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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title:	Caroline P. Campbell papers
ID:	Collection 123
Date [inclusive]:	1777-1934
Physical Description:	3.5 Linear Feet Seven boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Caroline P. Campbell (1859-1926) was a civic leader in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She worked with organizations such as the YWCA, Michigan State Federation of Arts, American Red Cross and Historical Society of Grand Rapids and was an active supporter of the Grand Rapids Public Library. Her participation and membership in these and other societies are documented here through correspondence, newspaper articles, pamphlets, photos and programs. Included is information on various historic research projects conducted by Campbell, particularly regarding the Campau family and the founding and history (through 1900) of Grand Rapids. Her correspondence with artist Fredrick S. Church includes many original Church illustrations. Also included are legal documents of the Godfrey's, and genealogical material concerning various families. The bulk of the documents date during her lifetime. Many of the items with 18th and early 19th century dates are copies, gathered during her historical research.

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Biographical / Historical

Caroline Belzora Portman (1859-1926) was born in Marshall, Michigan to Reverend James H. Portman and Caroline Miner. She married James H. Campbell on January 18th, 1879 and they resided in Grand Rapids, Michigan for more than forty-four years.

Campbell was active in the YWCA, the DAR, the Michigan State Federation of Arts, the American Red Cross and the Daughters of 1812. She also did much work for the Historical Society of Grand Rapids, and was an active supporter of the local public library. Campbell conducted extensive research on the history of Michigan during the Civil War, helping to create a permanent museum in Grand Rapids for

the relics and manuscripts she had collected. Her efforts resulted in the recognition and protection of numerous historic landmarks.

As with Rebecca Richmond, she received letters from Grand Rapids artist Frederick Stuart Church, that often included illustrations by the artist. Church exhibited at the Grand Rapids Public Library, which served the community as gallery space in lieu of the yet to be formed art museum. It may be Campbell or Richmond's connections with the Library that brought him back to the Grand Rapids Public Library, which finally resulted in a gift of Church's work from the Estate of the famous art collection and Church's friend, Charles Freer.

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Scope and Contents

The earliest papers in the collection are legal documents that Campbell copied or acquired, most of these belonged to Freeman and Silas Godfrey. These documents include land contracts and deeds, receipts, warranty deeds, leases, notary public papers and tax records. Other documents include wills, indentures, mortgages, pension papers and estate papers belonging to various other people.

The bulk of the material is in the form of correspondence, newspaper articles, pamphlets, photos and programs, detailing Campbell's work in numerous societies as well state and local historical agencies. Of note are her files on early Grand Rapids, Louis Campau, Lucius Lyon, William Pangborn, Rix Robinson, the Women's International League for Peace and the city flag. Of the photos, those of particular interest show Campbell and a gathering of YWCA women.

Her correspondence with Frederick Church contains many original Church illustrations. These illustrations have been removed to the security file and photocopies have been placed in the collection.

An original graphic item, accessioned as 1986.378, "Sketched from memory by Mr. Clements of Ada, August, 1921, from Mrs. James H. Campbell.", is located in Safe 1.1. Neg. #3042, 132 & 133 & 134.

The genealogical materials cover the following families: the Bradleys, the Burrs, the Golds, the Hancocks, the Hulls, the Mix's, the Robbins', the Royalls, the Sanfords, the Saxtons, the Shermans, the Squires, the Turners, and the Whites.

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Caroline P. Campbell, 1922, 1934.

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Related Materials

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Caroline Campbell (Mrs. James), was a patron of the library, and her name can be found on book plates in the book collections.

Coll. 154, Diary of the early West Michigan pioneer, Bethuel Church (1784-1859) was a gift from Mrs. Campbell.

Coll. 224. GRPL Arts & Graphics Collection. Marinus Harting image, formerly in the Vertical Files, is documented as from the Estate of Caroline Campbell.

Coll. 311. Fountain Street Church Coll. See sermon delivered at Fountain St. given by Campbell.

Coll. 347, See information on St. Mark's Church in this and other archival collections, which may be gifts from Campbell, who was an active member.

