

**Huse Family
Papers, 1772 - 1970
Doc 556-566, MSA 429-430, and MS Sizes B, C, and D**

Introduction

The collection includes the papers of four generations of the Huse family of Montpelier and families related by marriage. The papers comprise correspondence (letters, post-cards and telegrams), diaries, legal papers, genealogy notes and correspondence, account books, school and college memorabilia, bills and receipts, photographs, stereopticon views, and architectural house plans. The papers are housed in 11 document boxes, two MSA boxes, and seven oversized folders; it consumes 12 linear feet of shelf space. They were a gift of Rachel England Castle, of Montpelier, great-great-granddaughter of Hiram A. Huse. A few of Hiram A. Huse's legal papers, Worcester land case, etc. (Doc 559:29-31) were purchased at a later date. (mss. acc. No. 2006.2)

Biographical Notes

Hiram Sylvester Huse

Hiram Sylvester Huse, son of Joseph and Rosannah (Tucker) Huse, was born in Enfield, New Hampshire on October 26, 1806. His grandfather, James Huse (1744-1829), was a descendant of Abel Huse who came from England to Newbury, Mass. James settled in Enfield where his grandson, Hiram S., was born.

Huse went to Randolph in 1817 and became an apprentice in Laban Blodgett's shoe-shop. After learning his trade he worked as a journeyman in New York and Massachusetts.

On February 26, 1835, he married Emily Morgan Blodgett, daughter of Alfred and Lucretia (Morgan) Blodgett of Randolph. They had four children, all born in Randolph: Lucretia Morgan, born March 25, 1836, died April 4, 1836; Thomas Rea, born September 4, 1837, died August 20, 1838; a son born May 15, 1838, died May 15, 1838; and Hiram Augustus, born January 17, 1843, died 1902.

Huse worked at his trade in Vermont and Massachusetts after his marriage, and carried on the shoe business for a time in Northfield and Randolph until 1844, when he went to Wisconsin, sending for his family the fall of the next year. From 1845 to 1855 he was a farmer in Lebanon, Wis. In 1855 he moved to Watertown, Wis., and remained there until 1857, when he went to Hustisford, Wis., which he made his home for twelve years. During Lincoln's administration he was postmaster at Hustisford.

In 1869 he returned to Randolph, where he lived for twenty years, working at his trade until 1889. He and his wife lived with his son Hiram A. in Montpelier, where she died in 1890 and he died in 1895. The biographies of H. S. and H. A. Huse were adapted

from *The Illustrated Historical Souvenir* of Randolph, Vermont, 1895. (VHS 974.31 R159n)

Hiram Augustus Huse

Hiram Augustus Huse, son of Hiram Sylvester and Emily Morgan (Blodgett) Huse, was born at Randolph, Jan. 17, 1843.

His parents moved to Wisconsin in 1845 where he lived until 1868. He went to school at Willard Seminary in Watertown, Wis., and at Dixon, Ill., and taught district school several terms. In 1860 he went to Randolph where he studied at the Orange County grammar school, taught district school again, and in 1871-72 was Edward Conant's assistant in the State Normal School in Randolph Center.

He entered Dartmouth College in 1861 and enlisted on August 19, 1862, at Randolph and served as a private in Co. F, 12th Vt. Vols., until the regiment was mustered out July 14, 1863. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1865, and from Albany Law School in 1867, and he was admitted to the New York bar in Albany. After a year in Wisconsin, he moved to Vermont, where he was admitted to the Vermont bar in 1869.

He moved to Montpelier in 1872, beginning the practice of law, and for ten years served as editorial writer on the *Green Mountain Freeman*. He was State Librarian from 1873 until his death and Vermont Historical Society Librarian from 1873-74 and 1881-90. He represented Montpelier in the Legislature of 1878 and was elected State's Attorney in 1882.

In 1883 Huse formed a law partnership with Clarence H. Pitkin under the firm name of Pitkin & Huse, which continued seven years. At the close of William P. Dillingham's term as Governor in October, 1890, the partnership of Dillingham & Huse was formed, and by the admission of Fred A. Howland in 1892, the firm became Dillingham, Huse & Howland.

On Jan. 30, 1872, Huse married Harriet Olivia Woodbury, daughter of Melzar and Eunice Harriet (Smith) Woodbury of Randolph. They had two children: Harriet Emily and Ray Woodbury. H. A. Huse died in Montpelier in 1902.

Although her given name was Harriet, Olivia Woodbury Huse always used her middle name. Woodbury family members who are included in the papers are: Olivia's father, Melzar, and his brother Lyman G., who died in the Civil War; her brother Frank; and her step-sister Fida, who married Dr. George E. May.

Smith family members include: Olivia's mother, Eunice Smith Woodbury, and her grandfather, Lemuel Smith.

Harriet and Ray W. Huse and their families by marriage

Hiram A. and Olivia Huse's two children Ray Woodbury (b. Aug. 22 1875) and Harriet (b. June 5, 1873) were born in Montpelier. Ray graduated from the University of Vermont in 1899 and was employed in the Actuarial Department of the National Life Insurance Company from 1900 until his retirement in 1947. He married Ruth Swasey Brooks on October 7, 1911 in Montpelier, Vermont and they had no children. Ray W. Huse died on January 21, 1959 in Neptune Beach, Florida.

Individuals from Ruth Swasey Brooks' family represented in the collection are her parents, John Vail Brooks (1849-1923) and Mary Blanche Swasey Brooks (1851-1933); her grandparents Nathaniel M. Swasey (1815-1893) and Mary Angier Swasey (1817-1897); Joel N. Angier (1822-1891), Nathaniel Swasey's brother-in-law, and her grandfather, Joshua Youngs Vail (1784-1854), as well as other Vail family members.

Harriet Huse married Carlos C. Bancroft (June 19, 1899). They had three children, Rachel (Sept 1, 1901-Dec. 1993), Margaret (b. July 16, 1903) and Carlos C. who was born May 8, 1906 soon after his father's death in April of that year.

Carlos the elder's father, Arthur, and Frederick W. Bancroft were brothers. Frederick was a musician who lived his later years in Boston.

Rachel Huse married Heber England (1899-Jan 2, 1991). Their son Sanford Heber England is the father of the donor of the papers, Rachel England Castle.

Family Names and Places

The Huses are associated with several Vermont towns as well as Canaan and Enfield, N.H. Hiram S. Huse and his wife, Emily Blodgett lived in Randolph, Vt., and Hustisford, Wis. Hiram A. Huse and his wife Olivia Woodbury and their progeny are associated with Montpelier.

Vermont families related to the Huses by marriages are: Blodgett, Smith and Woodbury (Randolph); and Vail, Brooks and Bancroft (Montpelier). New Hampshire families include the Angiers and Swaseys of North Haverhill.

