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Johnson Mundy Papers, 1859-1898

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Johnson M. Mundy was born May 13, 1832, near New Brunswick, New Jersey. (Other sources list his birth date as May 31, 1829, and May 1833.) Despite losing his sight, he became a successful artist, establishing a studio in Rochester, New York, in the 1860s. He moved to Tarrytown, New York, in 1888 and died August 16, 1897, in Geneva, New York. Among his works were a bust of Frederick Douglass at the University of Rochester, a bronze statue of a Union soldier at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Tarrytown, and a statue of Washington Irving in Tarrytown.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains two volumes: (1) a scrapbook of Johnson M. Mundy dated 1859-1898 (approximately 150 pages) that contains newspaper clippings, correspondence (mostly addressed to Mundy and John A. Lant), and invitations. The clippings are mostly from newspapers in Rochester and Tarrytown, and relate to the Soldiers' and Sailors Monument at Rockford, Illinois; the bronze statue of a Union soldier at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery; the bust of Frederick Douglass; and other topics relating to Mundy and his work. (2) Journal of accounts of receipts and payments of Johnson Mundy, 1859-1890 (99 pages); also includes the names of individuals for whom he did portraits. Back of the volume includes 10 pages of names and addresses.

Correspondence in the Johnson Mundy scrapbook

- Page 1 Letter signed Thos. F. Rochester [Thomas F. Rochester], Buffalo, to Hosmer P. Holland, August 18, 1869.
- Page 2 Letter signed Chas. J. Folger [Charles J. Folger], Geneva, N.Y., to Hosmer P. Holland, August 16, 1869.
- Page 2 Statement signed Isaac F. Quinby, U.S. marshal, Rochester, New York, August 10, 1869, bearing testimony to the high reputation of J.M. Mundy.
- Page 6 Letter signed W.A. Reynolds [William A. Reynolds], Rochester, to Johnson M. Mundy, August 9, 1869.
- Page 6 Letter signed Lewis H. Morgan, New York Senate Chamber, Rochester, to J.M. Mundy, August 9, 1869.
- Page 6 Letter signed Lucius N. Bangs, Le Roy, Genesee County, New York, to Jas. R. Bartlett [James R. Bartlett], July 21, 1869.
- Page 8 Letter signed H.K. Brown, Greene Bay [Green Bay], Wisconsin, to Johnson Mundy, August 15, 1869.
- Page 8 Undated letter signed L.L. Brown [Mrs. H.K. Brown] to Mr. Mundy.
- Page 8 Letter signed J.L.A. Ward, New York, to Johnson M. Mundy, August 9, 1869.
- Page 10 Letter of introduction regarding Johnson M. Mundy, signed by Rochester mayor Edward M. Smith, July 26, 1869.
- Page 10 Letter signed E.M. Moore, Rochester, to Mr. J.M. Mundy, August 10, 1869.
- Page 10 Letter signed D.M. Dewey, Rochester, to J.M. Mundy, August 9, 1869.
- Page 14 Letter signed Mrs. A.S. Todd to Johnson Mundy, August 9, 1874.
- Page 16 Letter signed Frederick Douglass, Washington, D.C., to Mr. Mundy, April 21, 1876.
- Page 18 Letter signed M.B. Anderson, H.R. Selden, D.M. Dewey, and others, Rochester, to Johnson Mundy, May 8, 1876.
- Page 22 Letter signed Rossiter Johnson, Concord, N.H., to Mr. J.M. Mundy, December 31, 1872.
- Page 22 Letter signed O.H. Dewey [Mrs. Chester Dewey], Rochester, to Mr. Mundy, October 11, 1869.

- Page 22 Letter signed Susan F. Cooper [daughter of James Fenimore Cooper], Cooperstown, to "Dear Sir," February 13, 1866.
- Page 24 Letter signed S. Will, Rochester, to Johnson M. Mundy, October 5, 1876.
- Page 26 Letter signed Sarah D. Perkins [Mrs. William Perkins], Rochester, to Mr. Mundy, February 1, 1870.
- Page 26 Letter signed Henry Fowler, Auburn, to Johnson M. Mundy, February 3, 1870.
- Page 26 Letter signed Geo. T.M. Davis [George T.M. Davis], New York, to Johnson Mundy, Rochester, N.Y., February 10, 1870.
- Page 28 Handwritten prayer for Johnson Mundy by M.E. Bennett, Point Bluff, Wisconsin, August 19, 1877.
- Page 32 Letter signed Robt. Pomeroy [Robert Pomeroy], The Homestead, Pittsfield, to J.M. Mundy, February 11, 1870.
- Page 32 Letter signed S.R. Elmer, Waterman, DeKalb County, Illinois, to [Johnson Mundy?], February 23, 1884.
- Page 44 Typescript letter of Johnson M.M. Mundy, Geneva Sanitarium, Geneva, N.Y., to Mr. Lant, July 18, 1897.
- Page 66 Letter signed Johnson M. Mundy, Tarrytown, N.Y., John A. Lant, May 29, 1893.
- Page 66 Letter signed Johnson M. Mundy, Tarrytown, N.Y., John A. Lant, July 23, 1893.
- Page 66 Letter signed Johnson M. Mundy, Tarrytown, N.Y., John A. Lant, September, 1893.
- Page 66 Letter signed Johnson M. Mundy, Tarrytown, N.Y., John A. Lant, March 9, 1895.
- Page 66 Letter signed Johnson M. Mundy, Tarrytown, N.Y., John A. Lant, March 27, [no year].
- Page 66 Unsigned letter of Johnson M. Mundy, Tarrytown, N.Y., John A. Lant, September 17, 1893.
- Page 68 Letter signed Lucius T. Yale, Tarrytown, N.Y., to John A. Lant, May 25, 1891.
- Page 98 Letter signed J.W. Bookwalter, The Bookwalter Steel and Iron Company, New York, to John A. Lant, August 28, 1891.
- Page 98 Letter signed F.W. Evans, Mt. Lebanon, to John A. Lant, March 23, 1884.

Page 98 Letter signed Marshall H. Bright, Tarrytown, to Jno. A. Lant, May 11, [no year].

Last page Handwritten "Cure for Cancer," copied by Elizabeth Cornwall.