

Accession 2001-38 French family history materials
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Collection title	Accession number	Description of materials	Volume of materials	Location of materials	Condition of materials	Processing status	Finding Aid	Ownership of materials	Donor information
French, Decker, Lischer family history	2001-38	genealogy research materials for French, Decker, Munday, Long, Boyer, Miller, Lischer, Morton, Tucker families	6 3-ring binders (in 1 record center carton)	Rg. 38 Sec. 3	good	awaiting processing 2020 done		property of Davenport Public Library	James F. Lischer, POBox F, Pleasant Valley, IA 52767

January 28, 2020

Karen O'Connor processed the collection with permission of Kathryn Kuntz, supervisor.

Comments: Foldered in original order as found in binders

Appears to be compiled correspondence, research and documentation from late 1890s, early 1900s, 1930s, 1980s and seems to involve Mrs. George Watson FRENCH, George Watson FRENCH, and George T. FRENCH.

Unique items:

- letter written by Alice FRENCH to her mother
- Several original cabinet cards and copy images
- Letterhead for Mrs. G. W. FRENCH at Iowa Farms
- Calling cards for a number of FRENCH family members

BOX 1

Contents of 3-ring **BINDER "FRENCH I"** – Used HEADINGS provided on section dividers for folder titles when possible

Folder: Loose newspaper clippings

<i>The Daily Dispatch</i>	Moline IL	Wed. 9 May 1990	C5	Historic French House may fall to Palmer College expansion	Reinitz, Jeff
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<i>Quad-City Times</i>	Davenport IA	Wed 27 Jun 1990	6C	Palmer College wants historic house moved	Unkn
<i>The Leader</i>	Davenport IA	Wed 04 Apr 1990	A7	Palmer College may demolish historic French House	Reinitz, Jeff
<i>Quad-City Times</i>	Davenport IA	Sun 15 Apr 1990	1B	French House faces uncertain future	McCooley, John

Folder: Loose photocopies and July 1991 note re: substantiating information found at FHL Salt Lake City along with Ancestral file of William FRENCH (1603-1681)

Folder: "ANCIENT" contained photocopies
 "John French of Braintree, Massachusetts" compiled by A.D. Weld French; 1885
 "Pedigrees of FRENCH families in Ireland"

Folder: "EARLY"
 Photocopy FRENCH family pedigree Thomas FRENCH of Arkesden Co. Essex

Copy correspondence to Alice FRENCH from Mabel Kennedy Tjaden of Algona, IA dated 21 May 1930 re: possible common ancestry

Copies genealogy FRENCH and MORTON

Copy RICHARDSON Line, incomplete

Copy correspondence to Curator Andover Historical Society (Mass) from Esther Jackson of London England dated 18 July 1958 re: FRENCH ancestry of "Octave Thanet"

Original correspondence to Mrs. George W. French from Society of Colonial Wars in State of Iowa dated 8 Sep 1908 re: satisfactory proof for membership based on Ephraim MORTON

Copies of correspondence with "Miss French" from various 1895-1902 re: FRENCH family information

Folder: "G.W.F." [George Watson FRENCH]

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Photocopies of documents pertaining to GWF. Blank paper with photo corners – no photograph was enclosed includes copy of honorary membership in Old Colony Historical Society

Folder: "F.W.M.F." [Frances Wood MORTON FRENCH]

Page 3 only of possible story regarding George Henry FRENCH falling in love with her picture in photographer's window
A photograph by Vickery Photography, Merrimac Street, Haverhill Mass of woman identified as F.W.M.F. on back
Removed and filed seperately

Original publication:

Editorial from *Davenport Democrat* January 2, 1900

Obituary from *Davenport Democrat* January 2, 1900

Funeral service from *Davenport Democrat* January 4, 1900

Original bound booklet "In Memoriam Frances Morton French" address of Rev. Arthur M. Judy at funeral services January 4, 1900

Folder: "A.F. O.T." [Alice FRENCH Octave THANET]

