

DESCRIPTIVE CALENDAR/LIST
TO
THE FREDERICK M. HENDRICKSON
CLASS OF 1903
STUDENT PAPERS

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Introduction

Frederick (Fred) M. Hendrickson was a 1903 graduate of the New York Nautical School, the institution out of which eventually emerged present day Maritime College. In that period, the School for all intents and purposes was conducted primarily aboard the ST. MARY'S, and it was on this ship that students eventually would sail to foreign ports. During 1903, the ST. MARY'S sailed to France and Ireland, and several of the items herein refer to this episode. Immediate after graduation on October 6, 1903, Hendrickson, at that time eighteen years of age, transferred as a cadet to the SS PHILADELPHIA bound for Southampton, England. However, in 1905 he had to give up going to sea on account of health reasons. In 1912 he was a salesman with the National Bridge Works in New York City. Hendrickson was a resident of the Springfield section of Queens County.

There are four Series found in this Collection, namely, Letters addressed to Hendrickson; Post Cards addressed to him; Photographs; and Miscellaneous Documents. The vast amount of items are dated 1902 to 1905, but several, especially a few photographs, are dated later up to 1946, these depicting alumni reunions. The Collection measures approximately one half cubic foot.

Series I - Letters Addressed to Fred Hendrickson

All letters are addressed to Hendrickson, one or two addressed to him by former classmates as "Spike". Many letters include their envelopes, and these have been retained to provide in some cases better identification of the addressee, or a bit of postal history. For example, the simplicity of addresses can be seen in this bygone era, the various postmarks, the stamps of the day, and similar. When envelopes are included, this fact will be noted. Hendrickson is usually addressed at his home in what is now generally the Springfield Gardens section of Queens and then known simply as Springfield, an area near the more populated and better known Jamaica. Envelopes usually say Springfield, Long Island, New York with no specific street address except in one instance where Springfield Road is indicated. Sometimes a letter is addressed as Springfield, Queens Borough, New York. When not addressed to Springfield, this fact will be noted. However, it can be said, that those not sent to Springfield were sent in care of the ST. MARY'S at a port over seas. Essentially, it can also be stated that letters are from friends made while Hendrickson was a student on the ST. MARY'S, as well as some letters from young ladies whom he knew either in Springfield or whom he had met while on shore leave at a port-of-call. A sentence or two will be quoted from each item simply to try to convey some of its tone. Nearly all letters were written on small sheets of paper (ca. 4 1/2 x 7" or 5 x 6"). All spellings are as found in the text, and the only changes provided on occasion is an added punctuation mark if needed. Below follows a Calendar of these Letters.

Calendar

1901, July 25 - Letter from "Your sister and friend Jean" of Sea Cliff.

"I am truly deeply interested in you and so anxious that you make the most of yourself. Please give up smoking... . "Your mother's happiness depends upon you to a great extent".
Fred, take Him as you guide - your constant companion...".
4 pps

1901, Sep. 1 - Letter from B.F. Bailey of Sea Cliff

"I spent two days of last week in Springfield and had a lovely time - but didn't see anything of you. I wonder if you were somewhere". "I have a wheel coming to me - I expect I'll have it Saturday. If you're home I know you would take some rides with me. Wouldn't you?"
6 pps

1901, Oct. 18 - Letter from Josephine Wilson of Jamaica, NY

"I expect there (are?) manly fellows who realize that they are in the world for something more than just to have a good time or to make money; that God had a purpose in their lives and wants them to grow from boyhood to a manhood which will be

of real service...". "I had a very pleasant summer and was able to go to the Pan American Exposition for a week...".

4 pps

1902, June 16 - Letter from Sadie of Springfield. Addressed to Hendrickson aboard the S.S. ST. MARY'S, New London, CT. Envelope included.

"I received your letter O.K. and was very glad to hear from you again. I am also pleased to hear that you have an opportunity of visiting so many places of interest". "Last Saturday quite a party of us went to Willets' Point in Market wagons. We certainly did have a fine time...". "In the afternoon a nine came over from Fort Schuyler and a lively game of baseball ensued".

6 pps

1902, July 24 - Letter from M. (Shellon?) of A.B.N. Co (probably a naval camp). This letter is addressed as "Dear Master Fred".