Scope and Content

The papers of four generations of the Huse family and families related by marriage include: correspondence (letters, postcards, telegrams), diaries, legal papers, genealogy notes and correspondence, account books, school and college memorabilia, bills and receipts, photographs, stereopticon views, and architectural house plans.

Although the collection spans the period from the early nineteenth century until the 1920s, the focus of the collection is Hiram A. Huse (1843-1902) of Montpelier, who had a distinguished career as an attorney, served thirty years as Vermont State Librarian, and was elected to a term in the legislature. His papers consist largely of letters to his family from 1860 to his death.

The papers of the spouse and his/her family in each Huse generation are included with the appropriate generation. Among the oldest papers in the collection are those of Lemuel Smith of Randolph, who was related to Hiram A. Huse by his marriage to Olivia Woodbury. The family papers of Ray Huse's wife Ruth Brooks, encompass several generations. They include the letters of her parents, John Vail and Blanche Swasey Brooks, as well as letters and papers from her grandfather Nathaniel Swasey, and the Angier Family.

The Huse family and their relatives were prolific letter writers and letter savers. In addition to the family letters there are several groups of Civil War letters; for their location and description, see Addendum No. 1 following the inventory. Other letters of special interest include Joel N. Angier's letters to his family in North Haverhill, New Hampshire from California (Doc 564: 37-38). Written between 1849 and 1852, Angier describes his journey west and his success in the gold fields.

Series I. Genealogy

Both Hiram A. Huse and John Vail Brooks, whose daughter Ruth married Ray Huse, shared an interest in genealogy. Huse researched his mother's families, the Blodgetts and Morgans, by correspondence and made extensive notes. Brooks carried on a lively correspondence concerning the Brooks, Vail, Tuthill and Swasey families during the 1890s.

In addition, background family information used in preparing the collection is included Folders 0-0.5. These folders include photocopies from genealogies, the census, town histories, and biographical dictionaries.

Series II and III. First and Second Generations

An 1816 deed of land in Canaan, N.H., to John Huse witnessed by James and William Huse is one of the oldest documents in the collection. It is the sole document from the first generation of the Huse family.

Hiram S. Huse's letters to his son begin in 1860 and continue with increasing frequency after he returned to Randolph and Hiram A. was established in Montpelier. Emily Huse wrote frequently to her family in New Hampshire and Vermont during the 1850s and 1860s from Wisconsin. Only one letter is extant that she sent to her son (Feb. 17, 1863) during his Civil War service. She advised him to "drink tea" as she had "doubts about the whiskey ration going down." In a letter in the summer of 1863 to her husband in Wisconsin she informed him that their son had decided to return to Dartmouth. In her later letters from Randolph to H.A. Huse and his family, Emily signs herself "Grandma Huse."

Series IV. Third Generation

The focus of the Huse Family Papers is Hiram A. Huse and his wife, Olivia Woodbury. These papers largely consist of letters that H.A. Huse wrote to his family from 1854 until his death in 1902. Huse's professional papers are incomplete and provide only a brief glimpse into some of his professional activities: practicing attorney, State Librarian, Vermont Historical Society librarian, and legislator.

A. H.A. Huse — Letters

H. A. Huse began the habit of penning careful literate letters to his family at an early age. During the school year 1857-58, Huse lived with his father and attended school in Dixon, Illinois. His mother in Hustisford, Wisconsin, received frequent newsy letters from her young son. After Huse and his mother moved to Randolph, Vt., in 1860, he wrote to his father in Hustisford. In 1861 when Huse entered Dartmouth, he wrote to both parents about college life and his decision to enlist in 1862. (A description of his Civil War letters is included in the Addenda following the inventory.) He continued writing from Dartmouth until his graduation in 1865.

Huse continued to write frequent letters to his parents as his professional career developed and after he became established in Montpelier. When the Huses' children, Harriet and Ray, went to camp, attended private school or went to college, their father communicated regularly with them. Although he often used black ink on his law firm's letterhead stationary, the formal appearance of these letters belied his affectionate tone and their informal content.

Olivia Woodbury and Hiram A. Huse enjoyed a long friendship before they married in 1872. Olivia Huse's 1860 *Catalogue* of the Orange County Grammar School (Randolph Center, Vt.) lists them both as students. In his earliest letter to her in 1863 Huse indicated he had encouragement to write, and by 1869 their courtship was in full flower. After they married and lived in Montpelier, he wrote to her frequently when she visited her parents in Randolph, or when he was away on infrequent business trips.

H. A. Huse — Miscellaneous letters

This series includes, for the most part, letters that represent aspects of his professional life: State Librarian and librarian of the Vermont Historical Society. Many of these letters are requests for state publications or replies to publishers. The 1885 proposed addition to the State House for the State Library and Supreme Court generated both the architect's specifications as well as correspondence about the project.

Several groups of personal letters from individuals are included in this series as well. Huse saved a series of witty, light-hearted letters from Hugh Henry McIntyre (b. 1844), a distant cousin from Randolph. These letters span the period when both young men were finishing their education and embarking on their careers. Josephine A. Hustis, a Wisconsin cousin of Hiram S. Huse, began her correspondence with Hiram A. when his father died in 1895. Her frequent letters from Milwaukee continue until Hiram A.'s death in 1902.

H. A. Huse — Legal Papers

In addition to legal cases and writs during the period Huse was a practicing attorney in Montpelier, the collection also includes the “Daniel Baldwin Railroad Papers.” Baldwin of Montpelier, President of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was a director of the Vermont Central Railroad in the 1840s during a controversy over the proposed location of a new railroad line from White River Junction to Burlington In spite of opposition (Baldwin included), ex-Governor Charles Paine’s plan to route the railroad through his hometown of Northfield prevailed. The papers include letters from Paine as well as those of other players in the controversy. It is unclear how the Baldwin papers came into H.A. Huse’s possession.

H. A. Huse — Montpelier, Vt., and death

The Huses lived in Montpelier during their married life. Their letters and his miscellaneous papers are a source of Montpelier history at the end of the nineteenth century. H.A. Huse’s professional papers are incomplete; there are only scattered records from his law practice and from his position as State Librarian and from his association with the Vermont Historical Society.

A group of papers collected by his widow following H.A. Huse’s death in 1902 includes his funeral arrangements and obituary; an auction catalogue for his private library; and considerable correspondence concerning his bronze bust sculpted in 1904.

B. Olivia Woodbury Huse

This series consists largely of her letters from Randolph, Vt., to Hiram A. both before and after their marriage in 1872 and to her children whenever they were away from Montpelier. Her earliest letter, December 21, 1862, was written to Hiram when he was stationed in Washington, D.C., during the Civil War while she was in school in Randolph. Their relationship flourished and by 1869 they were engaged; Hiram’s letters to Olivia during this period are located in Doc. 558:5.

