

GOODRICH PAPERS
Ms. Coll. No. 56

Scope and Contents

The William B. Goodrich collection consists of the papers and memorabilia of William B. Goodrich and his daughter Stella Goodrich Russell. The main part of this collection consists of the letters and diaries of P.H. Wells.

The Goodrich papers cover 1853 to 1898 with wide gaps in between. Included are a few letters, some legal and business papers, several certificates, newspaper clippings, a booklet that gives an account of Goodrich, journals, photographs (of which several are not labeled) and several diaries, one of which is titled "CLOVERHURST".

The P.W. Wells Papers is a more complete collection but still has major gaps. It covers from 1867 to 1890 for the letters and eleven dairies.

The total collection consists of 63 letters, 16 journals/diaries, 18 legal, business papers and certificates, a booklet entitled "The American Nation", 17 photographs and other miscellaneous articles and memorabilia.

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Biography: William B. Goodrich

Born 12/1/1821 in Wilna, Jefferson County, New York. He graduated from the Wesleyan Seminary in Gouverneur, N.Y. He served during the war with Mexico and after the war lived in California for about a year during the Gold Rush. Goodrich then returned to the North and attended law school at Ballston Spa, N.Y. He ended up practicing law in Madrid, St. Lawrence County, New York.

In 1856 Goodrich was appointed judge advocate of the 33rd regiment, New York State Militia. He became a journalist and part owner of the *St. Lawrence Plain-dealer* [sic] in August of 1856. In August 1861 Goodrich opened and headed an enlistment-roll in the Town of Canton. In September Captain Goodrich led his men to Ogdensburgh and they became the 1st Company of the Sixtieth Regiment NYS Volunteers. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in May of 1862 and on September 17 of that same year was killed at the battle of Antietam. He was survived by his wife Lydia and one daughter Stella.

Stella Goodrich, born 5/1/1854, married Charles Russell 1/30/1878 (who became a U.S. Senator of Kings County, New York and a prominent lawyer). Stella was an alumna of Wells College, and founder of The Portia Reading Club and Camp Goodrich (named after her father). There is no mention of children in the papers. Stella died in February 1901.

Outline of Series

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| 1 | 1-7 | Correspondence of Wm. B. Goodrich, Stella Goodrich Russell: legal and business papers of Goodrich, variety of certificates and clippings, and a booklet entitled, "The American Nation". Arranged chronologically within the folders. |
| | 8 | Photographs arranged by size |
| | 9-12 | Correspondence of P.H. Wells; Sunday School lists and lessons. Arranged chron. |
| 2 | | Diaries and Journals. Arranged chronologically. |
| 3 | | Memorabilia - epaulets, sash, and buttons from Goodrich's Civil War Uniform. |

I. Correspondence**A. William B. Goodrich**

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- 1 1 1853 April 19. Washington. Wm. B. Goodrich to "My dear Elvina" [his wife]. Discusses travels, Washington landscape, and people who work in stores.
- 1851 Oct. 23. Leslie [Bupely] to William B. Goodrich Esq. (Madrid). Discharges a trust committee asking Goodrich to visit area towns and speak on behalf of plan of the school district organization. Also invites him for a visit on Saturday before election.
- 1882 Dec. 30. Ida J. Philps to "My Dear Abbie" [Laurence, Mass]. Talks of going to Shakespeare and club what they read, who the club would want to join, roller skating, lectures attended, operas and of the Kappas

B. Stella Goodrich

- 1 2 1862 Feb 2. "Your brother Davis" to "My dear Sister Stella". Talks of how lonely house is without her and what they did in earlier times.
- [n.d.] Davis to Stella. Talks of her going to capital and asks her to give the President his regards. Talks of Ellen, a teacher who has died.
- [n.d.] From "Your Brother Davis" to "My dear Sister Stella". Asks her how she is getting along in her southern house and to tell him about Baltimore.
- n.d.] Davis to "My dear Friend Stella". Tells her to be good and gives reasons why she should keep her memories. Talks about death.
- [n.d.] Sen. H. Goodrich to "Honored Parents" (addressed to Mr. Hubbard Goodrich [William's father]). Letter is barely readable.