Copies of documentation and correspondence

From President Theodore Roosevelt to Alice French on 26 Dec 1908 re: thanks for pin

Abbot Academy General Catalogue questionnaire ca 1912

Original Newspaper clippings

about Thanford with notation "A fine picture of Thanford but numerous errors in the text"

"Octave Thanet" Passes by Ruth Tucker, *The Arkansas Gazette Magazine* – the week of her death 1934 and handwritten copy of note re: same

Miscellaneous clippings, most without citations

Obituaries and tributes

Original magazine article

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"Historic Thanford" from *Rural Arkansas* July 1981

Original correspondence

To "Dear Mr. French" from Robert T. Drake of Chicago dated Oct. 12, 1981

Copy of paper "Clover Bend – Economics and Literature" by Robert T. Drake dated January 29, 1977

Correspondence between George T. French of Litchfield, AZ and Sandra Tigges of Davenport dated 1980 re: request for information for Tigges doctorate dissertation she wrote on Alice French

Tribute from Borough Number Four of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Iowa signed by committee members (removed)

Handwritten letter from Clover Bend dated Feb. 3, 1896 to "Dearest Mother" from Alice re: Morton family history and other snippets (removed)

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Contents of 3-ring **BINDER "FRENCH II"** – Used HEADINGS provided on section dividers for folder titles when possible

Folder: "N.F." [Nathaniel FRENCH]

Copy Nathaniel FRENCH biography from "The Americana", 1925

Typed excerpt Nathaniel FRENCH from "The First National Bank in the United States", 1913

Newspaper clippings re: William PRIMROSE and Alice Virginia FRENCH PRIMROSE and the home at 20 Forest Road built by Nathaniel FRENCH

Handwritten notes on Morton FRENCH re: data found at FHL Salt Lake City in 1991

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Correspondence and enclosures with Utah State Historical Society to George T. French dated 1991 re: 610 East South Temple street and Mathew H. Walker House

Folder: "G.W. F." [George Watson FRENCH]

Correspondence from Town of Riverdale to George French in AZ dated 1999 re: east Hill House and Carriage House (5004 State Street, Riverdale, Scott County) properties being listed on National Register of Historic Places by State Historical Society of Iowa

Typed excerpt G. Watson FRENCH from "The First National Bank in the United States", 1913

Original newspaper clipping

Col. G. Watson FRENCH obituary – no citation

Editorial from Davenport Democrat and Leader re: Col. G. Watson FRENCH

Typed transcription from American Biography for Colonel G. Watson FRENCH

Folder: "A.E.D.F." [Anna Elizabeth DECKER FRENCH]

Copy – questionnaire from Abbot Academy for catalog pertaining to Anna Elizabeth DECKER

Original newspaper clipping re: wedding of Joseph SHATTUCK Jr. and Fannie Boyden LEWIS at 178 East Haverhill Street [Massachusetts]

Anna Elizabeth DECKER of Davenport was maid of honor

No citation [marriage records record date as 6 Oct 1898]

Western Union telegram from "Joe" in Rhode Island to Miss Anna E. DECKER in Davenport re" birth of baby girl Josephine Geraldine dated May 3, 1898

Handwritten note from "Joe" in Rhode Island to Miss Anna E. DECKER in Davenport re: new arrival [baby] dated July 31, 1903

Original newspaper clippings

Obituary Mrs. Martha A. MUNDAY

Misc clipping Mrs. Madison MUNDAY

Obituary H. H. LAUBBACH

Obituary Anna E. DECKER FRENCH

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Original handwritten letters from brother George in Europe to sister Anna in Davenport dated 1909
June 27, 1909 mentioned pressed flowers enclosed – none found
July 1, 1909

Original handwritten letter from Dr. S.N. Watson in CA to Anna dated 1932 re: death of “Mrs. Crawford”