Olivia wrote frequent letters to both her daughter, Harriet, and her son, Ray, when they were away at school and/or college and after their marriages. Her letters are newsy but affectionate.

1. Smith Family

Eunice Harriet Smith daughter of Lemuel (Dec. 13, 1769 - July 5, 1854) and Eunice Orcott Smith (Feb. 12, 1776 - Aug. 17, 1824) married Melzar Woodbury. Eunice and Melzar’s daughter, Olivia, married Hiram A. Huse.

Papers relating to the Smith family include miscellaneous letters (1880s) from Smith cousins of Hiram A. Huse, an 1863 letter to Clara Smith describing the death of

her brother (see addendum Civil War letters) and the “Lemuel Smith Papers.” The latter, an aggregate of miscellaneous legal documents in which both Lemuel Smith (ca 1780 - 1850) and Melzar Woodbury figure prominently, relates largely to Randolph, Vt. from 1815 - 1845.

2. Woodbury Family

Melzar and Eunice Smith Woodbury had three surviving children: Dudley Chase, Olivia, who married Hiram A. Huse, and Frank S. (1858-1877). From his third marriage, to Aseneth Smith, he had three step-daughters; Mary Jane Smith, Sarah E. Smith, and Fida H. (also known as Sophia) Smith (b. 1861), who married George May. Melzar farmed in Randolph and raised hops among other enterprises. Olivia Huse alludes to “hoppicking” in an undated letter to Hiram (561:42) and among Melzar’s papers there is a December 8, 1882 receipt from a New York agent for the sale of five bales of hops. An undated stereopticon view of Melzar’s hops field is in VHS stereopticon collection S-Ag, Crops. Further information on Vermont hops raising and photocopies of the above are in Folder 0.5.

Only a few letters that Melzar and Eunice wrote to their children between 1880 and 1902 are extant. Letters to Melzar include several Civil War letters from Eliston Waterman and Lyman Woodbury, Melzar’s brother; these are described in the Addendum, Civil War letters.

Frank Woodbury’s letters to his sister Olivia begin after her marriage to H. A. Huse when he was living with his parents in Randolph. In 1882 he moved to National City, California where he worked in a nursery “budding, grafting and planting orange trees.” By 1905, he was a clerk for the Santa Fe Railroad and wrote of the disastrous impact of a five-year drought on the region.

Most of Fida Smith’s letters were written to her mother, Asenath Smith Woodbury, in Randolph when she was teaching school in Massachusetts between 1885 and 1890. In 1891 she married Dr. George May. They settled in Newton Center, Mass., where both Ray and Harriet Huse spent time with them.

V. Fourth Generation

A. Ray Woodbury Huse

Most of Ray W. Huse’s letters were written to his family between 1894 and his graduation from the University of Vermont in 1899. He spent a school year in Newton Center, Massachusetts, with his aunt and uncle (the George Mays) where he continued his music studies. In frequent letters from University of Vermont after his September 1895 matriculation and throughout his college years, Ray wrote to his parents and sister Harriet about his busy social life that included Sigma Phi fraternity and his occasional academic difficulties.

1. Ruth Brooks Huse — Brooks, Swasey, Angier Families

Evidence suggests that Ruth Brooks Huse (1883-1974), wife of Ray W. Huse, became the repository for several generations of her family letters. Although few of her own letters survive, there are many letters in the collection from Ruth's parents, John Vail Brooks (1849-1923) and Mary Blanche Swasey Brooks (1851-1933); her grand-parents Nathaniel Swasey (1815-1893) and Mary Angier Swasey (1817-1897); her great-uncle, Joel Needham Angier (1822-1891); and her grandfather, Joshua Youngs Vail (1784-1854).

John Vail Brooks wrote frequent letters from Montpelier, where he was in the hardware business, to Blanche Swasey in North Haverhill, N.H., both before and after their marriage. Their letters reveal how difficult separation was for the couple: immediately preceding their marriage in 1877, as well as in later years when she visited in North Haverhill either because her parents were ill or because of her own health. There are several folders of Brooks' letters to Blanche in the spring of 1907 when she was confined to the Lake View Sanitarium in Burlington with tuberculosis.

Mary Angier Swasey's frequent letters from 1879 to 1883 to her married daughter (Blanche) in Montpelier are gossipy and affectionate. In contrast, few of her husband's personal letters are extant. Nathaniel Swasey saved miscellaneous letters connected with his business and professional concerns in North Haverhill; he was an agent for the Farmers and Mechanics Co. in the 1840s and by 1859 he became postmaster. Several letters he received from two New Hampshire soldiers who served in the Civil War are described in the addendum of Civil War letters.

In 1849 and 1850, Joel M. Angier, who married Nathaniel Swasey's sister Sarah, wrote a series of letters to the Swaseys describing his journey to the California gold fields by the Isthmus of Panama and his success on arrival. His letters are long, detailed and literate. A copy of an annotated chronological inventory of the letters by Kevin Graffagnino is included with these letters and also is in Folder 0.

Mary Angier Swasey's brothers J. Dorsey and George W. Angier, as well as Joel D. Angier, were pioneers in the petroleum industry. A few letters from Angier family members to Nathaniel Swasey from Titusville, Pennsylvania during the 1860s are included in the collection.

Additional Brooks family members whose letters are in the collection are Ruth Brooks Huse's siblings, Edith and John Louis Brooks (b. 1879). Most of the letters in this generation were written by J. Louis Brooks to his family in Montpelier while he attended Amherst College between 1898 and 1901.

John Vail Brooks, father of Ruth, Edith, and J. Louis Brooks, was the son of Mary Elizabeth Vail (1817-1867) and Nathaniel Prentiss Brooks (1813-1884). Mary Elizabeth was the daughter of Joshua Youngs Vail (1784-1854) and Mary Maria Tuthill (1787-1876).

Vail family members whose letters are in the collection include Joshua Youngs Vail and his sons Oscar and Jackson. Vail family letters are sparse and scattered. Joshua Y. Vail's 1807 love letter to Mary Tuthill is among the oldest letters in the Huse family papers.

Mary Maria Tuthill Vail's brother, Abraham G. Tuthill (1776-1843), was a successful portrait painter. In an 1825 letter from Fredonia, NY to Mary Maria Vail, Elizabeth, wife of the painter, writes that "AGT...has just finished a picture of children...and says it surpasses any work he ever painted." Tuthill, then in Detroit, planned to meet his wife in Cleveland. A list of Tuthill's paintings is in folder 0.3.

B. Harriet Huse Bancroft

The letters of Hiram A. and Olivia Huse's daughter Harriet are divided into four sections: her letters to her family between 1892 and 1910; letters of condolence she received after the death of her father in 1902; letters of condolence after the death of her husband, Carlos Bancroft in 1906; and, letters she received when she was confined with a prolonged illness in 1907.