II. LEGAL PAPERS

- 1 2 1853 8/12. between Herman Foote and Wm. B. Goodrich. A Memorandum of Agreement sale of Warranty Deed for purchase of [land] for the sum of \$1500.
- 1855 10/11. Warranty Deed between David C. Judson and William B. Goodrich for parcel of land in Village of Canton for the sum of \$400.
- 1861 3/20. Agreement between Wm. B. Goodrich and Joseph and George A. Bowman concerning land in Village of Canton for the sum of \$1600.
- 1861 5/13. Warranty Deed between Friend P. Fletcher of Vermont and Wm. B. Goodrich for 34 71/100 acres of land for the sum of \$130.
- [n.d.] Leslie W. Russell in a/c with estate of Wm. B. Goodrich. Itemized bill of Goodrich estate to L. Russell lists debits and credits for the period of 11/1/1861 to 12/1862.

III. BUSINESS PAPERS***A. Insurance Companies***

- 1 3 1856 December 18. Receipt of Dr. D. Clark signed by Wm. B. Goodrich, Agent of Office Star Insurance Company State of New York - Ogdensburg.
- 1861 June 18. Receipt of George Livingston signed by Wm. B. Goodrich, Agent of Home Insurance Company, Canton Agency.
- 1861 July 16. Receipt of R.S.D. Bridg [sic] signed by Wm. B. Goodrich, Agent of Home Insurance Company, Canton Agency.

B. Miscellaneous

- 1 3 1858 January 1. Bill of the Office of the St. Lawrence Plain Dealer to Dr. (?) for subscription to paper for two years.
- 1860 October 21. Bill of the Office of the St. Lawrence Plain Dealer to Wm. B. Goodrich for service rendered May, July, August and October signed by S.R. Remington, Dr.
- 1860 [n.d.] Statement of Settlement with S.P. Remington for services rendered.
- 1861 February. An American Express Company receipt to Wm. B. Goodrich for package being sent to O.V. Brainerd in Watertown, N.Y.
- 1861 September 20. Statement of Settlement with S.P. Remington signed by Wm. B. Goodrich.
- 1861 September 20. Receipt from S.P. Remington for settlement of same date.
- 1861 December 5. Voucher #3 Statement of the Paymaster U.S. Army signed by Wm. B. Goodrich stating he received pay for the period of 9/9/1861 to 10/31/1861 - pay for himself, two private servants, clothing, forage and subsistence for himself and his two servants.

IV. CERTIFICATES

- 1 4 1857 December 1. Certificate of Scholarship awarded to Wm. B. Goodrich from the Mercantile College.
- [n.d.] Copy of the Charles Russell and Stella Goodrich wedding invitation and reception card.
- 1878 1/30. Certificate of Marriage of Charles H. Russell and Stella M. Goodrich
- 1878 Jan. Certificate of Marriage of Charles H. Russell and Stella M. Goodrich.

V. CLIPPINGS

- 1 5 1856 Poem, "The Bereaved", written for St. Lawrence Plain Dealer [sic].
- 1857 12/3. Wm. B. Goodrich, Editor. Editorial on the Canton Academy Exhibition mentions a Leslie W. Russell.
- 1857 12/24. Wm. B. Goodrich, Editor. Editorial on the "Trial of James E. Eldridge" - verdict of guilty; execution set for 2/11/1857.
- 1858 [n.d.] Article "Goethe's Mother."
- 1858 3/25. Wm. B. Goodrich, Editor. Article "Watchman, What of the night" about slavery and popular sovereignty.
- [n.d.] Article. "Methodist Missions: Annual Session of the New York Branch Opens To-day" - program of events to take place.

VI. BOOKLET

- 1 6 [n.d.] "The American Nation; Lives of Her Fallen and Brave Living Heros" - contains a short biography of five military men killed in action during the Civil War.
1. Gen. Joseph K.F. Mansfield, U.S.A.
 2. Maj-Gen. Israel B. Richardson, Mich V.
 - 3. Colonel William B. Goodrich, N.Y. Vol.**
 4. Brig-Gen. [sic] Henry Bohlen, Penn Vol.
 5. Brig-General [sic] William R. Terrill

VII. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

- 1 7 [n.d.] newspaper article. "Patriotic Women" About a hospital for the sick soldiers on the New Jersey Coast, Camp Goodrich which was Mrs. C.H. Russell's cottage at Como, N.J.
- 1888 6/27. Receipt for payment of cost of burial of Col. Goodrich and wife.

