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Ltr	23-Dec-1908	J. W. Henning	Susanne Henning	<u>An ojective evaluation of the breakdown</u>
		FOLDER #2		CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING SUSANNE HENNING'S MARRIAGE - 1909
Ltr	20-Mar-1909	J. W. Henning	Sue Henning	Renting Tuxedo cottage 5/1 to 11/15/09 @ \$3900
Ltr	23-Mar-1909	Susanne Henning	J. W. Henning	[From Boston] Sailing this morning for France; it is not an elopement. Chaperoned by Miss Hamilton; to be met by Antoinette de C. Will visit Antoinette for a few months. Can't return to KY. Meeting with mother not fair until I am 21. I came to you in trouble and you did all you could to help me.
Ltr	30-Mar-1909	Lulie Henning	Susanne Henning	Stunned. Tony is at the bottom of the whole thing. Avoid any rash act.

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Ltr	2-Apr-1909	J. W. Henning	Sue Henning	Susanne sailed from Boston 3/23/09. They probably took "Saxonia." Evidently made up her mind suddenly. French government opens all of Charette's mail. Fearing punishment, she hesitated to return to Shyville.
Ltr	3-Apr-1909	J. W. Henning	Antoinette de Charette	[We should] endeavor judiciously take care of an unnecessary situation. Tony is old enough to know better, and has broken faith with me. Have withheld my approval to give them more time to consider. Tony has extravagant tastes; Susanne has no idea of the value of money. My sister [Lulie] looked after him during his illness here, when you came to his bedside. He left with an unhonored draft in Lulie's hands.
File	June, July	J. W. Henning		Business ltrs & ticket relating to his departure on 5/19/09 in Lusitania
Ltr	15-May-1909	J. W. Henning	Sue Henning	Sailing Wednesday. Enclosing copies of lrs to Lulie & Susanne from Antoinette.
Ltr	23-May-1909	Susanne Henning	Lulie Henning	Disappointed in the Pope, does not come up to Leo XIII. Saw him several times, once with Gen and Mme de C. in a private audience. Stranded 2 days between Spezia and Genoa. Front wheel of machine broke off. No provisions with us. Lived on eggs and macaroni, people poor. Took bath in river with night gown for bathing suit and peasant woman on guard. Roads terrible in Italy, all right in France. Dr. says my nerves a problem, nothing serious. Began while at the Plaza with Papa, and I have not been really well since. Love to grandmamma, Aunt Julia, Uncle Sam and the children. Mme de C. wants to know when you are coming for promised visit.
Ltr	23-May-1909	Tony de Charette	Lulie Henning	My mother just informed me my draft for \$150 to cover your loan protested. Cannot account for it. Regret that this "happened with the person who has been the kindest to me during my visit in America. Hope you forgive my great carelessness.
Ltr	28-May-1909	Susanne Henning	Lulie Henning	Asks ltrs be forwarded to these two. Concerned about protocol. Only item of significance: "We are just off [from Cannes], hope to reach the Basse Motte in a about a week."
Ltr	1-Jul-1909	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	To my surprise Papa arrived Paris several weeks ago. Talked things over. Want to announce engagement on or before my 21st birthday, 7/29. Sorry you have not written. Ask again for your consent to my engagement. Regret if I have hurt you. Papa is going to Marianbad for the cure.
Ltr	6-Jul-1909	J. W. Henning	Sue Henning	[From Marianbad] Met Susanne in Paris, a few days after her return from Rome. She plans to announce engagement on 7/29 with or without our consent. I am not opposed to Tony. They seem much in love. He knows she has no fortune and small prospect. My objection is his lack of means to properly support her. Antoinette does not favor their marriage, but can do nothing about it. Says he should find employment at once. I give my consent under protest. Please accept the inevitable. Have arranged for her to return to America with mother [Mrs J. W. Henning, Sr.] September. I shall go to Basse Motte for the engagement. Cable me your final answer by 21 July. [He gives interesting code words for her to use.]