Correspondence 1924-1935 include acknowledgements for monetary gifts

Folder: “F.M.F.” [Frances Morton FRENCH BROTHERS]
Abbot Academy record

Copy of application for membership to Massachusetts Society of the Colonial Dames of America
Eligible under George MORTON the Pilgrim
1896
Notation dated 1967 that information was prepared by Alice FRENCH

Folder: “G.D.F.” [George Decker FRENCH]
Copy of biography from *Who's Who in Davenport*, 1929

Copy newspaper clipping “French-Lischer wedding” from *Davenport, Iowa Democrat and Leader* 10 May 1910 (2 copies)

Copy obituary Dorothy Ann FRENCH HOYT, daughter of G.D.F. with date 2 Dec 1948

Copy obituary Dorothy LISCHER FRENCH, wife of G.D.F. with date 13 Dec 1955

Envelope containing original newspaper clippings re: traffic accident and death of Dorothy LISCHER FRENCH from various newspapers,
December 1955

Original page of newspaper *The Daily Times* Saturday 11 July 1936 page 19 and 20
[No clear connection to FRENCH family. Terrible condition. Disposed as can access via microfilm or online]

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Copy obituary G. Decker FRENCH dated 2 Aug 1960

Correspondence and enclosures from The American Legion to George T. FRENCH dated Aug 1960 re: death of G. Decker FRENCH

Folder: "MISCELLANEOUS"

Items of interest from Bill

Correspondence and enclosures from Jean Stewart FINDLAY to George T. FRENCH dated 1990 re: FRENCH family history

Correspondence from Mrs. G. Warren FRENCH of New Jersey with Mr. FRENCH dated 1990 re: FRENCH family history

Copy handwritten note re: Robert Tillinghast FRENCH

Copy discharge from Iowa National Guard for Robert T. FRENCH dated 1895

Two copies of typed listing "Markings on Silver Cups" with dates, initials and names

Obituary Morton FRENCH dated 29 Aug 1935

Brochures for New England Historic Genealogical Society and National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Library

Newspaper article from V.F.W. magazine re: Daniel FRENCH, sculptor, with note "Not a relative, tho."

Carbon copy of typed MORTON/FRENCH family group

Copy "Annals of Platte County, Missouri" by Paxton, 1897 – date of 12 Mar 1938 handwritten on front pag
Yellow legal paper labeled "G.T.F. worksheets"

Original newspaper pages 1 to 8 of *The Davenport Times* last edition September 14, 1901 with headline "President M'Kinley Dead—Roosevelt at Buffalo" [terrible condition – nothing linked to family so disposed since can access on microfilm or via online subscriptions

Folder: "PHILLIPS ACADEMY"

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Copy Image of Alfred E. STEARNS, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. – adhered to brittle cardboard

Newspaper clippings re: Andover, Mass.

Correspondence from George T. FRENCH to Fred STOTT at Phillips Academy re: information for Alumni Directory and FRENCH family history dated 1979-1982

Correspondence from George T. EATON to George Decker FRENCH re: FRENCH kin at Phillips dated 1914

Folder: "ANDOVER HOUSES"

Copy of handwritten notes re: Peter FRENCH – E. Kendall JENKINS House 39 School Street

Notes with addresses in Andover for family

Correspondence from George McMichael of Roosevelt University, Chicago to Mrs. Theodore L. Dodge of Andover re: houses dated 1958

BOX 2

Binder: DECKER MUNDAY LONG BOYER

Folder: "DECKER"

Typed biography William H. DECKER

Will of Frederick DECKER, Baltimore, 17 Oct 1804 – handwritten transcription

Items removed from envelope labeled as "FRENCH SP.RES. – GWT-35"

"Mr. Claypool's letter and other family records returned herewith. 10/16/36"

Return address – The American Historical Society, Inc. New York City

Handwritten note: "Family data of Munday, Long & Decker families"

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Handwritten letter: letterhead Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Iowa – Dubuque 19 July 1907
To Clara V. French, Davenport
Two blank applications for membership -Society of Colonial Wars
List: Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Iowa