VIII. PHOTOS

- 1 8 [n.d.] 2 1/2 x 4. Unlabeled picture of a woman.
 [n.d.] 2 1/2 x 4. Unlabeled picture of a gentleman in a uniform.
 [n.d.] 2 1/2 x 4. Stella Goodrich Russell.
 [n.d.] 2 1/2 x 4. William B. Goodrich.
 [n.d.] 2 1/2 x 4. William B. Goodrich.
 [n.d.] 2 1/2 x 4. Mrs. William B. Goodrich.
 [n.d.] 3 1/4 x 5. C.C. Caldwell.
 [n.d.] 4 1/4 x 6 1/2. Stella Goodrich Russell.
 [n.d.] 5 3/4 x 7. Big house with military men on porch and several women.
 1887 4 1/4 x 6 1/2. Stella Goodrich Russell.
 [n.d.] 4 1/4 x 6 1/2. Elderly lady.
 [n.d.] 4 1/4 x 6 1/2. Gentlemen.
 [n.d.] 4 1/2 x 6 1/2. [Stella Goodrich Russell]
 [n.d.] 6 1/4 x 8. Stella Goodrich Russell.
 [n.d.] 6 1/4 x 8. Stella Goodrich Russell.
 1898 October 11 - 5 3/4 x 7. Mrs. Russell with nine other people on porch steps. Men in
 Military uniforms [of the Spanish American War]
 [n.d.] 6 1/2 x 7. [Stella Goodrich Russell]

WELLS PAPERS
Description of Series

P.H. Wells was born 12/16/1837 and married Sadie Olin, daughter of William Olin. They had four children as far as can be determined from the diaries: Minnie (born 11/17/1870), May (could not find a birthdate but was a baby in 1878), Mary, and Sadie.

Wells seems to have been in the Navy, as many of his letters are on Naval Office stationary, Brooklyn Office. Wells resigned on or about June 28, 1890, due to illness. His family visited in Madrid and Gouverneur where her parents and family apparently lived.

I. Correspondence

A. From P.H. Wells

- 1 9 1867 August 19. P.H.W. (Louisville, Ky) to Miss S.A. Olin (Union Acadmey N.Y.) - asking permission to renew their acquaintance.
- 1867 September 21. P.H.W. (Indianapolis, In) to "Friend Sadie" (Belleville, N.Y.) - friendly letter in response to her letter .
- 1867 October 20. P.H.W. (Jeffersonville, Indiana) to "I have your letters of last Sabbath afternoon, Sadie" - an account of daily happenings. This letter is written in black, turned the other way and written over top of black in a lavender color.
- 1867 October 27. P.H.W. (Jeffersonville, Indiana) to "My good friend Sadie" (Belleville, N.Y.) talks of attending several plays.
- 1867 November 18. P.H.W. (Louisville, Kentucky) to "Dear Sadie" (Belleville, N.Y.) - on office stationary of Head-Quarters Dept. of the Cumberland Office Superintendent of National Cemeteries.
- 1867 November 23. P.H.W. (Jeffersonville, Indiana) to "Dear Sadie" (Canton, N.Y.) - friendly letter in answer to her questions - two colors of ink.
- 1867 December 1. P.H.W. (Postmark Louisville) to "Dear Sadie" (Belleville, N.Y.) - talks of Thanksgiving and holidays coming up.
- 1867 December 8. P.H.W. (Postmarked Lousiville) to "My dear Sadie" (Belleville, N.Y.) - mail not getting through and tries to reassure Sadie of their friendship.
- 1867 December 22. P.H.W. (Lousiville, Kentucky) to "My dear good Sadie" (Belleville, N.Y.) - asks Sadie to write once a week, feels his letters are "warmer" than she'd like.
- 1868 January 26. P.H.W. (Louisville, Kentucky) to "My dear Dasie" [sic] (Belleville, N.Y.) - talks of being asked to join a Temperance lodge but he is a Mason.
- 1868 February. P.H.W. (Louisville, Kentucky) to "My dear good Sadie" (? N.Y.) tries to reassure her he wants to continue to write and see her.

