

Sophia Webster Lloyd Papers, 1820-1903
Collection No. 8



Abstract

The collection consists of correspondence, 1867-1902, primarily from Nelson Marvin Lloyd, John Uri Lloyd, and other family members. Includes drafts and completed poems, two volumes of poetry, and short stories and writings. Included is material on surveys of Nelson Marvin Lloyd and his death in 1882.

Biographical Sketch

Sophia Webster Lloyd was born on May 24, 1820, in West Bloomfield Township, New York. Sophia Lloyd was a teacher and poet, and possessed an intellectual curiosity that she passed on to her children. She began early to write poetry, from her late teens, her poetry was accepted by and published in newspapers and journals such as the *Philadelphia Saturday Courier*, the *Rochester Democrat*, the *Buffalo Messenger* and the *Rural New Yorker*. In 1847, she married Nelson Marvin Lloyd, a civil engineer, fellow teacher and childhood friend. Two children were born shortly after, John Uri in 1849 and Nelson Ashley in 1851. In 1853, the family moved to Burlington, in northern Kentucky, where Nelson Marvin Lloyd had procured a position as surveyor for a proposed railroad from Covington to Louisville, Kentucky. The Panic of 1854 ended the railroad venture, and both Sophia and Nelson found employment as school teachers.

Sophia taught in Petersburg, Florence and Crittenden, Kentucky, and worked in time to give birth to Curtis Gates Lloyd, Emma Lloyd Nead, and Robert Llewlyn. When opportunities presented, Nelson Marvin Lloyd returned to surveying, and while in the Ozarks on a survey for a road from Kansas City to Memphis, he became ill and died in 1882. In 1887, a book of her poetry was published by John Uri Lloyd. Sophia continued to write poetry and short stories until her death in 1903.

Scope and Content

The collection consists primarily of family correspondence, 1860's to 1900; and drafts and finished poetry; and writings. Also includes miscellaneous biographical items, a folder on Dr. Joseph Hall, the doctor who delivered Sophia's two oldest children, and family miscellany. Includes letters written from Nelson Marvin Lloyd to his family in the 1840's from Ohio and Louisiana.

Container List

| <u>Box</u> | <u>Folder</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------|---------------|--|
| | | - <u>Series I. Biographical Materials</u> |
| 1 | 1 | - Biographic al sketches, obits, genealogical materials, address book, etc. |
| | | - <u>Series II. Correspondence</u> |
| | 2 | - Nelson Marvin Lloyd, 1867-72. |
| | 3 | - John Uri Lloyd, 1869, 1898, 1902-03. |
| | 4 | - Edward L. Webster, 1879-1899; Olivia Lloyd, 1903; Eunice Lloyd, 1887, 1888, 1903; John Thomas Lloyd, 1902. |
| | 5 | - Uri Webster, 1882, 1898; Sylvia (Mrs. T.H.) Bariou, n.d.; J.O. Hudnutt, 1887 |
| | 6 | - Death of Nelson M. Lloyd, doctor bills, and dispute, 1882-3. |
| | 7 | - Responses to poetry book, 1887-1896. |
| | 8 | - Misc. invitations, etc. |
| | 9 | - 1884, 1895-99, 1902, n.d. |
| 2 | 20 | - Marvin Nelson Lloyd to family, 1840, 1843, 1844 |
| | | - <u>Series III. Poetry</u> |
| 1 | 10 | - Notebook of poems of Marcia Webster, 1840s-1850s; of Sophia Webster Lloyd, 1880. |
| | 11 | - Drafts and completed poems. |
| | 12 | - Unpublished poems collected by W.H. Venebale. |
| | 13 | - Published poems, clippings. |

- Vol. 2 - Poems of Sophia Webster Lloyd.
Cincinnati: 1887.
- Vol. 1 - "Poems By My Mother": bound typed
poems collected by John Uri Lloyd.
- Series IV. Misc. Writings
- 14 - Honeoye (Are We So Soon Forgotten), 3 ms.
15 - Stories written for John Uri Lloyd.
16-17 - Misc. writings for the Carey and
other Norwood, Ohio, clubs.
- Series V. Misc.
- 1 18 - Poetry of U.B. Webster & Gilbert
family, obits.
19 - Dr. Joseph Hall's official register,
1849-54, recording births of John Uri and
Nelson Ashley to Nelson M. Lloyd; obit
of Dr. Hall.
- Series VI. Realia.
- 2 21 - Report of the Surveys & Estimates
of the Owensboro & Russelville
Rail Road, 1868.
22 - Wallet of Nelson Marvin Lloyd
23 - Portfolios (2) of Sophia Webster Lloyd
24 - Deeds, misc. papers of Nelson Marvin Lloyd