"How is that? I really was in a quandary (is that spelled properly?) as to how to address you." "The same hum-drum. A.B.N. Co. life still goes on for me, while you are seeing the world and enjoying your new surroundings".

"I have had a very quiet summer thus far - very little pleasure. I never seem to enjoy myself now".

4 pps

1902, July 25 - Letter from Sadie (S.F.D.?) of Springfield to Hendrickson on the SS ST. MARY'S in London. Post Marked Havre, France. Envelope included.

"... our Sunday School calmly announced the fact that we take a trip to Glen Island ..."

"I gave my wheel its annual cleaning, and in the afternoon Etta and I went out to Flushing to visit 'Grandpa Gildersleeve', he is as jolly as ever and more affectionate (if possible!)".

"Frank and Sophie are visiting Charlie Small at present. They had the Forrester's phonograph over there and I tell you we have some real lively tunes too."

8 pps

1903, Jan. 7 - Letter from Ed J. Heal of Fort Trumbull, CT. Envelope included.

"I had a twenty day pass since I saw you. I went to N.Y. and met my mother whom I had not seen for eleven years and my sister I had not seen for fourteen years

"I got a letter from Brenner a while ago, he was on the "KEARSARGE".

8 pps

1903, July 4 - Letter, undated (date gotten from envelope) from (Jean?) M. Bailey

of Seymour, Conn. to Hendrickson on board the ST. MARY'S
docked in Queenstown, Ireland. Envelope included.

"Honestly?, Connecticut is a delightful state - the variety of views -
the ever changing scenes of a hilly country couldn't be improved upon".
"You can't be too careful in your everyday life Fred. Avoid slang, try and
use good English and don't get careless in manner. These are what count
(more?) in the make up of a refined gentleman or lady".

7 pps

1903, July 13 - Letter from Edward Baylis of Springfield. Addressed to
Hendrickson aboard the Schoolship ST. MARY'S in London.
Envelope included.

"We organized an Athletic Club about a month ago, and hired the room
over Norton's Store which is lighted every night for our use.
The Chemical Engine is in the new building across the street. It was
called our the first time since being there for a fire in St. Albans at Joe
(West, Jr.?). They got their to late to save the house, but saved the barn".

8 pps

1903, July 16 - Letter from (Harriet?) O'Callaghan of Fort Lisle, Queenstown.
Addressed to Hendrickson aboard the U.S.S. ST. MARY'S at
either London or Cherbourg. Envelope included.

"Mr. Weickum wrote to my sister. He said that you were all quite well
and enjoying your visit to Cherbourg. Do you like it better than
Queenstown? I dare say our poor little town is not compared to it...". "...
when you have your photos convenient will you give me one. I should
like very much to have some views of our friends on the "ST. MARY'S".

8 pps

1903, July 17 - Letter of E.J. Heal from Fort Trumbull, CT.

"... everything is going on just the same here in New London.
We have had a circus and the Yale and Harvard boat races
have since you left but I was on Guard both times."

3 pps

1903, Aug. 21? - Letter from Maude Campbell of 6 Blackrock Road in
Ireland. Envelope included.

"T'was sad to think you had to leave Ireland so soon, and as you
liked it so much too...".
"I think you promised to send me a photo of yourself; didn't you?
I hope you'll keep to it for I should like to have one of you to remind
me of that pleasant little chat on Blarney Castle".

4 pps

1904, Mar. 23 - Letter from (Walter?) Hussam on board the British Barque ARROW in Hong Kong. Envelope included.

"We were 137 days a nice passage and got in Hong Kong on St. Patrick's Day. We were one month going through some islands. We had to work ship just the same way we worked the Mary off Funchal, and just as hot".
"Hong Kong is a fine harbor and is full of steamers of all nationalities. It is a nice place to go ashore (?) there is plenty of English people here so you will always have friends".

6 pps

1904, Apr. 9 - Letter from Tom Tucker, a classmate on board the British Barque ARROW in Hong Kong. Envelope included.

"... so I do not know where we are going next. I would like to see her load here and go to the States, then we would have a nice light cargo and not ship any water over our Decks". "While you are getting fat I am getting thin. I believe I lost about five pounds. How

can a fellow get fat on flour and water warmed up in a little grizzle, that's about all we get to eat".