- 1 9 1868 February 14. Valentine to S.A. Olin (Belleville, N.Y.) - a Valentine poem signed by Valentine.
- 1868 February 17. P.H.W. (Louisville, Kentucky) to "My dear Sadie" (Belleville, N.Y.) - comments on her letter to him.
- 1868 February 24. P.H.W. (Louisville, Kentucky) to "My dear Dasie" [sic] (Belleville, N.Y.) talks of the Valentine she received tells her he doesn't know anything about it.
- 1868 March 3. P.H.W. (Louisville, Kentucky) to "Dear friend Dasie" [sic] (Belleville, N.Y.) - talks of going to visit her.
- 1868 March 28. P.H.W. (Jeffersonville, Indiana) to "Friend Sadie" (Belleville, N.Y.) - letter is really faded and barely readable; again in the two colors ink.
- 1868 November 9. P.H.W. (Louisville, Kentucky) to "Now Saide - of course I mean kind good Sadie" (Belleville, N.Y.) trying to explain there isn't any other Sadie he is interested in.
- 1869 Christmas Eve. P.H.W. (Brooklyn, N.Y. - our room) to "My Own Sweet Wife" (Madrid, N.Y.) - how lonely he is as Sadie went to her parents for Christmas [This is the 1st recorded indication that they had gotten married].
- 1870 April 8. P.H.W. (Custom House, N.Y. Naval Office) to "My darling Wife" (Gouverneur, N.Y.) - worried about her as she missed her train back to Gouverneur.
- 1870 April 14. P.H.W. (N.Y.) to "My darling" (Gouverneur, N.Y.) - talks a lot of reading Bible and wants Sadie to also.
- 1870 April 17. P.H.W. (NY, N.Y.) to "My darling Wife" (Gouverneur, N.Y.) - waiting for letter and talks of church and of his little girl(s).
- 1871 September 17. P.H.W. (N.Y.) to "My darling Wife" (Madrid, N.Y.) - Minnie is 10 months old yesterday.
- 1871 September 20. P.H.W. (office of the Naval Office, N.Y.) to "My darling Wife" (Madrid Springs, N.Y.) - worried as he didn't receive usual letter on time.
- 1871 September 27. P.H.W. (Office of the Naval Office, N.Y.) to "My dear Wife" (DeKalb Jct., N.Y.).
- 1871 September 29. P.H.W. (Office of Naval Officer, N.Y.) to "My darling wife" (Gouverneur, N.Y.) - getting place ready for her return. He talks of the baby.
- 1880 July 20. P.H.W. (Brooklyn, N.Y. Home) to "My dear Sadie" (Potsdam, N.Y.) - about his trip back to Brooklyn.
- 1880 July 30. P.H.W. (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to "My dear Minnie" (Potsdam, N.Y.) [daughter] - talks of the garden and May [her sister].
- 1 9 1881 October 23. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My dear wife" - talks of Mrs G. and her loss, Minnie and Mary, and church sermon and service.

- 1881 November 16. P.H.W. (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to "My dear Sadie" (Madrid, N.Y.) - how much he misses them; speaks of Minnie, Mary and the baby.
- 1882 January 4. P.H.W. (N.Y.) to "My dear Sadie" (Madrid, N.Y.) - talks of babies; gets prescription for Minnie as she is sick and he is worried about outbreak of diphtheria.
- 1882 January 8. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My dear Wife" (Madrid, N.Y.) - he is teaching SS School [Sunday School] wants her to tell his father to get receipts for bills he pays.
- 1882 January 22. P.H.W. (?) to "My dear Sadie" (Madrid, N.Y.) 2 leaves - tells her that Mr. Gilmore was buried and died Wednesday before.
- 1883 March 4. [P.H.W.] (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to "My darling Sadie" (Madrid, N.Y.) 2 leaves.
- 1883 March 28. [P.H.W.] (Brooklyn) to "My dear Sadie" (Madrid) - May is sick; talks of letters from Minnie and baby.
- 1883 May 13. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My dear Sadie" (Madrid, N.Y.) 3 leaves - went to dentist rheumatism acting up.
- 1884 July 27. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My dear Sadie" (?) Dea Lewis died.
- 1884 August 17. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My dear Sadie" (Madrid, N.Y.) - is disgusted with filth and dirt in the Cleveland-Blaine political campaign in the papers.
- 1887 April 24. [P.H.W.] to "My darling Sadie" (Madrid Springs) - Sadie is sick.
- 1888 December 30. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My darling Wife" (Madrid, N.Y.) - telling her how to make arrangements for the farm chores.
- 1889 January 24. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My dear Sadie" [daughter] (Madrid, N.Y.) - speaks of daughters Minnie, Mary, May. Included is a note to Dear Papa in child's printing.
- 1889 April 17. P.H.W. (Naval Office) to "My dear Wife" (Madrid, N.Y.) - he is sick.
- 1889 May 21. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My dear Wife" (Madrid, N.Y.) - talks of trip back to Brooklyn by train and is lonely without her.
- 1889 June 4. [P.H.W.] to "My dear little daughter" (Madrid, N.Y.) - saw President of the United States, many soldiers, bands in parade. Talks of May; gives love to MaMa, Minnie and Mary.
- 1889 September 22. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My dear Wife" (Madrid) - he is still in pain [doesn't say why].
- 1890 February 23. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My dear Wife" - he is still in pain and tells her Corbett is dead.