Original typed letter: letterhead Dr. S.N. Watson of CA to “Dear Anna” dated May 13, 1937

Typed document and carbon copy discussing 1938-1939 school year – signed by J. Craig Anderson

Handwritten letter to Mr. Geo. Watson French from C. Fritz Hoelzer of New Jersey re: a portrait; undated

Handwritten letter to Mrs. George Watson French from Dr. N.C. Gilbert of Chicago dated 2 Feb 1935 re: death of Mr. French

Items removed from envelope labeled as “Munday & Long Ancestry” and “Mrs. G. Watson French Davenport IA”

Funeral invitation for Mrs. Sarah A. LONG 12 July 1858

Funeral invitation for Mr. Herman LONG 25 Oct 1824

Handwritten notes

Re: William Harrison DECKER

Re: Jacob DECKER, father of Frederick DECKER

Re: Herman LONG, S.A. DECKER, J.M. MUNDAY and other MUNDAYS

Typed document: family data for LONG, MUNDAY, DECKER

3 copied images: Frederick DECKER, Elizabeth BOYER DECKER, Margaret DECKER SILZEL

Correspondence between Miss Emily W. LEAVITT and Mrs. FRENCH 1902, 1903, 1904 re: family research

Letter from Edward A. CLAYPOOL to Mrs. G.W. FRENCH re: family research dated June 19, 1903

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First page of letter to "My Dear Niece Clara" talking about Mr. E.A. Claypool's letter dated July 28, 1903

Copies:

Inventory of estate of Bodolph DAKER [Rudolph DECKER], Baltimore County – Frederick DECKER admin.
Inventory of estate of Jacob DECKER, Baltimore County
Inventory of estate of Christopher TURNPAUGH of Baltimore County

Originals – some paper quality poor

DECKER family information
Inventories above – more complete

Handwritten note re: DECKER massacred

Copy – will of William H. DECKER 20 Nov 1888 from *Davenport Democrat*

Copy – obituary William H. DECKER 16 Nov 1888 from *Davenport Democrat*

Correspondence

Emily W. Leavitt of Andover MASS to Mrs. French re: Jacob DECKER and Miss Forney's information

Transcript of "Letter from Miss Elizabeth Forney to my mother (Mrs. W.H. DECKER) Jan 17, 1895"

Virginia Historical Society to Mrs. G. Watson FRENCH re: MUNDAY dated 1900

MUNDAY and DECKER family record handwritten notes

William M. Mervine of Philadelphia PA to Miss Emily W. Leavitt of Andover Mass dated 1903-1904 mention Miss Forney, Frederick DECKER, EDELMAN, TURNPAUGH families. He was a genealogy researcher doing work on behalf of Mrs. FRENCH via Miss Leavitt it seems

Elisabeth Forney to Mrs. French dated 1903 re: family history

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Maryland Historical Society dated 1903 containing Lutheran church records in Baltimore 1788-1847 re: DECKER family

W.G. Stanard of Richmond VA to Mrs. G.W. French of Davenport dated 1900 re: Albermarle Co. and MUNDAY

Letterhead of Mrs. Geo. Watson French Iowa Farms Davenport Iowa – appears to be a list of sources and letters obtained in quest for family history information

Sarah Spring Adams Wood of Boston Mass to Mrs. Clara Decker French dated Dec. 14, 1902 and enclosure - Copy of letter written to the D.A.R. of Massachusetts from J.F. DECKER of Charlestown Mass. Notation at end states no date was written on letter. Is now on file in Boston Tea Party Chapter of D.A.R. Appears transcription was written in Dec. 1902

Various handwritten sheets with family names and dates

Newspaper clipping re: David DECKER and Boston Tea Party

Decker Family Bible Record

Correspondence re: DECKER Bible and family records dated 1903

Omar S. DECKER
Elisabeth FORNEY
E.W. Leavitt
William M. MERVINE

Copy letter from unknown to Catherine dated 1960 re: DECKER

Correspondence from William H. Gaines of Ohio and George French dated 1980s

Trading family history information; mentions the images of Frederick DECKER, Elizabeth BOYER DECKER and Margaret DECKER SILZEL that were in Binder: **DECKER MUNDAY LONG BOYER**, Folder: "DECKER"
Family group sheet for Fredrick DECKER and Elizabeth BOYER