M333.Un3. Report of The Committee on Public Lands of the House of Representatives of the U. States, in relation to Claims to Lands in the Territory of Michigan. Jan. 2, 1828. L. Lyon April 1, 1834 Association.

See archivist for other Campbell archival materials still unprocessed. 1986.295. 1986.178.

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Controlled Access Headings

- personal papers
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Women -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Campau (Grand Rapids (Mich.))
- Church, Frederick S. (Frederick Stuart)

Collection Inventory

Series I. Biographical & Historical

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical information copied from Woman's Who's Who, 1914-1915.	Box 7	Folder 1
Sketch of Mrs. James H. Campbell, 1st (first) Vice President of the Historical Society of Grand Rapids / prepared and read by the Secretary (Samuel H. Ranck) of the Society at the annual meeting, January 19, 1926. Typed, annotated original & photocopy.	Box 1	Folder 0.5
Miss [Mrs.] James H. Campbell: an appreciation / by Walter E. Banyon. Michigan History Magazine, Jan. 1927.	Box 7	Folder 2

Clippings. Photocopies.

Title/Description	Instances	
Heroic Story of Kent Co. Devotion : thousands aid to write epic : milestones in years since chapter was formed in 1917 / Mrs. A.H. Vandenberg. GR Herald. Feb. 8, 1942. Early Days of the GR Chapter of the American Red Cross. Images of Charles H. Bender, Mrs. Dudley E. Waters, Mrs. William A. Bowen, Mrs. James H. Campbell, Mrs. E.A. Clements. Oversized folded.	Box 7	Folder 3

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Series II. Correspondence, 1777-1926, n.d.

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Ayres, Williams. Concerning Grand Rapids Land and Lumber Co., 1914-1917	Box 1	Folder 1
Campau, Louis. 1777-1926	Box 1	Folder 2
Campau	Box 1	Folder 3
Campbell, Caroline. Letters from, 1915-1925.	Box 1	Folder 4
Campbell, Caroline. Letters to, 1891-1925, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 5
Letters	Box 1	Folder 6
Letters	Box 1	Folder 7
Letters	Box 1	Folder 8
Letters	Box 1	Folder 9
Letters	Box 1	Folder 10
Letter from Anna Augell Andrews, August 26, 1912	Box 1	Folder 10a
DAR, 1896-1923.	Box 1	Folder 11
Godfrey, May L. 1914-1916.	Box 1	Folder 13
National Society Dames of the Loyal Legion. 1922.	Box 1	Folder 14
National Society of the Descendants of Michigan Pioneers. 1921.	Box 1	Folder 15
Norris, McPherson, Harrington and Waer. Concerning Grand Rapids Land and Lumber Co., 1912-1917.	Box 1	Folder 16
Rumsey Real Estate and Mowbray and Robinson Co. Concerning Grand Rapids Land and Lumber Co., 1914-1917.	Box 1	Folder 17
YWCA, 1924-1926.	Box 1	Folder 18
Miscellaneous, 1873-1926.	Box 1	Folder 19
Miscellaneous	Box 1	Folder 20
Miscellaneous	Box 1	Folder 21

Church, Fredrick S. 1889-1924, Letters

Title/Description	Instances	
No acc. no. Xmas 1923. F.S. Church letterhead. Bear opening a basket, letting out a flock of birds.	Box 1	Folder 12
No acc. no. Feb. 14, 1924. Puti dipping large pen in "Rose leaf Ink" with help of a rabbit and a bird perched on the top end of the pin. Paper, and stamp with a heart.	Box 1	Folder 12
No acc. no. May 14 / 16, 1921 or 1924? Bear on crutches	Box 1	Folder 12
No acc. no. May 30, 1921. Flamingo.	Box 1	Folder 12

