SCOPE AND CONTENTS
This collection contains eighty-eight letters and a few documents relating to Francis Everington (Frank) Kip of Canton New York. The letters were written between 1852 and 1856. Frank Kip was one of the many men to go to California in search of gold during this time. His aim was to pay off the family house and to make enough money to make his family financially independent (see March 12, 1857). He apparently never achieved his goal. This collection consists mainly of the letters that he wrote home from California. It contains valuable information about the life of a miner during this period.

In 1865 Frank Kip joined the army and wrote letters from New Orleans and Memphis. His last letter is dated April 16, 1865. Army records (see folder #11) show that he died April 18, 1865.

The St. Lawrence County Historical Association has additional information on the Kip family, including Henry DeValcourt Kip, the artist.

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

1 1-9 I. Correspondence


10 B. Other correspondence. Arranged chronologically. Contains letters written by Kip family members and friends between 1832 and 1896.

II. Business Papers

11 A. Legal Documents. Arranged chronologically. Contains documents dating between 1832 and 1960, with the bulk falling between 1832 and 1871.

12 B. Account book 1861-1865

III. Biographical Materials

13-14 A. Photos

15-18 B. Genealogical information

18a. Kip Collection at St. Lawrence County Historical Association

19 C. Diary

20 D. Frank Kip in California Gold Rush

21 E. Henry de Valcourt Kip

22 F. Memorabilia
SYMBOLS
a.l.  Autograph letter.
a.l.s. Autograph letter, signed.
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F.K. Frank Kip.

PERSONS OTHER THAN FRANK KIP WHO WROTE LETTERS.

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KIP PAPERS
COLLECTION 9
DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

I. CORRESPONDENCE
   A. Frank Kip.

BOX / FOLDER

1 1 1852 Mar.1. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. [Canton]. 2 leaves. Included in the letter is an a.l.s. [Cornelia] to H.D.K.. Local news; a man to be hung in Potsdam. Hopes that H.D.K. gets some portraits to paint.

Mar.22. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Canton. There is talk of building a railroad.


Oct. 27. "Dear Bro" from F.K. Says he paid for a $5.00 counterfeit bill for his brother.


2 1855 Jan.4. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Canton. Writes about his trip to California.

Feb.8. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Canton. 2 leaves. Gives travel plans and says that he has had his life insured for five-hundred dollars.


1 2 1855 May 3. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Downieville. 12 leaves. Written on a 3x5 inch pocket letter book. Tells of the life of a miner as "one of the hapiest [sic] in the world". Also discusses the strict law of the miner.


Aug.1. a.l.s. F.K. to [Cornelia]. Downieville. 2 leaves. Describes his cabin and the method of moving large rocks. Includes a diagram of the operation.
Aug.15. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Downieville. 2 leaves. More about his trip to California.

Sept.18. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Downieville. 2 leaves. Frank advises, "don't come to Cal-.


Dec.28. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Downieville. 2 leaves. Political news of California. Note to mother and one to sister. Includes a sketch of a cabin and a mining claim. (The ink on this letter is badly faded and someone has gone over it with a pencil).

Sat.3. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Canton. Asks to borrow some money.


Jan.8. a.l.s. F.K. to "Dear Pa, Ma, Bud, and I hope Sis". Downieville. Worried about his sister's health.


Feb.21-28. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Downieville. Frank has quit mining his own claim and is now working for wages of 100 dollars per month.

Mar.9. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Downieville. 2 leaves. The mine that Frank was working at has been sold and he is looking for work.

Mar.22. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Smith's Falls. Frank is working in a mine that has just "got to pay dirt".

May 24-Jun.1. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Forest City. 2 leaves. Frank expresses sorrow over the death of his sister. He has built a new house.


Jul.23. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Forest City. Frank is no longer working in the mine, but is cutting timber.

Aug.24. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Forest City. 2 leaves. Frank writes about a forest fire. He is trying his luck again at river mining.