Harriet's letters date the times she was away from her family: as a student at Ashley Hall in Montvale, Mass., and later as a guest in the home of her aunt and uncle, George and Frida Mays, in Newton Center, Mass. During the time her brother Ray was a student at the University of Vermont she wrote him frequent gossipy letters from Montpelier. Following her marriage in 1899, her letters to her family date only from the infrequent periods when one or the other was away from Montpelier.

In the spring and summer of 1907 Harriet was hospitalized in Montpelier's Heaton Hospital. During this period, Carlos' uncle, Frederick W. Bancroft, wrote to her almost daily from his home in Boston.

1. Carlos C. Bancroft and other Bancroft family members

Bancroft family papers are few and miscellaneous. Carlos Bancroft, husband of Harriet Huse, was the postmaster in Montpelier at the time of his death in 1906. Although he left two diaries, the entries are short or non-existent with the exception of the entry for his wedding in June 1899 and the couple's subsequent trip to Montreal.

Frederick W. Bancroft wrote a number of affectionate letters to his nephew, Carlos, between 1884-1900 and a series of letters from Montpelier between January and April 1881 to his brother Arthur, in Merrillville, N.Y. He assured Arthur that his family in Montpelier was being well looked after. (Arthur died at age 37 from "consumption"; he being treated for this illness at the Leon Lake House in Merrillville, New York at this time).

VI. Photographs

Many of the photographs in the collection are unidentified. There are, however, a number of photographs of Hiram A. Huse, as well as photographs of his children, Ray and Harriet, and Vail, Brooks, and Bancroft family members.

Photographs of individuals mentioned in the collection and their location:

- Hiram S. Huse—photocopy Doc: 566:0
- Hiram A. Huse—Doc 566:1, Size D F- PO-Huse
- Ray and Harriet Huse—Doc 566:2
- Harriet Huse and Carlos Bancroft (ca. 1890)—photocopy Doc 556:0.2
- John Vail Brooks and Blanche Swasey Brooks—Doc 566:3
- Carlos Bancroft (ca 1872)—Doc 566:3; (ca. 1880 and 1905)—photocopies Doc 556:0.2
- Frederick W. Bancroft (ca. 1876 and 1879)—photocopies Doc 556:0.2, Tintype F.P Bancroft
- Mary Elizabeth Vail and Anna M. Vail (ca. 1840) and photocopy of Tuthill portraits—Doc 556:0.3
- Hugh Henry McIntyre, friend of H. A. Huse (ca. 1870)—photocopy Doc: 0.1

VII. Miscellaneous

The Civil War correspondence of Thomas Rea from Malone, New York, 98th Regiment, Co. C, New York Volunteers, with Albert Broughton and W. A. Wheeler from April 1862 to August 1864, located in Doc 566:16-18. In his lengthy, literate letters Rea is often philosophical and descriptive in his discussion of slavery, politics, and the geographical characteristics of Virginia. In the last letter, August 1, 1864, during the siege of Petersburg, he writes of low troop morale. In a January 1864 letter to his father Hiram A. Huse refers to “Uncle Thomas (Rea) in Norfolk, Virginia.” These are the only letters in the Huse papers from this branch of the family. Inventory of letters:

- 1 letter, W. A. Wheeler, Malone, Nov. 7, 1863, to Thos. Rea
- 6 letters, Albert Broughton to Rea, Oct. 24, 1862 – Aug. 2, 1864
- 1 letter, W. A. Wheeler to Rea, Nov. 7, 1863
- 21 letters, Rea to Broughton, Feb. 7, 1862 – Aug. 1, 1864
- 3 incomplete letters, Broughton to Rea
- 1 incomplete letter, Rea to Broughton

Also in this series are three unidentified diaries. The writer mentions farm work and central Vermont communities, suggesting that these diaries came from a central Vermont farm(s). The author of the three diaries, 1839-40, 1841, and 1863 may not be the same. Reference to “Frank” and “hop roots” suggests that the 1863 diary may have been kept by a member of the Woodbury family in Randolph.

The oldest item in the collection is an index to an account book, inscribed “Gad Corse, his alphabet, Northfield, January 3, 1772. This may have belonged to Gad Corse

(1750-1813) who lived in Northfield, Mass. How it came to be with the Huse family papers is not known.

The papers include architectural house plans and drawings that are associated with these family members. A plan of the south elevation and a detail of the living room's bay window for a house at 1 Hopkins Street in Montpelier are in Ms Size A. Boston architect Royal Barry Wills' 1939 and 1940 drawings and house plans, and a 1945 house plan for Heber G. England are located in Ms Size A.

Related Collections

- Four photographs have been moved to special locations within the VHS picture collection:

Size D F-PO-Huse	H.A. Huse, Harley Fiske and Senator Dillingham 1901
Size C F-NA-Personnel	National Life group, ca. 1900 (C.C. Bancroft?)
Size C F-PO-Montpelier	Post office, ca. 1900
Tintype F-PO	Fred W. Bancroft
- An additional photograph of Hiram Huse is in the VHS picture file at F-PO-Huse.
- A bust of Hiram A. Huse, sculpted by Charles A. Lopez in 1904, is in the Vermont Department of Libraries at 109 State Street, Montpelier. A photograph of the bust is in the VHS photograph collection, F-PO Huse. A photocopy is in Folder 0 of this collection; inscription correspondence is in Doc 561:1-2.
- Books about Abraham G. Tuthill (1776-1843), portrait painter are: Alfred F. Frankenstein, *Two Journeyman Painters*, Middlebury, 1950 (VHS call number B M3813) and David Tatham, *Abraham Tuthill: Portrait Painter*, Watertown, NY, 1983 (VHS Pam. Drawer).
- Tuthill works in Vermont Historical Society Museum
 1. A cherub painting attributed to Tuthill was a gift by the donor of the Huse Family Papers.
 2. Two portraits, 1815: General and Mrs. Ezekiel Walton
- For works about Frederick W. Bancroft, Hiram A. Huse, and Joshua Y. Vail, see the Vermont Historical Society Library main catalog; see the Brigham Manuscript Index for Hiram A. Huse and Joshua Y. Vail.

Organization

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- III. Second generation
 - A. Hiram Sylvester Huse (1806-1895)
 1. Emily Morgan Blodgett Huse (1811-1890) (wife of Hiram S.)
- IV. Third generation and families related to this generation by marriage
 - A. Hiram Augustus Huse (1843-1902)
 1. (Harriet) Olivia W. Huse (1844-1913) (wife of Hiram A.)