C6:A.9.11. F.S. Church Sketch Book. Sketch cut from letter. Remainder of letter not found with the materials. Man wears a yellow and orange plaid suit and had a carrot nose, and flattish hat.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A1.65. Dec. 11, 1923. Letterhead: F.S. Church Studio 161 Carnegie Hall New York City.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A1.132. Sept. 9, 1923. Buckwood Inn letterhead. Pan seated in a tree piping, accompanied by a bear drumming, and two birds singing.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A1.133. Sept. 10, 1923. Buckwood Inn letterhead. Fat bear painting a flamingo with red paint, with bird looking on.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A1.134. March 5, 1919. Note about doing something to the author of Church's life. Who was this? James Campbell?	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A1.136. April 26, 1918. Puti writing again with rabbit holding the ink, and three birds looking on.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A1.136 (second use) 2 sheets. April 22, 1920. No image.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A1.137. Dec 17? Church makes a reference to Larry Earle, and latter to other well known international artists and what they are bringing. No image.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.138. March 31, 1923. Man with glasses seated on a beach under a potted palm, with an alligator and a pelican.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.139. May 1921. Squirrel crying. Sent to Campbell with a Zoological Society Magazine article about unnecessary use of furs. Church's squirrel shows sympathy with the animals.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.227. March 6, 1916. The Dance. FSC.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.228. ? 11, 1906. Puti writing with rabbit looking on.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.229. March 3, 1904. Bear on skis with three birds.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.230. Xmas 1906. Bear eating cookies, with three rabbit and three birds. Message: Thanks for the "Cookies" ...	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.231. Sept. 13, 1913. Bear dancing. Bird saying "I wonder if that is the Turkey Trot or the Tango".	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.231. Sept. 11, 1913. The Lawyer.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.231. n.d. [Sept. 1913] The Artist.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.231. n.d. Bear on crutches crying, with rabbit crying.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A1.231. Mar. 8, 1906. Bear on crutches with a flamingo. Colored.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6.A1.60. Atlantic Monthly, Boston letterhead. June 14, 1923. Evidently responding to a letter from Caroline C. about the use of a Church image without giving him credit.	Box 1	Folder 12

C6:A1.62. Letter. Barton, Durstine & Osborn letterhead. Advertising agency. July 9, 1923. Also another letter dated June 28, 1923 from the Atlantic.	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A9.3. Photo of a church work "Flamingos"	Box 1	Folder 12
C6:A1.220. Legal sheet typed. "The Career of F.S. Church". By church. To the Editor of the Press. From Philadelphia Sunday Press, May 19, 1889.	Box 1	Folder 12

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Series III. Legal Documents, 1854-1934

Title/Description	Instances	
Abstract of Titles - Godfrey, 1880	Box 5	Folder 1
Bonds: Hawkins, William to the Laketon Lumber Co.	Box 1	Folder 22
Estate Papers: Allen, Margaret. Beach, John. Boreman, Samuel. Gregory, Samuel. Gold, Grace. Nichols, Francis, 1666-1884, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 23
Land Contracts between Ed Ferry, Freeman Godfrey, George White. 1872-1924, 1872-1924	Box 2	Folder 1
Land Sales Greenwood and Valley City Cemeteries, 1867-1874	Box 2	Folder 2
Leases - Godfrey, Freeman, 1861.	Box 2	Folder 3
Marriage Certificates, 1676-1716. Gelpin, Samuel and Tompson, Esther. 1676. Gold, Samuel and Bradley, Esther. 1716.	Box 2	Folder 4
Mortgages, 1854-1927, Between Charles and Dorothy Baudfield, Freeman and A. Godfrey, Francis Davy and William Ryan.	Box 2	Folder 5
Notary Public Papers - Godfrey, Silas, 1869-1875.	Box 5	Folder 2
Pension Papers - Saxton, George, 1913-1921.	Box 2	Folder 6
Receipts - Godfrey Bros., 1868-1890.	Box 2	Folder 6
Tax Deeds - Godfrey Bros., 1864-1896.	Box 2	Folder 8

Tax Records

Title/Description	Instances	
Godfrey Bros., 1861-1869.	Box 2	Folder 9
Godfrey Bros., 1870-1879.	Box 2	Folder 10
Godfrey Bros., 1880-1886.	Box 2	Folder 11
Godfrey Bros., 1887.	Box 2	Folder 12
Godfrey Bros., 1889-1891.	Box 2	Folder 13
Godfrey Bros., 1892-1907.	Box 2	Folder 14