Oct.29. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Forest City. 2 leaves. F.K. has written a letter to the editor [Plaindealer?]. He asks H.D.K. to edit the letter and send it if he thinks it is good enough. He writes about mining and political news.
Oct. 29. a.l.s. F.K. to Editors of the Plaindealer. Forest City. Letterhead says "California Correspondence".

Nov. 9. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Forest City. 2 leaves. Buchanan has carried California.

Dec. 14. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Forest City. 2 leaves. California politics. Millard Fillmore has been badly beaten. California should have voted for a man who would sanction the railroad.

Dec. 23. a.l.s. F.K. to William Conkey. Forest City. 2 leaves. News of friends from Canton who are also living in the West. F.K. misses Canton.


4 1857 Feb. 27. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Forest City. F.K. writes on the back of a letter addressed to the editors [Plaindealer]. The Indians in the North have "commenced hostilities".

Mar. 12. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Forest City. 2 leaves. F.K. is tired of mining and looking for other work. Expresses a desire to "secure a comfortable home where we can all live happily together-".

May 29. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Forest City. 2 leaves. F.K. sends a letter to the editor [Plaindealer] and asks H.D.K. to edit it and send it to the paper. "Massacre of Cavorea".


Jun. 29. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Northfork. 2 leaves. F.K. went back to Downieville for a visit. He gives a very good description of the place.


5 1858 Jan. 15. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Forest City. Downieville has been destroyed by fire.


Mar. 1. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Alleghany. 2 leaves. F.K. has enclosed a letter to the Editor Plaindealer. Tells of a Supreme Court decision regarding a slave.

1 5 Apr. 14. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Alleghany. 2 leaves. Fire broke out in a blacksmith's shop and in less than two hours, it almost destroyed Forest City.

Apr. 30. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Alleghany. 2 leaves. Tells of a trip from San Francisco to Alleghany on board a steamship.

Aug. 15. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Alleghany. F.K. plans to stay in Alleghany until the spring.

Sept. 15. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Alleghany. 2 leaves. Tells of a trip from Marysville to Forest City, which included transportation on a boat and a stagecoach.


1 6 1859
Feb. 22-26. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Alleghany. 2 leaves. There are ten feet of snow around the cabin and there are reports of an avalanche.
May 14. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Exelcior. [sic] 2 leaves. "...this has been the severest winter within the recolection of the oldest settlers of California." Tells what happens to Easterners who arrive in California with no money and hope to make their fortune.
Jun. 15. a.l.s. F.K. to [A.R.K.]. Alleghany. F.K. is unhappy in the mountains. "...there is not on the face of the Earth in my estimation a less desirable place to live." He has given up hope of making money in California. "...and yet there is an irresistible something which binds me and I might say every other Californian to this country."
Sept. 10.. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Downieville. 2 leaves. F.K. is living and working with A. Sheldon.
Sept. 25. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Downieville. 2 leaves. Senator David C. Broderick has been killed in a duel.

1 7 1860
Feb. 15-Apr. 15. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Downieville. 2 leaves. Mail is faster overland routes "...a prelude to the construction of an Atlantic and Pacific Railroad...". (Second part of letter is from Cold Spring Ranch).

1 7 1860

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1860  Dec. 29. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Cold Spring Ranch. "I am by no means discouraged but I must say that I have been disappointed [sic]..."

8 1864 Sept. 15-19. a.l.s. [initialed] F.K. to H.D.K. Heart Island, [N.Y.]. 2 leaves. F.K. has joined the Army "the 11th N.Y. boys." "The Canton boys are all well we hope to leave for New Orleans this week."


1865 Mar. 19-23. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Memphis. 2 leaves. Marks of war are everywhere. Check drawn on a bank in Canton is worthless in the South. (envelope)

Apr. 16. a.l.s. F.K. to H.D.K. Germantown. 2 leaves. F.K. sends a hundred dollars home by Adams Express. F.K. is guarding the Memphis and Charleston Rail Road. [envelope] (F.K.'s last letter- records show he died April 18, 1865. See folder 11)

9 [n.d.] Jan. 27. a.l.s. F.K. to A.R.K. Downieville. Short note to say that he is well.