- a. Smith Family (Randolph, Vt.)
 - b. Woodbury Family (Melzar (1814-1907), Frank S. (1858-1877), and Fida (b. 1861) (Randolph, Vt.))
- V. Fourth Generation of the Huse family and families related to this generation by marriage
 - A. Ray Huse (1875-1959)
 - 1. Ruth Brooks Huse (1883-1974) (wife of Ray)
 - a. John Vail Brooks (1849-1923)
 - b. (Mary) Blanche Swasey Brooks (1851-1933) (wife of John Brooks)
 - c. Nathaniel Merrill Swasey (1815-1893)
 - d. Mary Angier Swasey (1817-1897) (wife of Nathaniel Swasey)
 - e. Joel N. Angier (1822-1891) (brother of Mary Angier)
 - f. Other family members related to Ruth Brooks Huse
 - B. Harriet Huse Bancroft (1873-1953)
 - 1. Carlos C. Bancroft (1871-1906) (husband of Harriet)
 - a. Carlos Camp Bancroft (1906-1977)
 - b. Other Bancroft family members
- VI. Photographs
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The collection is organized in seven series, five sub-series and several sub-sub series. Four of the seven series represent a generation of the Huse family. The five sub series represent each direct descendent of the Huse family. Several sub-sub series represent the spouse and his/her family; these are arranged chronologically with the oldest member of that family listed first.

Inventory

I. Genealogy

- Doc 556:1 Blodgett family, Hiram A. Huse notes and correspondence, 1890s
- 2 Brooks and Vail families, John Vail Brooks, notes 1890s
- 3 Brooks, Vail and Tuthill families, John Vail Brooks correspondence, 1896
- 4 _____, _____, 1897
- 5 _____, _____, 1898
- 6 _____, _____, 1899-1902
- 7 England, Huse, Smith, Swasey families, miscellaneous, 1890s

II. First generation

- Doc 556:8 John Huse deed, witnessed by James and William Huse, 1816

III. Second generation

A. Hiram Sylvester Huse (1806-1895)

- Doc 556: 9 Letters, to his son, 1860-1885
- 10 _____, _____, 1887-1894
- 11 Receipt for leather (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), 1860

1. Emily Morgan Blodgett Huse (1811-1890)

- 12 Letters, to family, 1850-1890
- 13 _____, fragments/undated and envelopes

IV. Third generation and families related to this generation by marriageA. Hiram Augustus Huse (1843-1902)

- Doc 556: 14 Diaries, 1864, 1865 (some entries for 1869)
- 15 _____, 1896
- 16 Letters, to his family, 1854-1857
- 17 _____, _____, 1858
- 18 _____, _____, 1860-Aug. 1861
- 19 _____, _____, Sept.-Oct. 1861
- 20 _____, _____, Nov.-Dec. 1861
- 21 _____, _____, Jan.-April 1862
- 21A _____, _____, June 1862
- 22 _____, _____, Aug. 1862
- 23 _____, _____, Sept. 1862
- 24 _____, _____, Oct. 1862
- 25 _____, _____, Nov. 1862
- 26 _____, _____, Dec. 1862-Jan. 1863
- 27 _____, _____, Feb. 1863
- 28 _____, _____, March 1863
- 29 _____, _____, April-May 1863
- Doc 557: 1 _____, _____, June 1863
- 2 Mementos enclosed with letters, 1862-1863
- 3 Letters, to his family (except Olivia), July-Aug. 1863
- 4 _____, _____, Oct.-Nov. 1863
- 5 _____, _____, Feb.-June 1864
- 6 _____, _____, July-Sept. 1864
- 7 _____, _____, Feb.-April 1865
- 8 _____, _____, June-Aug. 1865
- 9 _____, _____, Sept.-Nov. 1865
- 10 _____, _____, Sept.-Dec. 1866
- 11 _____, _____, Jan.-Feb. 1867
- 12 _____, _____, Mar.-May 1867
- 13 _____, _____, 1868-1869
- 14 _____, _____, 1870-1878
- 15 _____, _____, 1879-1886
- 16 _____, _____, 1888-1891
- 17 _____, _____, Feb.-July 1892
- 18 _____, _____, Sept.-Dec. 1892
- 19 _____, _____, Jan.-Feb. 1893
- 20 _____, _____, Mar.-Apr 1893
- 21 _____, _____, May-Sept. 1893
- 22 _____, _____, 1894

- 23 _____, _____, Jan-Feb. 1895
 24 _____, _____, April-May 1895
 25 _____, _____, June 1895
 26 _____, _____, Sept.-Oct. 1895
 27 _____, _____, Nov.-Dec. 1895
 28 _____, _____, Feb.-March 1896
 29 _____, _____, April-May 1896
 Doc 558:1 _____, _____, June-Sept. 1896
 2 _____, _____, 1897
 3 _____, _____, 1898-1899
 4 _____, _____, 1900
 4A _____, _____, fragments and undated
 5 Letters, to (Harriet) Olivia Woodbury Huse, 1863-1871
 6 _____, _____, May-July 1872
 7 _____, _____, Aug.-Nov. 1872
 8 _____, _____, Feb.-Mar, 1873
 9 _____, _____, April-Aug. 1873
 10 _____, _____, Sept.-Nov. 1873
 11 _____, _____, 1874-1876
 12 _____, _____, 1877-1880
 13 _____, _____, 1881
 14 _____, _____, 1882-1892
 15 _____, _____, Jan.-Mar. 1895
 16 _____, _____, April-Oct. 1895
 17 _____, _____, 1897-1899
 18 _____, _____, 1900-1901
 19 _____, _____, undated
 20 _____, _____, _____
 21 Postcards, to Olivia Huse, undated
 22 Letters, from miscellaneous, 1866-1879
 23 _____, from Gilman Tucker, Boston book agent, 1870
 24 _____, from miscellaneous, 1873-1876
 25 _____, _____, 1877-1879
 26 _____, _____, 1880
 27 _____, _____, 1881-1882
 28 _____, _____, 1883-1884
 29 _____, _____, Jan.-April 1885
 30 _____, _____, May-July 1885
 31 _____, _____, Aug.-Dec. 1885
 Doc 559:1 _____, _____, Jan.-April 1886
 2 _____, _____, May-Dec. 1886
 3 _____, _____, 1887-1889
 4 _____, _____, 1890
 5 _____, _____, 1892
 6 _____, _____, 1893-1894
 7 _____, Reunion of 12th Vt. Regiment, of acceptance, 1894