8 pps

1904, Aug. (9?) - Letter from Clarence Baylis from the Philippine Islands and the U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO.

"We are having a fine time playing ball every afternoon... & every night we have some kind of entertainment you know. Fred each ship of the fleet takes turns giving entertainments...".

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1904, Aug. 17. - Letter from C.J. Heal of Fort Trumbull, CT. Envelope included.

"Fort Trumbull is not what it was when you were here. We do not live as good and our old 1st sergeant is now firing on the railroad here, and you have to toe the mark pretty strict under the new one ..."

4 pps

1904, Dec. 11 - Letter from Clarence Baylis aboard the U.S.S. (RAINBOW?). Letter is very illegible. Envelope included.

"I received your letter yesterday and was very glad to hear from you for our letters are few and far between, but I shall try to do better in the future."

4 pps

1904, Dec. 18 - Letter from John Brenner aboard the U.S.S. KEARSARGE at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Envelope included.

"... I am sorry that you could not come over again, to see me, before the

ship leaves for the West Indies". "We expect to leave the 28th for Hampton Roads, and from there to Guantanamo, Cuba ...".

4 pps

1905, June 12 - Letter from John Brenner aboard the U.S.S. KEARSARGE at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Envelope included.

"... we came in the yard yesterday from the North River. If you come down Sunday I have lots of news to tell you, more than I can write".

3 pps

1905, July 16- Letter from Pete from Brooklyn. Envelope included.

"Sorry you got a cold on the Launch, you want to take care of yourself. I suppose the new launch is a beauty".

2 pps

1905, Aug. 13 - Letter addressed as Friend Spike from Pete. Envelope included.

"I am in bed yet but can sit up long enough to write. I suppose the boys are having a fine time, but I wouldn't want to be there just the same ...". 2 pps

Series II - Postcards Addressed to Hendrickson

This Series consists of twenty-five post cards addressed to Hendrickson at Springfield, presumably essentially by friends aboard the ST. MARY'S, and dated ca. 1903-1905. Most contain very brief messages, but apparently some from Madeira and Lisbon, were simply purchased perhaps as small souvenirs and given to Hendrickson, or perhaps purchased by him. All cards measure 3 and a half by 5 and a half inches. Titles are essentially those found on the cards. They are stored in two folders. Below follows a Listing.

List

1. On the Middle Lake Killarney
2. Blarney Castle
3. Old Engines at Gorgona undergoing repairs
4. Tanques de Palatino, Palatino Water Reservoirs
5. The U.S. School Ship St. Mary's
6. American Line U.S. Mail Twin-Screw Steamer PHILADELPHIA
7. Coast Guard Artillery School, Fortress Monroe VA
8. Una Calle de Tampico
9. Main Street, Athens (New York State)
10. St. Clement Danes and Gladstone Memorial
11. Place du Palais Royal
12. Cherbourg - Le Phare de la Jetee et la Rade - LL
13. Salle De Lecture Union Chretienne De Jeunes Gens 14, rue de Trevis
14. Place de la Concorde - Obelisque de Louqsor
15. Palais du Luxemburg
16. Madeira - Funchal
17. Madeira Hammock
18. Funchal from the West
19. F.A. Martins, Praca Luis de Camores, 35-Lisbon

20. Cintra (Portugal) Palacio Real da Pena
21. Lisboa - Vista geral de Belem
22. Lisboa - Aqueeducto da Aguas Livoresem Campolide
23. Larges Gun Ever Built... Fort Hancock, N.J.
24. Untitled - Maderia [sic]

Series III - Photographs

With the exception of two photographs, the nineteen photographs herein depict scenes associated with the ST. MARYS in 1903. The two exceptions are those depicting alumni reunion scenes. One photograph is identified as being the Alumni Association Dinner - NY Yacht Club, 1945, the other identified as ST. MARY'S Reunion, Tues. Nov. 19, 1946. Nine individuals are depicted in each photograph, presumably all graduates from the ST. MARY'S. Photographs range in size from about 5x5" to about 11x14" with most falling into the smaller size range. Most are somewhat discolored or faded. Apparently all were taken in 1903 or very shortly before or after, and essentially depict scenes either on board the ST. MARYS, especially during its cruise to Europe or shortly before. There are also some group pictures of the students, one of which was taken in Paris on July 7, 1902. Also included is a photographic print of the American Liner PHILADELPHIA. Some photographs are identified, most are not, but, again, depict some of the students. Also as part of this Series, there are additionally three prints made in 1956 from the originals, these identified as depicting Hendrickson, Frank Thompson, John S. Baylis, and Miss Omans, a teacher. Accompanying these prints is a letter to Hendrickson from John Baylis, dated Oct. 14, 1956 returning photos borrowed by him "to get enlargements".