B. Other Correspondence


Aug. 18. Mr/Mrs. Kipp from Mr/Mrs Conkey. Short note accepting invitation to visit.


1847 Apr. 9. "Dear Children" from "Israel and Joanna Horr". [The Horrs were Lovina Kip's parents] They are dying and want to see the Kips.

1850 Jun. 10. "My Dear Uncle" from "Frank Kip" informing Albert of his brother's [Frank's father's] death. [envelope]

1852 Feb.10. a.l.s. Cornelia Kip to H.D.K. Canton. 2 leaves. Tells of an epidemic and lists persons who have died as a result.


1855 Mar.18. a.l.s. A.R.K. to H.D.K. Canton. Talks about the death of Nicholas of Russia and what it will mean to Europe.

Sept.4. a.l.s. John V. Watson to "Dear Pa". San Francisco. 2 leaves.

Dec. 8. [2 leaves] "Neighbors Kipp and Washburn" from [?] [writing in this letter is very light and barely readable].


Mar. 11. [2 leaves] "Dear Frank" from "Pa". Talks of safety of the caves and mines, death of Walter Brown and who is building what in the area.

Jul. 28. [2 leaves] "Dear Frank" from "Pa". Talks of Frank's account of the trouble with the "Red Skins" and of his letters to be put in print by the "Misers [sic] Fays".

May 24. "Mr. Kip" from "D.C. Judson". Talks of amount owed on property he is purchasing.

May 5. [2 leaves] a.l.s. Emma Pierce to "Dear Uncle" [A.R.K.]. Frank Kip's mother has been in Watertown trying to get his pension. Page one of the letter indicates that Frank may have returned from California with a little money. "...that he paid for the place. ...that he supported you before going into the army...."

Sept. 22. [2 leaves] "Dear Cousins" from "Rose Emma Hart". News of the family. [envelope]

Nov. 3. "H.D. Kip Esq." from "Jonah Sanford". Very short note asking to see him.


July 26. "May Kip" invitation to the ordination of Francis Alonzo Gray includes Order of Service. [envelope]

July 9. "B. Kip" from "Clifford Townsend". Inviting him to go on a bike ride and for supper. [drawing of a bicycle]. [envelope]


Mar. 22. a.l.s. Cornelia Kip to H.D.K. Canton. 3 leaves. Goes into detail about Sarah and White's relationship [Sarah may have been A.R.K's sister].

II. BUSINESS PAPERS
   A. Legal Documents

11 11 1770  Aug. 30. Last will and testament of Jacobus Kip.
1772  Jan. 15. A codicil to the Last will and testament of Jacobus Kip.
1852  Nov. 18. deed to land from David C. Judson to Laura Flint for $450.00
1855  Mar. 5. deed to land from William H. Hennick to William Ball for $1100.
1858  Jul.21. t.d.s. Deed to Kip lot in Canton. First Presbyterian Cemetery. Purchased for two dollars and fifty cents.
1866  Nov.6. t.d.s. Certificate of payment from the Treasury Department for $32.72 to be paid to Albert R. Kipp [sic] as father of Frank Kipp.
1871  May 10. t.d.s. Department of Interior to Lovina Kip. Eight dollars per month as pension from Frank.
[n.d.]  Probate of will for Welthia B. Kip. 2 leaves.
[n.d.]  Abstract of title to Kips Bay Farm - includes a sketch of hand drawn map of Kip Bay Farm and the partitions under the will of Jacobus Kip. 4 leaves.

