

NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Manuscripts

No. MSS 132

Date processed: June 5, 1981

- I. Title Nettleton Collection, 1907-1976.
- II. The papers of George, Mary and Anna Nettleton deposited in the Library on March 6, 1981, by Mary Nettleton Haight In ~~honorary deposit as~~ a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 5 inches.
Approximate number of items: 125
- IV. Restrictions: None
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: In 1907 Annabel Hubbard Phelps (d.1939), the wife of William Lyon Phelps (1865-1943), Professor of English at Yale, began a series of letter-diaries to their close friends, George Nettleton (1874-1959), also a Professor of English at Yale, his wife, Mary, (1872-1964), and his sister, Anna (1872-1949). While Anna Nettleton was in Europe in 1907 and the Nettleton family in England in 1909, an almost daily account of her life in New Haven and, in summer, in Huron City, Michigan, was recorded by Mrs. Phelps. The aim of the diaries was to keep the Nettletons in touch with the activities of their friends at home. Of interest are mention of the progress of the building of the Phelps house at 110 Whitney Avenue, including a snap-shot of the former house on the lot, and other snap-shots of the library of their High Street house and the house and garden in Huron City.
The Phelps and Nettletons belonged to an amateur theatrical society, (cont.p.2)
- VIII. Analysis: The collection consists of five notebook volumes of the diary, lists of officers and members of the "It" club, scripts and songs for three shows, poems, letters from William Lyon Phelps to the Nettleton family, and snap-shots and newspaper clippings. It is contained in one box.

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Biographical note cont. the "It" club. The members wrote and performed musical comedies. Some of the scripts and songs were preserved and donated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society by Mary Nettleton Haight, daughter of George and Mary Nettleton, who is also mentioned in the diaries. The Nettleton family friendship with the Phelps is further chronicled in letters from Professor Phelps to George and Mary Nettleton, and to Mary Nettleton Haight and Gordon Haight.

Additional material(folders I-M), was added to this collection in January, 1994. Additions purchased with funds donated by Richard Hegel, Rita E. Bree, H. Everton Hosley, Jr., Judge & Mrs. Herbert MacDonald, Mrs. Josiah G. Venter and John E. Loeb in memory of Margaret Bush Clement. Edward T., son of George and Mary Nettleton was a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve.

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Folder B. Diary letter to Anna Tucker Nettleton from Annabel Hubbard Phelps. Volume IV July 16, 1907-Sept. 1, 1907 from Huron City, Mich.	(1)
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Folder D. The "It" Club. 1. Officers and members. 1912-13 [2 copies]. 1914-15. 2. MSS Initiation for "It", n.d. 3. MSS Lawson's song n.d. [1 complete copy. 4 incomplete copies]. 4. MSS song: opening chorus of stock brokers. n.d. 5. Script of play, "The Women of Destiny or Carrie Nation, the Fair Maid of the West." 1901. 6. Script, "The Stranger That is Within Thy Gates". 7. Script, "Frenzied Romance: The Story of Amalgamated Couples" n.d. [2 copies]	(77)
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