Biographical
Simon Giffin was born in Ireland around 1711 and emigrated to the U.S. around 1738, marrying Jennet Lechman in the Boston area in 1739. He later lived in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This first generation Giffin had four children. In the 1880s, Dan Spafford Giffin of Heuvelton, NY, a direct descendent of Simon Giffin, began a quest to write a family genealogy. Through extensive travel and research in New England and Nova Scotia, Dan Giffin had compiled much information. A later generation of Giffin, Florence Giffin Martin, would continue her earlier relative’s work and would publish *Simon Giffin and His Descendents* in 1971.

Scope and Content
The materials in the collection contain genealogical information on the Giffin family consisting of photos, diaries, correspondence, clippings, and publications (paper and microfilm) assembled by Florence Giffin Martin Johnson and Mary Giffin Strange. Includes material on Preston King, Doane family and Pemberton Johnson.

Provenance
This collection was donated to St. Lawrence University by Florence “Billie” Giffin Martin Johnson.

Additional resource:  *Simon Giffin and His Descendents*  CS71.G85

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6 Marriage certificate, letter, statistics
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9 Pencil sketch of Mrs. N.F. Giffin w/ note by Florence Giffin Martin
10 Record book with family information (belonging to Dan Giffin?)
11 Dan Giffin scroll of genealogical information w/ note by F.G.M.
12 Halifax diary of Dan S. Giffin

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An address book
Herman Giffin Diaries, 1876, 1887
*The Truth About Pilgrims*, Francis R. Stoddard
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17 Case School—counseling and student evaluations
   
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18 Portfolio of Florence Martin (information on Johns-Manville corp and her specific work history)
19 Early Nova Scotia data
20 Mrs. John Giffin Strange
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23 List of Persons with Book
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25 Stonehour Press (book publisher)
26 Ken Giffin (correspondence)
27 Replies from Genealogical letter (contains transcriptions of many civil war letters)
28 Mrs. John Boyesen letters (Persis Boyesen)
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30 Correspondence—Re: Drafts from Nova Scotia
31 Unidentified Giffins in Canada
32 Nova Scotia references, etc. (includes Photocopy of Simon Giffin’s Last Will and Testament)
33 MLR Registration (appears to contain copies of Simon Giffin’s (II) Revolutionary War records)
34 Family tree forms
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