B. From P.H. Wells [N.D.]

- 1 10 [n.d.] October 14. P.H.W. to [Sadie] (Belleville) - [apparently before their marriage] talks about different books she has read.
- [n.d.] September 24. P.H.W. (Brooklyn) to "My darling Wife" (Madrid Springs) - he is waiting for their arrival home.
- [n.d.] April 21. P.H.W. [sic] (Brooklyn) to "My own dear wife" - he talks about his purchasing a "stovepipe" [hat].
- [n.d.] page 2 of a letter [contents sounds like a letter from Wells writing to his wife].
- [n.d.] P.H.W. to Minnie - history of Christ's time with Biblical references cited for a composition she is writing.

C. To P.H. Wells

- 1 11 1887 February 13. I Seymour (Norwalk, Conn) to "Dear Wells" (Naval Office, N.Y.C.) - talks of old times in Louisville, old friends - who was married and who wasn't.
- 1887 February 20. Mary Wells (Madrid) to "Dear Papa" 2 leaves - tells him Mrs. Goolen and Wm. White died. Talks of sister Sadie and sends him her story of Bertie's Corn Popper that she wrote for school.
- 1887 April 17. "Your daughter May" (Madrid) to "Dear Papa" asks for "tricycle"; tells how school is going.
- [n.d.] Sunday. Minnie (Madrid) to "My dear papa" 3 leaves - tells him about Chorus convention in Ogdensburg that she was involved in.

D. Miscellaneous

- 1 12 1873 January. List of members of SS [Sunday School] Class of P.H. Wells.
- 1875 November 3. list of *Bible* notations for *Bible* reading.
- [n.d.] Outline of a Harvest Concert program [apparently for a SS Class].
- [1870] April 7. A printed poem "To My Class" written by H.M. Gallaher which uses names of people in the class within the poem.
- [n.d.] Small Envelope of notes for lesson plans for SS Classes and Bible Readings.
- 1878 SS Lesson Plans for the following dates: 1878 Feb 24, Aug 25, Sept 1, Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20, Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17, Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22; 1879 Jan 5, Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 9, Feb 16, Feb 23, and Mar 2.

DIARIES/JOURNALS

- 2 1857 January 1 - July 17 1857. [possible diary of Ms. Wm. Goodrich] - accounts of daily happenings; speaks of sisters, Jane, Nancy, and Annette. In May Stella [her daughter] is 3 years old. Other Goodrich names mentioned are Mrs. J. G. and Mrs. Geo. Goodrich. Several pages at the back have different prices for things she bought.
- 1873 January 1 to January 1, 1874. [diary of Charles Russell] - daily account of his activities; i.e.: the time he arose/retired, arrived at bank [his office], who he saw, who he wrote to and where he ate, the weather, his *Bible* classes, Sunday School and church attendance. At the back are monthly accounts of income and expenses.
- 1890 May 21 to September 1 1896. Journal is entitled CLOVERHURST. Has a leather cover with "Cloverhurst" imprinted on cover. Entries cover usually the early spring and summer months. Gives an account of the comings and goings of the Russell Family - who their guests are, poems and other entries written by the guests themselves. Also written are daily accounts of happenings at the estate. There are many newspaper clippings, both glued and loose within the journal's pages. Among these are: the printed address of the pastor who presided over Stella's funeral, on page 25 a picture of Cloverhurst, and many more clippings describing the estate and functions that were held there.
- 1898 Journal kept at Camp Goodrich - Como, New Jersey "Named for Col. William Bingham Goodrich 60th N.Y.V. who lost his life while acting Brig. Gen. at the battle of Antietam September 17th, 1862".
Opened 9/20/1898 for convalescent soldiers and sailors of the Spanish-American War. Pages that follow are accounts of soldiers and sailors who stayed at Camp Goodrich. Each wrote a short biography of himself, his part in the war, and his gratitude to Mrs. Russell.
1. John E. Heingman, PVT
 2. Hans Lund, PVT
 3. John Middleton, PVT
 4. Peter Most, Private
 5. Richard Curtis, U.S. Navy
 6. Nicholas F. Beckmann, PVT
- There are many blank pages between the written accounts of their progress and departure throughout the journal.
Also are accounts of Mary B. and Antoinette Hannahs upon their arrival at the camp to lend their assistance.
- [1900] Journal of Stella Goodrich Russell. Date of first entry June 27, 1900. [Handwriting is hard to read]. From words that one can pick out it sounds as if they are in England until about the middle of July. Were also in Paris, Munich, Italy, Turin, Rome and various other places throughout Europe. Last entry is September 8th and they are still in Europe. A picture of a young women inside.
- [n.d.] "Ledger." - Written accounts of the soliders at [Cloverhurst or Camp Goodrich both were used in the text]. Tells of each one's arrival, who sent him there, and a little about the battle he was in. Names of soldiers are as follows: John E. Heinzman, Hans Lund,