- 8 _____, _____, of refusal, 1894
 9 _____, _____, _____, _____
 10 _____, _____, 1895-1899
 11 _____, _____, 1900
 12 _____, _____, 1901
 13 _____, _____, 1902
 14 _____, from Hugh Henry McIntyre (b. 1844), 1866
 15 _____, _____, 1867
 16 _____, _____, 1868-1873
 17 _____, from Josephine Hustis, 1895-1902
 18 _____, undated
 19 Legal, Daniel Baldwin railroad papers, 1844
 20 _____, _____, June 1845
 21 _____, _____, Dec. 1845
 22 _____, _____, 1846
 23 _____, _____, undated
 24 _____, _____, Articles of agreement, 1845
 25 Legal, *Bailey v. Woodbury*, 1878
 26 _____, George W. Brown's estate, notes, 1873
 27 _____, *Compton v. Hall*, 1879
 28 _____, Gilman, Grannis and Farwell, papers, 1868
 28.1 _____, *Jackson v. Bassett*, 1882
 29 _____, *Langdon v. Templeton* (Worcester, Vt. Land), 1891(?)
 30 _____, _____, _____, _____
 31 _____, _____, Worcester lots, 1800
 32 _____, William H. Lord residence (Montpelier, Vt.) purchase and
 other papers, 1850-1882
 33 _____, _____, 1850-1860s
 34 _____, _____, water controversy, 1857
 35 _____, Pitkin and Huse, accounts, 1889
 36 _____, Francis B. Thurber, et. al. deposition, Jan. 7, 1875
 Doc 560:1 _____, miscellaneous, 1838 and 1854
 2 _____, _____, 1850s-1860
 3 _____, _____, 1871-1875
 4 _____, _____, 1876
 5 _____, _____, 1877-1878
 6 _____, _____, 1879
 7 _____, _____, 1880-1900
 MSA 429 _____, writs, nos. 4-282
 MSA 430 _____, writs, nos. 283-551
 Doc 560:8 Account book, 1900-1902
 9 _____, miscellaneous notes, 1900-1902
 10 Address book, undated
 11 Advertisements, publishers, 1881-1892
 12 _____, miscellaneous, 1880s-1890s

- 13 Author presentation copy of *Hamlet Revamped*, Charles C. Soule, 1880
- 14 Bills, Dartmouth College, 1862 and 1865
- MS Size C Dartmouth College, *Aegis*, Sept. 1861, v. 4, no. 1, and Diploma, 1865
- 15 Bills and receipts, 1869-1894
- 16 _____, groceries, 1878-1893
- 17 Certificates of legal appointments, 1869-1900
- MS Size C University of Albany, Dept. of Law, Diploma 1867 and State of Vt., testimonial for Civil War service, 1871
- 18 Dillingham, Huse and Howland, partnership and business cards, 1902
- 18.1 Dillingham, Paul, Eulogy, July 1891
- 19 Discharge, Vermont Volunteers, 1863
- 19.1 Grant Memorial Service, speech, Aug. 8, 1885
- 20 Insurance, fire and life, 1860s - 1970s
- 21 Invitations. 1890s
- 22 Memberships 1878-1892
- MS Size D Miscellaneous professional diplomas, awards, etc.
- 23 "Brick Church" (Montpelier, Vermont) papers, 1856-1858
- 24 Montpelier, miscellaneous, 1826, 1880s
- 25 Newspapers clippings, 1873 and undated
- 26 Notebook, 1857
- 27 Notes on his mother's illness, 1890 (?)
- 28 Papers relating to Ullery's *Men of Vermont*, 1892-1894
- 29 School papers, drafts of letters, 1850s-1860s
- 30 _____, undated
- 31 Songs, poetry, etc., undated
- 32 Vermont Historical Society, bills, etc., 1873-1885
- 33 Vermont House election, 1878
- 34 Vermont State Normal School *Catalogue* (Randolph Center, Vt.), 1871-1872
- 35 Vermont State Library, invoices, 1873-1875
- 36 _____, _____, 1876-1886
- 36.1 _____, building specifications, 1885
- 36.2 _____, _____, receipts, correspondence, etc., 1885
- 37 _____, appropriation, 1898
- 38 _____, miscellaneous, undated
- 39 Death, funeral announcement, and address by W. P. Dillingham, 1902
- 40 _____, condolence letters, 1902-1904
- Doc 561:1 Bust, correspondence, 1903
- 2 _____, _____, 1904 and 1913
- 3 Auction catalogue for his private library, 1908
- 4 Miscellaneous, Rep. W. W. Grout speeches (*Congressional Record*), 1883

- 5 _____, 1870s-1902
- 6 _____, fragments, undated
- 7 _____, envelopes, addressed to him, 1880s
- 8 _____, _____, addressed to other individuals, 1880-1900

1. (Harriet) Olivia W. Huse (1844-1913)

- 9 Letters, 1862-1866
- 10 _____, 1869-1879
- 11 _____, 1880-1884
- 12 _____, 1885-1886
- 13 _____, 1890-1892
- 14 _____, 1893
- 15 _____, Jan.-April 1895
- 16 _____, May-Dec., 1895
- 17 _____, 1896
- 18 _____, 1898-1899
- 19 _____, 1900-1905
- 20 _____, undated
- 21 _____, to her parents, undated
- 22 _____, to her children, undated
- 23 _____, from miscellaneous, 1873-1907
- 24 _____, _____, 1908-1913
- 25 _____, _____, undated
- 26 Orange County Grammar School, Randolph, Vermont, Catalogues
1858-1859 and 1860
- 27 Envelopes, 1895 and others

a. Smith Family (Randolph, Vt.)

- 27A "Lemuel Smith's Papers," Randolph, Vt., miscellaneous, 1815-
1845
- 28 Letter to Clara E. Smith, (East Bethel, Vt.) re: death of her brother,
Pvt. Lucius B. Smith, April 18, 1863
- 29 Miscellaneous letters, many to Hiram A. Huse, 1865 and 1882-
1888

b. Woodbury Family (Randolph, Vt.)

- 30 Melzar Woodbury, letters, 1875-1902
- 31 _____, _____, undated
- 32 _____, _____, from Pvt. Eliston (Elliston?) Waterman, Dec. 1862
and May 1864
- 33 _____, _____, from Pvt. Lyman G. Woodbury, May 1864
- 34 _____, letters from miscellaneous, 1866-1894
- 35 _____, account books, 1886-1892
- 36 _____, receipts and notebook, 1840s-1900
- 37 _____, legal, miscellaneous, 1842-1892
- 38 _____, settlement of debt with Hiram A. Huse, 1898

- 39 _____, Woodbury family baptism certificates and genealogy, 1856
 40 _____, envelopes, 1905 and undated
 41 _____, miscellaneous, 1883 and undated
 42 Frank S. Woodbury, letters, 1873-1875
 43 _____, _____, 1876-1878
 44 _____, _____, 1879
 45 _____, _____, 1881-1888
 46 _____, _____, 1900-1905
 47 _____, _____, undated
 48 Fida Smith, letters, 1882-1895
 49 _____, _____, fragments and undated