11  B. Account book 1865-1876
III. BIOGRAPHICAL

A. Photos

1. People. Arranged alphabetically by last name:
   
   Adams, Mrs. ? (sister to Lovina H. Kip)
   Attwood, Anna.
   Barber, Mrs. Alvin (nee Marion White)
   Barber, Mrs. J.S. Barber (nee Mary Wright)
   Clark, Mrs. Ashley (nee Mary Munson).
   Ellsworth, J.B. [?].
   Harrison, Maria (R.H.'s sister)
   Harrison, Richard
   Harrison, Mrs. Richard
   Harrison, Richard's mother
   Haskel, Samuel
   Kip, Albert Rightman [sic] 9/12/1874 (New York)
   Kip, Albert Ryckman
   Kip, Cornelia Ann
   Kip, Frank E. (in a handmade frame made by Cornelia A. Kip, Frank's sister, about 1850.)
   Kip, Frank Everington (5 pictures)
   Kip, Henry Devalcourt (4 pictures)
   Kip, H.D., George Seymour, our dog Jack in a row boat
   Kip, Mrs. H. D. [Harriet Ball]
   Kip, Peter, b.1789 (brother of Albert R.)
   Kip, William (as a small boy and in 1884)
   Mills, John H. (4 copies)
   Petebone [Petibone], Clara
   Pierce, Mrs. (Aunt Hannah). Watertown.
   [unidentified people on porch of house in the woods]
   [unidentified woman]
   [unidentified; three women: older one sitting in rocking chair; two young ladies sitting on porch]

2. Buildings
   
   [House during winter], dated 1905
   Robbins Printing Office

3. Miscellaneous

   Kip Family Coat of Arms
   Kip headstone in Silas Wright Cemetery
   Two grave stones: Jonas Ball (1853) and wife Betsey (1852) [Ball is a relative of Kip
   Family via Betsey Kip Ball] (2 pictures.)

4. Glass negatives

   Building in Watertown occupied in 1820-40 by A.P. Kip
   House of Albert P. Kip, Watertown

B. Genealogical information

1. Genealogy Chart

2. Kip Family Crest
3. **Christmas card** with picture of house where Hendrik Kip was married in 1660.

4. **Letter**
   Concerning the Kip Family History.

C. **Diary**
   dated Mar. 27, 1898 [?]- includes daily accounts of author's life.

D. **Frank Kip in California Gold Rush.**
   1961 Feb. 24. "Dear Mr. Abazian" from [Atwood Manley]. Talks of Kip family members Frank and Devalcourt and describes what he found in an attic: map of California dated 1856, oil painting, and letters written by Frank from 1855-60.
   2 20 Mar. 13. "Dear Miss Mills" [Joan Patterson Mills, Associate Editor, American Heritage] from "?" [Atwood Manley]. Thanks her for her interest in the Frank Kip letters and talks of the upcoming Frederic Remington Centennial Observance.
   1963 Dec-Jan. pages from magazine **Frontier Times**.

E. **Henry de Valcourt Kip**
   Kip sketching pad - has several sketches of unidentified women, one of which is dated 7/4/1894; one of NY Central Bridge Canton; Wm. H. Tallman Residence, and 3 individual sketches.
   3 loose sketches.
   Article titled **Henry de Valcourt Kip 1830-1917** by Atwood Manley, 1967. Article is about the Kip family history. 3 pages typed.
F. Memorabilia

- Certificate for B.M. Kip to start work with Metropolitan School of Fine Arts of N.Y. 1/8/1895 [as a student]
- Card inviting B.M. Kip to attend an informal Studio Reception & Sketch Class at Metropolitan School of Fine Arts, January 26th.
- Card inviting bearer to Fancy Dress Ball by the Art Students League. 5/11/1894
- Card perfumed with "Hoyts German Cologne"
- Business card: "H.D. Kip, Fresco & Decorative Painter"
- Regents Pass card for Benjamin Miller Kip.
- Business card of H.P. Copeland, Photographer; on back are written 13 names (all are Kip) with birth dates and where the individuals were born. Dates start 9/2/1751 - 6/30/1799.
- Post card to Miss May H. Kip. 11/17/1920.
- Invitation to a New Years Eve Ball. 12/31/1851.
- 25th anniversary invitation for Ezekiel Willson. 7/29/1876.
- Wedding invitation of Grace Church, daughter of S.W. Servis, to Mr. & Mrs. Kipp and daughter; with reception card. 2/28/1878.