an actress named Miss Whitlock, familiarly known as “Toots.” Advises his wife to get their daughter Irene vaccinated. Discusses his thoughts of building a house in the vicinity of Ft. Smith.

**Folder 18**  
1862 June 14

Note signed Capt. Jesse L. Price to General Green, requesting that his company be transferred to the 3rd Missouri Infantry, 1st Brigade, Army of the West. Includes note signed Col. J.A. Pritchard, 3rd Regiment, 1st Brigade, Army of the West, to General Green, asking that Capt. Price’s regiment be assigned to duty in his regiment. Verso contains approval signed by General Little, June 18, 1862.

**Folder 19**  
1862 Aug 31

Letter signed Major R.F. Jones, Chattanooga, to General A.E. Steen. Regarding a lost trunk marked “Jas. A. Davis.” The trunk was forwarded to Dr. T.C. Madison.

**Folder 20**  
1862 Oct 19

Letter signed Jno. C. Bach [John C. Bach], headquarters, Trans-Mississippi Department, Little Rock, Arkansas, to “Dear General.” Mentions that he thinks “there will be some trouble about the clerks in the Medical Department from an order now here.”

**Folder 21**  
1862 Nov 26

Letter signed Early [Alexander Early Steen], in camp near Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to his wife, Mrs. Georgiana Steen, Carondelet, Mo. Expresses how much he misses her and their children, and laments the fact that the many previous letters he sent have not reached her.

**Folder 23**  
1864 Feb 27

Letter signed C. Carson [Kit Carson], Fernando de Taos [New Mexico Territory], to Mrs. Georgiana R. Steen. States that he has received the land warrant she sent him, and has left the warrant with Col. St. Vrain.

**Folder 24**  
1864 Sept 4

Letter signed Fan, Washington, Arkansas, to her sister. Discusses the deaths of Let and "E" and their effects. Discusses friends and family and mentions Dr. Bizzell.

**Folder 25**  
1864 Sept 14

Letter signed Wm. W. Belknap [William W. Belknap], near Atlanta, Ga., to Mrs. M.R. Little, Carondelet, Mo. Explains the lots of land he purchased in Iowa for Mrs. Little's husband and the taxes on those lots.

**Folder 26**  
1865 Feb 17

Letter signed P.T. Lomax, Keokuk, Iowa, to Mrs. M.R. Little, Baltimore, Maryland. Regarding taxes and lands in Iowa.

**Folder 27**  
1866 Dec 22

Letter signed C. Carson [Kit Carson], brevet brigadier general, U.S. Vols., Fort Garland, C.T. [Colorado Territory], to Mrs. Georgiana A. Steen, Carondelet, Mo. ". . . I wrote to Mr. Magnault some four months since to send the land warrant to you. I shall write to Colonel St. Vrain today and request him to obtain the land warrant and forward it to you immediately."

**Folder 28**  
1869 May 5

Letter signed Wm. W. Belknap [William W. Belknap], Keokuk, Iowa, to Genl. P. Morrison [Pitcairn Morrison], Carondelet, Mo. ". . . Although I have done my duty fully as to this land, I will use every effort to effect its redemption from the tax sale and will write you as soon as I receive a reply to my letter."

**Folder 29**  
1870 Nov 8

Letter signed Georgia, Carondelet, Mo., to her father [Pitcairn Morrison]. Discusses friends and family.

**Folder 30**  
1876 Apr 28

Letter signed E.R. DuVal, M.D., Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to Mrs. A.E. Steen. "In removing the remains of poor Early, I found upon the collar of his uniform coat this hair, which I send to you, and his little daughters. The Association has erected to Genl.'s Steen & McIntosh a very nice monument in a commanding point in the U.S. Cemetery. . . ."

**Folder 31**  
1883

Brief newspaper obituary of Mrs. Irene Marie Morrison, wife of General P. Morrison. She died at her residence in Carondelet, Mo., at the age of 78.

[1883?] Nov 22

Letter signed Suzette Labriskie [or Suzette Zabriskie], 28 West 33<sup>rd</sup> St., to her cousin Fannie. Offers her condolences upon the death of her

grandmother and Aunt Irene.

**Folder 32**

1884 Dec 5

Letter signed E. de Laoreal, Carondelet, to "Chere petite amie." (in French)

**Folder 33**

1885 Feb 14

Letter signed Lieut.-Col. M.I. Ludington, Philadelphia Depot of the Quartermaster's Department, 1139 Girard Street, Philadelphia, to Col. P. Morrison, Baltimore, Maryland. States that he is having illustrations made of the uniform of our army from the Continental period up to the present.

**Folder 34**

1887 Feb 8

Letter signed J.L. Hornsby, attorney, 417 Olive Street, St. Louis, to Mrs. Martha R. Little, 811 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland. Discusses lawsuit relating to her mother's estate.

**Folder 35**

1887 June 6

Letter signed Bro. Dick to his sister. Shares his thoughts on her plans to marry Frank.

**Folder 36**

no year Oct

Letter signed Bro. Dick, Memphis, to his sister. ". . . I generally finish my duties at five a.m. and it seems so strange to go to bed when the day is breaking. . . ."

**Folder 37**

no date

Letter signed O. de Laoreal to his "Chere Amie." (in French)

**Folder 38**

no date

Fragment of a letter signed Bro. Dick to his sister. Discusses family news. "I congratulate myself on escaping as easily as I have, as matrimony is an expensive luxury, and far too costly for poor C.M.S.—in future I will be a wise old rat, and avoid all love traps."

no date

Newspaper obituary of C.M. Steen, who worked for the L.N.O. & T. Railroad.

**Folder 39**

no date

Letter signed Julia Chouteau to Mrs. Steen, offering condolences upon the death of her mother. Letter is written on stationery labeled "Pierremont."

**Folder 40**

no date

Handwritten poem titled "The Dying Soldier," by Sallie Ada Reedy.

**Folder 41**

no date

Handwritten poem titled “The Storming of Monterey,” by Capt. J.R.B. Gardenier, U.S. Army.

**Folder 42**

no date

Handwritten untitled poem with 14 verses. May have been written by Capt. J.R.B. Gardenier.

**Folder 43**

no date

Handwritten anti-German poem titled [or dated?] “1875 A.D.”

**Folder 44**

no date

Handwritten spoof regarding Thompson’s celebrated beautifying balm, addressed to George Stine [Georgianna Steen?] and Martha Little.