V. Fourth Generation

A. Ray Huse (1875-1959)

- Doc 562:1 Letters, 1884-1891
 2 _____, July-Sept. 1892
 3 _____, Oct.-Dec. 1892
 4 _____, Jan.-Feb. 1893
 5 _____, Mar.-April 1893
 6 _____, Jan.-March 1895
 7 _____, April 1895
 8 _____, May 1895
 9 _____, June 1895
 10 _____, Sept.-Oct. 1895
 11 _____, Nov.-Dec. 1895
 12 _____, Jan-Feb. 1896
 13 _____, March-April 1896
 14 _____, May-June 1896
 15 _____, Sept.-Dec. 1896
 16 _____, Jan.-Feb. 1897
 17 _____, March-April 1897
 18 _____, May-July 1897
 19 _____, Oct.,-Nov. 1897
 20 _____, Dec. 1897
 21 _____, Jan. 1898
 22 _____, Feb. 1898
 23 _____, March 1898
 24 _____, April-May 1898
 25 _____, June 1898
 26 _____, Aug.,-Dec. 1898
 27 _____, Jan.-April 1899
 28 _____, May-Aug. 1899
 29 _____, Sept. 1899
 30 _____, Oct.-Dec. 1899
 Doc 563:1 _____, 1900-1902
 2 _____, 1909-1910

- 3 _____, undated
- 4 _____, from miscellaneous, 1881-1894
- 5 _____, _____, 1895
- 6 _____, _____, 1896-1921
- 7 _____, undated
- 8 University of Vermont, miscellaneous, 1890s
- 9 Invitations, programs, etc., 1892-1899
- MS Folder D Howard Opera House, Burlington, Vt. Program, March 26, 1897
- 10 Receipts and account book, 1898 and 1930s
- 11 School papers, 1884 and undated
- 12 Envelopes, 1890s-1920s

1. Ruth Brooks Huse (1883-1974)

- 13 Letters, to her mother, March-May 1907
- 14 _____, _____, May-Aug. 1928
- 15 _____, from miscellaneous, 1905-1937
- 16 _____, _____, August 1908
- 17 _____, _____, _____
- 18 _____, _____, 1941-1957
- 19 Miscellaneous, 1930-1958

a. John Vail Brooks (1849-1923)

- 20 Letters, to Blanche Swasey, 1873-1874
- 21 _____, _____, 1876
- 22 _____, _____, Jan. 1877
- 23 _____, _____, Feb. 1877
- 24 _____, _____, March 1877
- 25 _____, _____, April 1877
- 26 _____, to Blanche Swasey Brooks, Mar.-April 1879
- 27 _____, _____, Oct. 1879
- 28 _____, _____, 1880
- 29 _____, _____, 1881
- 30 _____, _____, July-August 1882
- 31 _____, _____, Sept.-Nov. 1882
- 31A _____, _____, 1883
- 32 _____, _____, March-April 1907
- 33 _____, _____, May 1907
- 34 _____, _____, June-July 1907
- Doc 564:1 Letters, to miscellaneous, 1881-1883, 1910
- 2 Receipts, 1869 and 1887
- MS Size D Accounts, 1892-94
- 3 Miscellaneous, 1871 and undated

b. Blanche Swasey Brooks (1851-1933)

- 4 Letters, to John Vail Brooks, 1879
- 5 _____, _____, 1880

- 6 _____, _____, 1881
- 7 _____, _____, June-Aug. 1882
- 8 _____, _____, Sept. 1882
- 9 _____, _____, undated
- 10 _____, from miscellaneous, 1882 and 1907
- 11 _____, _____, undated
- 12 Miscellaneous, undated

c. Nathaniel M. Swasey (1815-1893)

- 13 Letters, to miscellaneous, 1855 and 1863
- 14 _____, from miscellaneous, 1842-1844
- 15 _____, _____, 1845-1848
- 16 _____, _____, 1851-1859
- 17 _____, _____, 1860-1869
- 18 Telegrams, 1863-1864
- 19 Letters from George L. Batchelder and J. W. Lamson, (N.H. 12th and 11th Volunteers) 1860-1862
- 20 Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1848-1865
- 21 Envelopes and undated letter
- 21A Ezekiel B. Hibbard, legal papers, (Haverhill, N.H.), 1839-41

d. Mary Angier Swasey (1817-1897)

- 22 Letters, to her husband, 1861-1864 and undated school paper
- 23 Letters, to Blanche Brooks, 1879
- 24 _____, _____, 1880
- 25 _____, _____, Jan.-Oct. 1881
- 26 _____, _____, Nov.-Dec. 1881
- 27 _____, _____, Jan.-March 1882
- 28 _____, _____, April-June 1882
- 29 _____, _____, July-Dec. 1882
- 30 _____, _____, Jan.-March 1883
- 31 _____, _____, April 1883
- 32 _____, _____, May 1883
- 33 _____, _____, June-Sept. 1883
- 34 _____, from miscellaneous, 1847-1865

e. Joel N. Angier (1822-1891)

- 35 Letters, to Mary Swasey, 1849
- 36 _____, _____, 1850-1852
- 37 Angier family letters to the Swasey family, 1858-1865

f. Other family members related to Ruth Brooks Huse

- 38 J. Louis Brooks, (b. 1879) letters to family, 1882-1926
- 39 _____, _____, _____, undated
- 40 _____, notebook, ca 1902
- 41 Edith Brooks, letters from miscellaneous, 1898-1900

- 42 Joshua Youngs and Mary Vail (1784-1854), miscellaneous, 1807-1839
- 43 Elizabeth Tuthill, letter to Mary Vail, 1825
- 44 Jackson Abraham Vail (1815-1871), letter from his sister Mary Vail Brooks, 1858
- 45 Oscar Tuthill Vail, contract, 1862

B. Harriet Huse Bancroft (1873-1953)

- Doc 565:1 Letters, 1892-1893
- 2 _____, Jan.-April 1895
- 3 _____, May-Nov. 1895
- 4 _____, 1896
- 5 _____, 1897
- 6 _____, 1898-1913
- 7 Letters, from miscellaneous, 1881-1900
- 8 _____, _____, 1901-1902
- 9 _____, _____, 1903-1906
- 10 _____, condolence, April-May 1906
- 11 _____, _____, _____
- 12 _____, _____, _____
- 13 _____, _____, _____
- 14 Letters, from miscellaneous, May 1907
- 15 _____, _____, June 8-14, 1907
- 16 _____, _____, June 16-30, 1907
- 17 _____, _____, July 1-13, 1907
- 18 _____, _____, July 14-30, 1907
- 18A Postcards, _____, summer 1907
- 19 Letters, _____, Aug. 1907-1922
- 20 _____, _____, undated
- 21 Miscellaneous, 1897-1910
- 22 Envelopes, 1920s
- 23 Harriet and Ray Huse, letters to their grandparents, H. S. and E. B. Huse, 1882-1889