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Ltr	23-Jul-1909	Sue Henning	J. W. Henning	(From Elmendorf Farm, Lexington) Have cabled you today: "Impossible to give consent." Sends copy of letter to Antoinette of last July. Mentions Antoinette's visit to Allen Dale when Tony was ill. Encloses a letter to Susanne repeating her opposition to marriage.
Ltr	23-Jul-1909	Sue Henning	J. W. Henning	Typewritten copy of this letter, obviously made by Mr. Henning.
Telegram	23-Jul-1909	Sue Henning	J. W. Henning	Cable to Paris "Impossible to give consent. Sue
Press Release	23-Jul-1909	"A correspondent"		Engagement feted at Basse Motte. 300 Present. Birthday of Susanne. Those present included: J. W. Henning, father; Mrs Henning, his mother; Miss [Lulie] Henning, his aunt. List of royalty present.
Ltr	29-Jul-1909	Sue Henning	Mr. Ratcliffe	From today's announcement by cable the odds are against me. "If there is one thing in the world that I have always thought I could be without in the family and economize was a French Marquis." I am sure he will only be an episode in the family. My mother [Bettie Meriwether] is feeble but comfortable under my care and my duty is here. Susanne's father is abroad with her and writes thaty she will marry in September of January.
File of Ltrs	June, July 1909	Cunard Steamship	J. W. Henning	Henning plans to sail from Liverpool 8/7/09 on the Lusitania. <i>Broadside May/1909 Norddeutscher Lloyd</i>
Ltr	14-Aug-1909	??	Sue Henning	Cordial wishes and support concerning the engagement.
Ltr	28-Aug-1909	Marjorie Curtis	J. W. Henning	"I beg of you to have the wedding on November 11."
Ltr	30-Aug-1909	J. W. Henning	Sue Henning	I am having a "contrat de mariage" drawn up, which will be in the nature of a separation of their estates and inheritance. I can see nothing to be gained by your continuing your objections to their marriage - is it not better to accept the inevitable situation, and join me in making the best of it? Susanee seems perfectly contented and happy, and so far as I can see, there is nothing in the way of a happy married life for her, except the lack of money, and a solution of this may be found in the future. Susanne will sail for home September 26th. Just after I left Dinard, General de Charette's youngest sister died.
Ltr	30-Aug-1909	J. W. Henning	Sue Henning	Carbon copy of letter described in previous cell.
Ltr	10-Sep-1909	Sue Henning	J. W. Henning	Response to 8/30 letter. "I see no reason for changing my views heretofore clearly expressed. I decline to assume any responsibility legally or otherwise in regard to any prospective marriage of Susanne to de Charette."
Ltr	10-Sep-1909	Sue Henning	J. W. Henning	Pencilled copy of letter described in previous cell.
Ltr	10-Oct-1909	Sue Henning	Susanne Henning	Your ill advised conduct makes your wish for my presence at your wedding an impossible one. It is my sincere wish that your future conduct is more wise and kind.

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Ltr	10-Oct-19 09	J.W. Henning	Sue Henning	Wedding will be Nov. 11th at the St. Patrick Cathedral. Request that Sue attend wedding and for permission to make out invitations in both of their names.
Ltr	11-Oct-19 09	Lulie Henning	J. W. Henning	Discussion of invitation list for wedding breakfast. "Sis Nannie has been quite sick; has had shingles and now has neuritis - is better."
File	11-Oct-19 09	Lulie Henning	J. W. Henning	Forwarding complete wedding invitation list. [A "who's who" of Louisville and NY society.]
Ltr	12-Oct-19 09	Lulie Henning	J. W. Henning	I am told that Sue has been talking broadcast; is saying outrageous things about Tony. I came face to face with her in the Fidelity this morning - she put her head in the air and passed without speaking. She tells everyone that,
Ltr	15-Oct-19 09	Lulie Henning	J. W. Henning	It is best for the impression to be given that the wedding dress is being attended to in N.Y.
Ltr	25-Oct-19 09	Sue Henning	Susanne Henning	Identical to letter dated 10/10/09.
Ltr	25-Oct-19 09	Paris Herald	J.W. Henning	We would like to have the details of the marriage for the Paris Herald.
Ltr	29-Oct-19 09	Illustrated Press Bureau	J.W. Henning	Discussion of published false photographs of Susanne. "If these pictures are used as a basis of reproduction in other papers the results would be quite impossible."
Telegraph Cable	30-Oct-19 09	Antoinette de Charette	J.W. Henning	"General too ill undertake journey impossible to leave him sister left Wednesday regret not assist [attend?] marriage. (From Basse Motte)
Note	??	??	??	Bridesmaid's address. Helen B. Hibbs, etc.
Memos	10-Nov-19 09	Mr. Holmes and the Newark Trunk Co.	J.W. Henning	Unrelated to wedding. Correspondence regarding mortgage and business. [Mr. Henning had other business to attend to the day before the wedding.]
Ltr	11-Nov-19 09	Rectory, the Cathedral: NY	J.W. Henning	Choice of music for wedding. Lohingrin's Wedding March as the bride goes up the aisle, Mendelsohn's as the bride comes down.
Memo	11-Nov-19 09	??	J.W. Henning	Listing of Susannes' trousseau. "I sent money."
Wedding Invitatio ns	11-Nov-19 09	J.W. Henning	Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hobbs, Ferdinand de Charette, Prince and Princesse de Lucinge	Invitations (3) to wedding: "Mr. James Williamson Henning requests the honour of the presence of ___ at the marriage of his daughter Susanne to the Marquis de Charette on Thursday, the eleventh of November at twelve o'clock, at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, New York." Enclosed: Admission Ticket: "___ will please present this card at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday, the eleventh of November." Enclosed: Reception Invitation: "Mr. James Williamson Henning requests the pleasure of the company of ___ on Thursday afternoon, the eleventh of November at one o'clock, at Metropolitan Club. R.s.v.p. One East Sixtieth Street"
Ltr	11-Nov-19 09	Addison Mizner	Sue Henning	Description of wedding, favorable impressions towards Tony, and feelings of love towards Sue.
Ltr	15-Nov-19 09	David Meriwether	Sue Henning	Favorable description of wedding. "She, a charming and dainty bride, he handsome and radiant - both supremely happy."