Miscellaneous, 1930-1942.	Box 2	Folder 15
Warranty Deeds - Godfreys. Stearns, 1859-1891.	Box 2	Folder 16

Wills

Title/Description	Instances	
Beach, Isaac. Beach, John. Birdsey, John. Birdsey, John Jr. Bradley, William.	Box 2	Folder 17
Bur, Jehu. Burr, Stephen. Gold, Daniel. Gold, Grace. Gold, Nathan.	Box 2	Folder 18
Golde, Samuel. Gregory, Rebecka. Grove, Phillip. Hull, Cornelious. Hull, Cornelious, Jr.	Box 2	Folder 19
Hull, George. Jones, John. Krans, Christien. Krans, Johannis. Mix, John.	Box 3	Folder 1
Mix, John Jr. Mix, Thomas. Nicholls, Isaac. Platt, Isaac.	Box 3	Folder 2
Platt, Obadiah. Platt, Richard. Porter, John. Porter, Nathaniel.	Box 3	Folder 3
Sanford, Ephraim. Saxton, Rufus. Scudder, Henry. Tomson, John. Wakeman, John. Ward, Andrew.	Box 3	Folder 4
Ward, Hester. Wheeler, Ephraim. Wilcerkson, William. Wood, Jonas.	Box 3	Folder 5

Miscellaneous, 1869-1934

Title/Description	Instances	
City National Bank of Grand Rapids record, 1870, for Freeman Godfrey.	Box 3	Folder 6
District Court record, 1869, for the Godfreys.	Box 3	Folder 6
National Biscuit Company, 1898-1934.	Box 3	Folder 7
National Biscuit Company, 1898-1934.	Box 3	Folder 8
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Bradleys. Burrs. Golds. Hancocks. Hulls. Mix's. Robbins. Royalls.	Box 3	Folder 10
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Series V. Newspaper Articles, 1910-1924, n.d.

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Grand Rapids history/ pioneers, 1911-1923.	Box 3	Folder 14
Women's International League for Peace, 1924, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 15

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Series VI. Ephemera, Pamphlets, Programs, 1882-1934

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DAR, 1904-1922.	Box 3	Folder 17
Newsboys. Grand Rapids Press and Herald, 1895-1912.	Box 3	Folder 18
Newsboys. Grand Rapids Press and Herald, 1895-1912.	Box 3	Folder 19
Theater Concerts, 1882-1909.	Box 3	Folder 20
University of Michigan & MSU, 1892-1926.	Box 3	Folder 21
Womens Societies / Religious Info., 1908-1925.	Box 3	Folder 22
Three Oaks Historical Society, 1919/1920 Program. 00.[5085].1 7/6/2006	Box 3	Folder 22
YWCA, 1922-1926.	Box 4	Folder 1
Miscellaneous, 1918.	Box 4	Folder 2
Catalogue of Pictures belonging to the Collection of Col. Geo. G. Briggs : exhibited for the Benefit of Bissell House, n.d. Lists works by several notable Grand Rapids associated artists. 00. [2469].1	Box 3	Folder 23
Dames of the Loyal Legion State of Michigan. [Program] Luncheon. May 2, 1917. Detroit.	Box 7	
DAR. Louisa St. Clair Chapter. [Program] 23rd Anniversary Luncheon. Jan. 20, 1916. Detroit Athletic Club.	Box 7	
Series VII. Miscellaneous, 1861-1924, n.d.		
Baptist Church and Sunday school, history 1861-1887. Benton Harbor, Mich. n.d.	Box 4	Folder 3
Campbell, Caroline. Various receipts, 1882-1915.	Box 4	Folder 4
Church, Thomas. Address. n.d.	Box 4	Folder 5
City flag/Seal papers. 1871-1915.		