1. Carlos C. Bancroft (1871-1906)

- 24 Letters, to family, 1880-1881
- 25 _____, to miscellaneous, undated
- 26 _____, from miscellaneous, 1880-1901
- 27 _____, _____, undated
- 28 Diaries, 1899 and 1904
- 29 Nelson Club notebook, 1885-1886, used by family for accounts 1950s-60s
- 30 Obituary, 1906

a. Carlos Camp Bancroft (1906-1977)

- 31 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1913-1923

32 Miscellaneous, 1921

b. Other Bancroft family members

- 33 Miscellaneous letters, 1881 and undated
 34 Frederick W. Bancroft (1855-1914), letters to his brother Arthur, 1881-1905
 35 _____, _____, fragments and undated

VI. Photographs

- Doc 566:1 Hiram A. Huse, ca 1865, 1901 and ca 1902
 2 Ray Huse and Harriet Huse, 1891, ca 1920, 1894
 3 Vail, Brooks, and Bancroft family members, undated
 4 Men, non-family, undated
 5 Sigma Phi (University of Vt.) members, 1899-1902
 6 Women, non-family, undated
 7 Men, portraits, unidentified, undated
 8 Group of hunters unidentified, 1890(?)
 9 Women and children, portraits unidentified, undated
 10 Snapshots, unidentified, 1930s
 11 Snapshots and negatives, by Ray Huse, 1930s
 12 Snapshots, by Ray Huse (?), miscellaneous, 1930s
 13 Stereopticon views, Montpelier, 1870s
 14 _____, New Hampshire, 1870s
 15 _____, U.S. and foreign, 1870s

VII. Miscellaneous

- 16 Thomas Rea/Albert Broughton, correspondence, 1862
 17 _____, _____, 1863-1864
 18 _____, _____, fragments, undated
 19 Letters, miscellaneous, non-family, 1855-1900
 20 _____, _____, fragments, undated
 21 Diaries, unidentified, 1839-1840, 1841, 1863-1864
 22 Account book index, Gad Corse (1750-1813), Northfield, (Mass.?) Jan. 3, 1772(?)
 23 Notebooks, unidentified, 1860s and 1890s
 24 Poetry and miscellaneous newspaper clippings, undated and 1920s
 25 Programs, tickets, etc. (Vermont), 1827-1961
 26 _____, _____, (not Vermont), undated
 26.1 Specifications for house and garage for Heber England by Royal Barry Wills, Boston, 1939-40
 27 Miscellaneous, undated
 MS Size B
 1 of 4 Heber England house, Montpelier, Royal Barry Wills architect, blueprints, 1939
 2 of 4 _____, _____, _____, _____, 1940
 3 of 4 _____, _____, _____, drawings, 1940

- 4 of 4 Miscellaneous house plans:
 Heber England house, Royal Barry Wills' blueprint, 1945 and bay window blueprint, 1 Hopkins St. ca. 1900
 End elevation, _____, _____, _____
 Helen J. Gleason residence, Winchester, Mass. 2 blueprints, undated
 P.R. Lincoln residence, Montpelier, Vt., Freeman, French, Freeman, 3 blueprints, undated
 Royal Blanchard residence, Norwich, Vt., Hudson & Ingram, electrical plans, 1947

Addendum #1 Civil War Letters in the Huse Family Papers

1. Hiram A. Huse of Randolph, Vermont, 12th Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, letters to his family August 1862 to July 1863. (Doc 556:22-29 and Doc 557:1)

Huse left Dartmouth College in 1862 for a nine month enlistment. His letters to his parents were frequent and literate. Huse was first stationed near Washington, D.C. where he had a chance to sightsee in spite of the War. He was later transferred to northern Virginia.

On October 20, Huse wrote that he thought that "we won't see many battles before spring" and he spent the winter doing guard duty and fighting boredom. He assured his parents that he was healthy but by April 1863, he was hospitalized with an illness so severe that his father felt compelled to visit him. By late spring he had recovered and anticipated his return to Vermont and to college.

2. Letters to Melzar Woodbury of Randolph, Vermont, father of Olivia Huse (Mrs. Hiram A. Huse):

- From his brother Lyman G. Woodbury, 10th Vermont Regiment in Brandy Station (Virginia) May (?) 22, 1864. Woodbury asked his brother to send him "some tools for shoe making." His detailed request for tools is an inventory of the contents of a shoe maker's shop. Woodbury was taken prisoner in July and died in November 1864. 1 letter Doc 561:33
- From Eliston (Elliston?) Waterman, 2d Vermont Regiment from Randolph. Dec. 5, 1862 and May 2, 1864. The tone of Waterman's letters suggests that he had worked for Woodbury. He asked the older man to help him with his finances. In 1862 Waterman wrote of high prices and bad food. He was optimistic in 1864 prior to the regiment's march to Spottsylvania where he was wounded a few days later. 2 letters Doc 561:32.

3. Letter to Clara E. Smith in E. Bethel, Vermont, informing her of the death of her brother Pvt. Lucius B. Smith, April 18, 1863. Smith enlisted in the 11th Regiment of N.H. Volunteers in 1862 and died in a Hampton, Virginia hospital. He is buried in Randolph Center, VT. (Doc 361:28) (Olivia Huse's mother was Eunice Smith Woodbury.)

4. Letters to Nathaniel Swasey of North Haverhill, N.H. (father of Blanche Swasey, wife of John L. Brooks and mother of Ruth who married Ray Huse).

- From 2d Lt. George L. Batchelder, 12 Regiment N.H. Infantry of Concord, October 1862. (Doc 564:19)
- From James W. Samson of N. Haverhill, 11th N.H. Volunteers where he was a band member; written in the autumn of 1862. (3 letters Doc 564:19.)

5. Correspondence of Thomas Rea (of Malone, New York), 98th Regiment, Co. C, N.Y. Volunteers, from April 1862 to August 1864 with Albert Broughton and W.A. Wheeler in Malone, New York. (Doc: 566:16-17) For a description and inventory of the letters see series VII, Miscellaneous.

Addendum # 2 Montpelier homes associated with the Huse Family

3 Baldwin Street

Melzar Woodbury purchased the property in 1882 from Harriet Lord, widow of William Hayes Lord, former pastor of Bethany Church. Woodbury conveyed the property to his daughter Olivia Woodbury Huse, the wife of Hiram A. Huse. The property would stay in the Huse family for three generations, until the heirs conveyed it to the State of Vermont in 1974. The house was demolished in 1975 to provide more parking space. See information and photograph in Folder 0.

1 Hopkins Street

In a 1903 letter to her daughter Harriet, Olivia Huse writes: "I will give you a building lot in the garden the length, breadth, and thickness which shall be satisfactorily decided by you and Carl and Ray." (Doc 561:19) Architectural plans for the end elevation and detail of the living room bay window are located in MS Size A. In the 1905 Montpelier census, Harriet and her two children were living at this address and the house remained in the family until 2000.