Copies of handwritten notes on family history for DECKER, MUNDAY, LONG, BOYER

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Correspondence from Miss Margaret DECKER of Davenport to George dated 1981-1983 discussing DECKER and BOYER family history

Undated correspondence from Kitty to George – enclosed calling cards she states are from 1923 – some appear to have been gift enclosures as gift items are written on the back

Mrs. W. Hal DECKER
Mr. W. Hal DECKER
Mr. George Watson FRENCH
Mrs. Nathaniel FRENCH
Mr. Francis Henry FRENCH
Mr. George Watson FRENCH
Mrs. George Watson FRENCH
Dr. & Mrs. Bryant SMITH
Mr. & Mrs. George Decker FRENCH

Copies of handwritten family history information on BOYER in letters dated 1890s

Newspaper clipping obituary for Catharine Decker LARDNER of Rock Island IL dated 24 Aug 1986

Folder: "MUNDAY"

Copies of letters from William G. Stanard of Virginia Historical Society dated 1900 re: Albermarle Co. records re: MUNDAY

MUNDAY and LONG research compiled by Mrs. George Watson FRENCH in 1903-1904 while working with Chicago genealogist Edward A. Claypool includes the correspondence between the two

MUNDAY family story – typed – no date

Two typed carbon copies of same

Possibly compiled by American Historical Society Inc. in 1935-1936; see letter in LONG folder

Folder: "LONG"

Correspondence from American Historical Society, Inc. of New York to G.W. Tatgenhorst re: SPECIAL Research for Mrs. G. Watson French on the MUNDAY and LONG lines.

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Handwritten notes on LONG family

LONG/LANG family story – typed – no date; in original enclosure

Three copies of same

Two copies of LANG/LONG Family records translated from papers written in German by Harman LONG of Cincinnati, OH

Funeral invitations [same as in Binder: **DECKER MUNDAY LONG BOYER** Folder: "Decker"]

Herman LONG – October 25, 1824

Mrs. Sarah A. LONG – July 12, 1858

Folder: "BOYER"

"The Boyer Line" two page typed document

Copy of handwritten transcription of 1891 letter to Mrs. Connie Wark re: DECKER, BOYER

Typed information from History of Berks County, PA in the Revolution from 1774-1783 re: BOYER

Original handwritten booklet with names of G.Z. Bretz, M.D. of Brooklyn NY and Miss Elizabeth Forney of York PA at top with family history information on BOYER and DECKER

Original notes and transcriptions on BOYER [copies in **DECKER MUNDAY LONG BOYER**, Folder: "Decker"]

BOX 2

BINDER: "R T A F"

Typed manuscript split into two folders

By Ruth Tucker

2320 Louisiana Street

Little Rock, Arkansas

"Alice French : Octave Thanet – Daughter of Davenport"

Some of the pages have copies inserted

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No further information included
Contains bibliography at end – do not see a date

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Contents of 3-ring **BINDER: MORTON and ANTECEDENT LINES**

Folder: Morton

Folder: Hodges

Folder: Cary

Folder: Tillinghast

Folder: Tupper

Folder: Mayhew

Folder: Clark-Ellis

Folder: Lothrop

Folder: Clapp

Folder: Miller

Folder: Phillips

Folder: Winslow

Folder: Carpenter

Folder: Dawes

BOX 3

Contents of 3-ring **BINDER: LISCHER MILLER**

Folder: [Loose copies of documents and correspondence with LISCHER family]

Folder: "LISCHER"

Cabinet card of mature male with large beard; Jarvis White & Co. photographer

LISCHER family history documents and correspondence

Folder: "MILLER"

MILLER/MULLER/MUELLER family history documents and correspondence

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