	Box 4	Folder 6
Michigan State Federation of Arts, 1913-1916.	Box 4	Folder 7
Michigan State Federation of Arts, 1913-1916.	Box 4	Folder 8
Order of Bookfellows, n.d.	Box 4	Folder 9

Sons of the American Revolution. Ephemera (3)

Title/Description	Instances	
Michigan Society. RE: original organization Apr. 17, 1896 & membership. [later document, no date]	Box 3	Folder 24
Annual Banquet, Western Michigan Chapter Sons of American Revolution. Dec. 4, 1905. [invitation?]	Box 3	Folder 24
Joint Celebration, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Sons of the Revolution in the District of Columbia ... Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D.C. Feb. 22, 1916. 00.[2310].1-3	Box 3	Folder 24
World Columbian Exposition, 1893.	Box 4	Folder 10
Certificate. Service in preservation of State Constitution of 1835, from Mich. State Board of Auditors. Given Dec. 31, 1914.	Collection 216	Box 7
Annual Report American Red Cross, 1916.	Box 4	Folder 11
World Fellowship Committee, 1924.	Box 4	Folder 11

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Series VII. Miscellaneous, 1861-1924, n.d. Original "Blank" books

Original "Blank" books

Title/Description	Instances	
"Philopena Album" N.Y. : Leavitt & Allen. Front flyleaf: Born at Rochester(?), N.Y. 1837. Married at Marshall, Mich. Rev. James Gil?n Perliman? She died in Grand rapids, Stepmother of Mrs. James H. Campbell. A blank booklet. Includes writings by various addressed to Miss Jennie Bailey, ca. 1862-1869. 00.[0950].1 Formerly M992.B14	Box 7	
"Sacred Album" N.Y. : J.C. Rimer. Front flyleaf: Lucy Gregory married James Madison Bailey. A blank booklet. Includes writings by various, beginning May 20, 1848 to 1958? Some original illustrations. Signatures are mostly from individuals in Rochesters or Williamsville, plus other miscellaneous locations. 1958 is in Marshall. 00.[0951].1 Formerly M92.B15.	Box 7	
Ye Quaint Inscriptions of Ye Burial Hill of Old Plymouth, Mass. Printed; no title page or publisher given. 00.[1641].1 Formerly 929.5.Q23	Box 7	

Creeds for Children and Sons of the Republic Clubs, Grand Rapids, Michigan. [Printed by] Grand Rapids Vocational School Printing Department. n.d. 00.[1632].1 Formerly M172.C86	Box 7
The Golden Threshold : an Indian Song-Garland / by Liza Lehmann. Includes a program with James Francis Campbell singing bass. 00.[0745].1 Formerly M784.L52 Sheet Music. Oversized	Box 7
The Veteran's Lament for His Comrades / music composed by Joseph Russell Jarvis ; words by Joseph Russell Jarvis and Josephine Jarvis. Cobden, Il. : Joseph Russell Jarvis, 1906. Realia	Box 5

Realia. Printers's Block

Title/Description	Instances
"The Old Refrain". Woman caricature: Galbraith law ...? Man caricature: Mich Railroads Note on wood: Cut of Rouse's? Cartoon in Press. From Robert. Mr. J.H. Campbell.	Box 6

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Series VIII. Graphics

Photographs n.d.

Title/Description	Instances
"From Mrs. Caroline W. Putnam. Mrs. Caroline P. Campbell. 1 b/w in Brubaker [photographers] folder.	Box 4 Folder 12
YWCA international. Source of identification unknown. Camera Shop #27981.	Box 4 Folder 12
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Campau. Postcard. DAR. (3)	Box 4 Folder 12
2 copies found in the collection have no messages.	Box 4 Folder 12
Has message to Mrs. Ruth Campbell of Grand Rapids from C.P.C. 00.[3977].3	Box 4 Folder 12
Grand Rapids, 1831". Drawn by Rev. J. Booth. (1) no message. Postcard.	Box 4 Folder 12
"The Pilgrim" by John Quincy Adams Ward. Postcard from the Art Institute of Chicago.	Box 4 Folder 12
N. Y. Sattunder(?) Clipping from unidentified source of a man, perhaps in his 40's with a mustache.	Box 4 Folder 12

Drawings

Title/Description	Instances
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Clements, Edward. Sketch of Ada, including Rix Robinson
Trading Post, tavern, & home (2 items).

Box 4

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