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Marriage Document	11-Nov-1909	Archbishop John Farley	N/A	Original marriage certificate (in English) created at St. Patrick's Cathedral and signed by Archbishop Farley. Notes presence of Edward Norton and Wm. Marshall Bullitt. Notes French marriage contract under French Civil Code 1536-1539.
Marriage Documents	9-Nov-1909, 13-Nov-1909			1) American legal marriage certificate certified by Peter Dooling, clerk of the Supreme Court of New York County, and by P.J. Scully, clerk of New York city. 9-Nov-1909. 2) State of New York affidavit for license to marry, signed by P.J. Scully. Lists occupation of both Tony and Susanne as "none". 9-Nov-1909. 3) Authentication of legitimacy of the positions of both Dooling and Charles Truax (justice of the Supreme Court of New York State), signed by each. 13-Nov-1909. Contains an endorsement by Bishop Farley, in presence of Edward L. Norton and Wm Marshall Bullitt, certifying that marriage took place on 11 November 1909 and that he performed it.
Marriage Document	20-Nov-1909	Wm. Marshall Bullitt	J.W. Henning	Cover letter, signed by Wm Marshall Bullitt, explaining attached wedding documents: 1) Certified copy under the Act of Congress of the marriage license and and marriage certificate. 2) Original marriage certificate signed by Archbishop Farley. 3) Susanne's birth certificate 4) French certificate 5) Copy of certificate of non-opposition (French)
Marriage Document	24-Sep-1909			"Certificate before the marriage" (French marriage license)
Marriage Document	1-Oct-1909			French Certificate of non-opposition. Signed J. Dories.
Marriage Documents	15-Sept-1909, 24-Sept-1909			Affidavit in French by Lulie Henning certifying Susanne's date of birth. Includes cover letter in French certifying identity of Lulie Henning signed by Mandeville C. Jacobus, member of the Beureau of the State of NY and of the U.S. Circuit Court.
Marriage Document				Copy of pre-marital agreement in English. Indicates submission to ruling of separation of property according to French civil code 1536-1539. Also refers to French Civil Code articles 1391,1394. (Seems to be a standard marital agreement.)
Marriage Document				Contract de Mariage between Tony and Marquise, dated 24 September 1909. In French, this is a "True and Correct Copy," certified by the Shelby County, KY Clerk and entered into records on 7/11/1924. Residence of Tony is given as la Basse Motte and that of Marquise as 113 East 37th Street in NY. Witnesses: Antoinette, Marquise de Charette, Lulie Henning, John Bradford, cousin of Tony, Monsieur de Reiset, friend of the bride, & M. Jacobus, Tony's counsel. Request for Bullitt to visit Henning; bill for Bullitt's travel expenses during trip to wedding.
Ltrs/Telegrams	11/1/09 - 11/20/09	J.W. Henning, W.M. Bullitt	J.W. Henning, W.M. Bullitt	
Ltr	??	J.W. Henning	Sue Henning	Difficult to read. Bad handwriting indicates that J.W. is distraught. He has been sick recently.
Ltr	??	J.W. Henning	??	Part of letter. "I will have to pay. I will give your letter to Mr. Norton if we start in business as proposed."

