

Guide to the Charles L. Page Family Correspondence, 1845-1870

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Abstract:

This collection relates the story of New Hampshire young people moving West to Minnesota, which was considered Indian Territory in the 1850s. Topics of letters are farming, health, family activities, encouraging his parents to move West, some comments regarding relations with the Native Americans.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

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Location:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Charles L. Page was born about 1820 in New Hampshire, probably the son of John and Betsey (Clement) Page who married on August 4, 1818. Betsey died October 14, 1869; John died April 1, 1883. In the early 1840s Charles married, probably in New Hampshire, Mary Sinclair, who was born in New Hampshire. At least three children were born to them there: George Henry about 1843, Mary A. about 1845, and Charles W. about 1848.

From what can be gathered from the letters, it is assumed that Charles L. Page and his wife Mary left Holderness in 1845, leaving their first-born George Henry with his in-laws and went looking for work in Boston. Later they picked up George Henry and moved West to St. Charles, MN.

By 1857 the family was living in Winona County, Minnesota, with four additional children: Fanny born about 1852, Charles born about 1853 (the older Charles may have died or his age was recorded incorrectly in 1857), John born about 1855, Alice born March 1857, and Andrew

born October 8, 1858 (he died December 6, 1864). By 1865 three more children were present: Betsey, Carrie Elizabeth (born April 25, 1861), and Edwin.

Charles purchased his first Winona County lot (80 acres) in 1858 for \$82.99. He died in early 1869. His wife Mary married James M. Doolittle on October 29, 1869. Mary and the children were living in St. Charles in 1870 in James's household along with Nancy Doolittle, age 7. In 1875 Mary "Page" and four of her children were in St. Charles; the location of James and Nancy Doolittle is unknown. Mary's death information remains unknown.

George Henry Page served with the 1st Minnesota Light Artillery from January 1864 to July 1865. He married Sarah Bradley in Winona County on December 31, 1865. They settled in Quincy, Minnesota, for a few years, then moved to Tillamook County, Oregon, about 1876. He was a farmer and moved around Oregon eventually settling in Portland. He and Sarah had nine children (eight girls and one boy) and adopted a boy shortly before 1900. Sarah died at Portland on September 11, 1925; George died there on February 20, 1926. George alternated using George and Henry as his first name.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Charles L. Page Family Correspondence relates the story of New Hampshire young people moving West to Minnesota, which was considered Indian Territory in the 1850s. The materials consist of correspondence from Charles L. Page, his wife Mary Page, and their son, George Henry Page. Topics of the letters include farming, health, family activities, encouraging his parents to move West, and some comments regarding relations with the Indians.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are arranged into folders by person.

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Box 1

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- Folder 2 Charles L. Page to his family, 1858-1860
- Folder 3 Charles L. Page to his family, 1861-1864
- Folder 4 Mary Page (later Doolittle) to her in-laws, 1857-1870
- Folder 5 George Henry Page to his aunt Ernestine and grandparents, 1860-1861
- Folder 6 Incomplete letters probably by Charles, 1857-1861, undated
- Folder 7 Scraps of letters, 1856, undated

Subject Terms

People:

- Page family
- Page, Charles L., circa 1820-1869
- Page, Mary, circa 1820-
- Page, George Henry, circa 1843-1926

Subjects:

Correspondence
Indians of North America
Travel

Locations:

Meredith, NH
Holderness, NH
Saint Charles, MN

Occupations:

Farmers