William A. Brown, John Middleton, Peter Most, Richard M. Curtis, and Nicolas Beckman.

P.H. Wells

- 2 1866 February to May. [No running dates in this diary] - writes of his travels in the south - aftermath of the war - cites different forts, battlefields, who lived, and how the southern people felt and lived - [writing for a paper or magazine the accounts of the war] - in letter format.
- 1874 July. Church Manual - included are the Articles of Faith, Covenant, Rules of Order, Officers, together with a complete list of the members of the 1st Baptist Church on Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.. P.H. Wells is listed as being dismissed to the Herkimer Street Church.
- 1878 September. Superintendent's Pocket Roll Book. P.H. Wells was the superintendent of the Herkimer St. Baptist Sunday Schools, Brooklyn - this book lists the classes, who taught them, and names and addresses of the pupils in those classes.
- 1878 December to October 1880. P.H. Wells - day-to-day accounts of what is going on. Reelected Superintendent of S.S. [Sunday School]. Apr. 1880 - "Minnie and May at Mr. Gilmore's Sadie and baby doing well". September - May sick; has scarlet fever and it developed into diphtheria. Oct. - May is still sick but gaining slowly - diary ends. As in most of the diaries monthly income and expense records are listed in the back.
- 1878 Normal S.S. Institute - P.H. Wells Secy of the Journal - Minutes of the meetings - each was an account of who was in charge, hymns that were sung, description of the lecture (usually was a *Bible* lesson), exercises [it was never said what these were] and lesson tasks that were assigned for the next meeting.
- 1881 January 1 to December 28, 1882. P.H. Wells Naval Office NYC - has 2 pages of addresses at beginning - talks of President Garfield's assassination - in July talks of Minnie, Mary, and baby - on Jan. 19, 1882 Mr. Gilmore passed away.
- 1881 Commonplace Book. [P.H. Wells] [looks like an address book, but instead of addresses has definitions of different terms, names of people and who they were - mostly English royalty, quotes, poems, N.Y.C. census in 1880, chart of the planets, list of Presidents and terms of office - all of which are alphabetized - Clippings inside: one concerning N.Y. and Brooklyn Suspension Bridge, a poem about the Civil War, and several calendar pages that have quotes on them.]
- 1884 January 1 - January 1885. P.H. Wells - Brooklyn. First section talks of CC [co-worker] who he suspects to be drunk all the time. Diary jumps to October where he talks of the election and of wife [Sadie] and children Minnie, May, and Sadie (born Dec. 1884). At the back are the expenses and income per month.
- 1885 April 29 to December 1, 1886. P.H. Wells - Naval Office, N.Y. Accounts of daily activities - his family returns to Madrid for the winter - record of Grant's death on July 23, 1885 - at back are income and expenses by the month for the same period.

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- 2 1889 April to June 1890. P.H. Wells - has neuralgia in his arms and is therefore home for most of the time this diary covers. Writes that he is in a lot of pain. Still in the Navy recorded on 6/28/1890 his resignation from the Navy is accepted as of July 1. An account of the church in Madrid that burned. At back a record of income and expenses by the month.

[n.d.] Address book, but instead of addresses in alphabetical order he [P.H. Wells] has people places, and terms. Most of the people are English Royalty, Members of Parliament, Presidents of U.S. Most terms descriptions are described as a quote. Last entry is under "O".

MEMORABILIA

- 3 Box of buttons from Goodrich's uniform
- Maroon sash that Goodrich wore around his waist.
- Epaulets from Goodrich's uniform.