Series IV - Miscellaneous Documents

These items are arranged in chronological order. Though not very numerous in quantity, they can be said to be divided into two time spans, that is, items which pertain to Hendrickson's early life, and others (largely printed matter), evidently collected in later years. Below follows a Listing.

List

1. Log maintained in 1902, and termed by Hendrickson as being a "Rough Log". Evidently used during a learning cruise aboard the ST. MARY'S. Entries are very brief such as March 1 – "Thompsons 9:30"; Apr 25 - "Bright work 9:00. Blues from Tailor"; Sep. 10 - "left for Madeira". ca. 2 and three/quarters x five and a half.
2. Card (3x5") listing The New International Code of Signals. Presented, that is published, by R.W. Robinson & Son of 186 Greenwich Street, New York. ca. 1902 .
3. Small newspaper-flyer (4 pages) called The Advertiser. Vol. 1, No. 3, June 5, 1902. Published by William McCabe "at Springfield av. near Long Island Railroad station".
4. 1902, Nov. 14 - Small autograph book, "Our Fourth Reunion". Contains ten pages each having a brief sentiment signed by various friends.
"Our best friends are those who tell us of our faults and teach us to mend them".
William R. Koehler

"Never cast aside your friends, if by any possibility, you can retain them –
Dickens".

Katie M. Higbie
5. Log maintained in 1903, similar to the 1902 Log but not labeled "Rough". Entries are very brief

such as July 17 - "Ashore. Souvenirs"; Oct. 4 - "Church"; Dec.. 3 - "Home".

6. Record at Graduation issued by the New York City Board of Education, and signed by G.C. Hanus of the Nautical School, Oct. 12, 1903.
7. Program of the 30th Annual Reception of the ST. MARY'S held March 27, 1903. Essentially, this is the dance program.
8. Graduation Program of the ST. MARY'S, dated Oct. 6, 1903.
9. Statement of C. Lucas, Chief Officer of the U.S.M.S. PHILADELPHIA, dated July 8, 1904, certifying that "the bearer F. Hendrickson has served on board ? the ship from October 1903 to the present date as Quarter Master ...". This document is accompanied by Certificate, dated Aug. 8, 1904 attesting to the correctness of the Statement.
10. Program of the 33rd Annual Reception of the ST. MARY'S for 1906. Only the cover exists, the pages are missing.
11. Issue No. 10, Sep. 1932 of The Scrap Log, the Semi-Annual Bulletin of the "Alumni Association, New York Nautical School Published in the Interest of Graduates of the ST. MARY'S, NEWPORT and EMPIRE STATE.
12. Bulletin of the Alumni Association. 75th Anniversary issue, Dec. 1949.
13. Autumn 1956 issue of News from Home. Magazine published by The Home Insurance Company and the Home Indemnity Company of New York. Relevant stories re: the ST. MARY'S.

14. Aug. 1957 issue of Via Port Of New York, published by The Port of New York Authority. Relevant story on the ST. MARY'S. Reprint of the story also included.
15. New York Times clip, dated Mar. 2, 1958 re: meeting of small group of early graduates to relive old memories of life aboard the ST. MARY'S. Several pictures shown including one of the ship taken in 1908 when it was scrapped.

Container List (Shelf List) - For Staff Use Only

The Hendrickson Papers are stored in One Document Case containing 43 folders.

Series: Letters

No. of folders - 21

Series: Post Cards

No. of folders - 1 containing two envelopes

Series: Photographs

No. of folders - six - includes oversized stored adjacent to box

Series: Miscellaneous Documents

No. of folders - 15

In addition, there is also a Dossier folder.