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Biography

Helen Douglas Love Scranton was born in New York City on April 18, 1879 to Edward Gurley and Lucy Cleveland Prindle Love, and died in Madison, Conn. on Oct 2, 1968. Her father was a direct descendant of the Rev. William De Lass Love, and her mother of Clevelands and Douglases. At the time of Mr. Love's death in 1919, he was chief chemist of the Consolidated Edison Co. of New York.

After graduation from the Horace Mann School and Teachers' College in 1897, Helen studied music in Berlin and Paris. Coming back home to 69 East 54th Street, she became a concert manager until 1922, maintaining an office at 1 West 34 Street. Among her clients were the Kneisel Quartet, an international group; the Beethoven Association; Yvette Guilbert Recitals; Friends of Music; and other musical organizations.

In her varied fields of interests, she became more than a dilettante. Pride in her ancestry and inclusion in the Conn. Society of Colonial Dames of America fueled serious self-education in genealogy, leading to a second professional career and an unfinished genealogy of her mother's family included herein in Box III. And her knowledge of philately and building of a collection led to her friendship with fellow philatelist and widower William Dowd Scranton, whom she married in Kent on June 15, 1937. He was a graduate of Sheffield Scientific School, 1897, senior partner of the Chas. W. Scranton Co., president of the Conn. Investment Bankers Assoc. and of the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library in Madison, president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. of New Haven and Madison, and a charter member of the U. S. Power Squadron.

The Loves having summered in South Kent for many years, Helen and her mother moved there after Mr. Love's death. She named their home Craig-a-Tampan, final home of the Loves in Ballymoney, Ireland, before their emigration to America. The two traveled often, spending two winters studying art in Perugia. Their scrapbooks of reproductions are now in the possession of Yale. She continued her freelance genealogical career, specializing in Litchfield County towns, though also ranging widely as necessitated. She wrote regularly for The American Genealogist, a quarterly published by Donald Lines Jacobus, researched inquiries sent to it and was its index editor. In 1939 she completed the cross-index for his Families of Ancient New Haven. During her marriage her work lessened, but in 1960, at age 81, she published her up-dated and corrected edition of The Wheat Genealogy, first compiled by Silas Carmi Wheat in 1903.

Upon her marriage, she moved to Mr. Scranton's large home at 190 Everit Street in New Haven. They spent their summers in Madison, first at "Hardscrabble" and then at "The Ledges", which they built directly opposite the Historical Society. In May 1950, after Scranton's retirement, they moved to Madison, where he died that October at age 75, leaving his widow and a daughter, Katherine Scranton Kelsey, who died in 1973. Helen Scranton remained in Madison, continuing her life-long interests

as well as contributing much work and support to its Congregational Church.

Sources

Town Clerk, Kent
 Town Clerk, Madison
 Prefatory note in The Wheat Genealogy
 Dana Collection, v. 34, next to last page
 Mrs. W. W. Gaines, Branford, cousin of Helen Love Scranton,
 and of William Dowd Scranton
Yale Obituary Record, 1950-51, p. 109, for information
 about William Dowd Scranton
 Box III Douglas, Folder N

Frederick Lum Bennett was born in New Milford on May 10, 1877, son of Willis F. and Minnie A. Lum Bennett. In June 1909 he married Florence Kay Bradley of Brooklyn, N.Y. Of their four children, only Frederick Bradley and Elizabeth Mary survived to adulthood. His father and grandfather had been furniture dealers and funeral directors in New Milford, and though Frederick was an electrician, he was also part of that business.

The enduring interest of his life, however, was genealogy, his work on the Bennett genealogy beginning in his early teens. The first Bennett, James had come to Concord, Mass, in 1634 on the "Hercules", married Hannah Wheeler there in 1639, and then the families spread chiefly to Litchfield county and neighboring New York towns. In the painstaking research to trace all Bennetts and allied families, as will be seen in Boxes VI and VII, he became an expert in early families of Litchfield county. He began a correspondence with DLJ as a client, but after a couple of years became a paid resource for him. After his death, a suicide by drowning May 15, 1928, his papers were given to Helen Love to add to her files.

Sources

Town Clerk, New Milford
 Some of Jacobus's letters

Analysis

The collection consists of ~~six~~^{seven} and one-half boxes of papers, five of Helen Love Scranton and two of Frederick Lum Bennett. All are concerned with genealogy in Litchfield County towns, the bulk of Scranton's work being Kent families and Bennett's New Milford. Scranton was a professional genealogist who also did a partial study of her mother's family, which is included here; Bennett's work here is almost all about his own family, with occasional research for Donald Lines Jacobus in local towns. Correspondence throughout has been integrated with appropriate parts of the papers since the purpose of the letters is the requesting and/or giving genealogical information.

Box I

Folder A through P: Genealogical notes on specified Kent families in random order

Folder Q through S: Card file of same in more organized order

Box II

Folder A through O: Correspondence with clients about specified Kent families

Folder P through II: Correspondence with Donald Lines Jacobus about specified families, and with genealogical periodicals.

Box III

Research on the family of Lucy Cleveland Prindle, mother of Scranton.

Box IV:

Notes on specific families of Prindle ancestry, the material more organized than previously with some photos and clippings to Folder O, P to end other families for Jacobus or self.

Box V

Vital statistics of specified towns, chiefly Kent

Box VI

Research and correspondence concerning Bennetts and allied families done by F. L. Bennett

Box VII

Genealogical chart of Adam and Eve to Victorian royalty and unsorted notes about Bennetts labeled "junk" by Frederick Lum Bennett

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Folder J.	Continuation - Tupper and Worden		(20)
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Box III

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Folder A.	Manuscripts, clippings photos of Gov. Bradford's birthplace and Pilgrim materials, and genealogical information about him 1938-58	(20)
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ADDITION

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Box 8

Correspondence

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- Folder B To family members from Frances (Fannie) Harriet Love Alexander, 1848-1927, and Walter Scott Alexander, 1838-1898 -- 1866-1896 (14)
- Folder C To Frances Love Alexander and other family members from Matilda Longworth Love, 1820-1906 -- 1872-1901 (24)
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Diaries

- Folder E Walter Scott Alexander -- 1856-1860 loose (4 v.) (6)
- Folder F Frances Love Alexander -- 1871 (1 v.)
- Folder G "Journal 1887," Sarah Burrel (Daisy) Alexander, (Mrs. John Killam Murphy,) b. 1878; contains two letters, one from Helen Love -- 1887-1890 letters (1 v.) (2)
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- Folder I Typescripts, "The Ancestry of William De Loss Love, D.D.," and "The Descendants of William DeLoss Love," (photocopies); photocopies of family portrait and of William DeLoss Love and Matilda Longworth Love -- n.d. (17)
- Folder J Photograph, "Elm Street house," -- n.d. (1)

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- Folder K Photographs: (5)
- 2 of Matilda Love
 - 1 of children of William and Matilda Love
 - 1 page of family information included with photographs by Janet Gaines
 - 1 of Helen Love Scranton (NY Studio)