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Ltr	3-Feb-1911	Antoinette de Charette	Sue Henning	Requests that Sue visit. I believe that you have understood my difficult position. The General and I decided that taking Susanne to Rome prevented all comments here - and on our return to Paris everything was taken out of our hands!! Susanne thin and not looking well. "We have suffered enough."
Ltr	??	Sue Henning	Antoinette de Charette	Response to letter dated 3-Feb-1911. "Your silence of months and the position you seem to have taken will always remain a shock to our friends. I must decline your invitation - is one of the regrets of my life."
Ltr	21-Dec-1911	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Tries to explain her failure to thank people for wedding gifts. Refers to wedding trip to Egypt. Expresses concern about duty for silver. Much of silver is in storage in London, held up by customs. Mentions furniture that her mother wants to give her. Attempts to purchase La Contrie. Tony now the head of the family and I am a foreigner. Need \$6000. [8 page letter of significance worthy of further study]
Ltr	15-Jan-1912	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Discussion of trip to Paris.
Ltr	24-Jul-1912	C.I. Hudson	Sue Henning	A love/business letter. Discussion of Jersey cattle. "I do wish you were here, as we could steal away for a walk many times and talk about our endless subjects, cows, and often more interesting matters." Found in an envelope marked "Marquise de Charette" with the notation by the Marquise: "In case of my death to be burned without reading."
Ltr	26-Dec-1912	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	I was hoping you would write in response to my last letter.
Ltr	3-Mar-1913	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	I came up [to Paris] on business and we are staying with Tony's aunt who took the apartments off our hands last August when we had to give it up. Edward Hilliard came here about two weeks ago.
Ltr	28-May-1913	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Tony is trying in some way to get sufficient money to settle some necessary things here before starting the trip as we feel we cannot count on Papa [because of sickness and financial trouble]. We are considering going to Canada for a means of livelihood. Tony is terminating his business association here.
Ltr	9-Jun-1913	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	I have been wondering why I have not heard from you in such a long time. I have been spending amonth in Rome with Laura Hallo. Our stay ended in Laura's engagement to Prince Francisco Ros_____. Business affairs here are looking a little brighter though far from settled.

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Ltr	9-Sep-1914	Frank Polk	Sue Henning	Apparent response to a letter from Sue asking about the possibility of acquiring help from the gov't in getting Susanne back overseas to America. Indicates that Susanne is now a French citizen and cannot be financed in that way by the American gov't. Indicates that Sue's concerns about Susanne's safety in Paris given the possibility of German invasion of France are exaggerated. Suggests that Sue write to / visit Spencer Cosby (from Louisville, "as cold-blooded a fish as I know in the army", Gen. Wotherspoon, and Henry Breckinridge (assistant secretary of war, Kentuckian) to appeal for help. Mentions Sue's good looks.
Ltr	10-Oct-1914	Charles Hudson	Sue Henning	Photocopy. Thank-you note for hospitality at Allen Dale. "I need not tell you that my life is a more than sad one and I do not know what I would do if I did not have you both (ref. to Susanne) as such dear friends."
Ltr	5-Mar-1915	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Asks Sue to contact cousin Frank Bell (in Texas, commander of 2nd Division, U.S. Army), who personally knew Ambassador Sharp. The secretary of General de Charette and a good friend, Pauline Muckenschuall is a German in France who has been called to concentration camps because of French suspicion of German spies in Paris. She had previously declined a call for all Germans to return to Germany by having an appeal approved by the French government, but that option is not available in this case. Susanne hopes that Bell might be able to talk the American Embassy into persuading France to allow Pauline to remain, or at least to return to Germany instead of being moved to a camp.
Telegram	13-Apr-1915	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	"Little girl arrived. Dear love from both."
Ltr	26-Oct-1915	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	You must know perfectly well I would have come to see you in America long ago, and certainly after Grandmamma's death if I had had the health or funds to do so. I don't think you quite realize the state my health has been in for a long time and the complications I have had after the birth of the child. If I had meant to neglect you I would not have chosen you to be the Godmother of the child. Little Susanne is getting on very well, she is frail of course, which is greatly accounted for by the premature birth.
Ltr	10-Sep-1917	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Expresses concern that her letters have not reached Sue. "I say nothing that could possibly be objectionable to the censor." Tony has been deemed by doctors unable to return to "the tanks" until the end of September as a result of an war injury. Susanne hoped to hear from Major Theo. Roosevelt after Sue gave him her address. She wishes to join the two societies of which Sue is a member: "The Colonial Dames" and "Daughters of the American Revolution."
Ltr	29-Oct-1917	Antoinette de Charette	Sue Henning	Sending several snapshots of the baby. She is well and getting prettier every day. Tony has returned from his post.
Ltr	30-Nov-1917	Antoinette de Charette	Sue Henning	Susanne [Jr.] is a darling. We see wonderful improvements in every day. Susanne is at Nice with her friend Murat. She does not like the country and likes to be near her doctor. I find her much better in health.

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Telegram	16-Jan-1918	Princesse Michel Murat	Antoinette de Charette	"Suzanne rougeole congestion des reins hors de danger amities" Refers to measles infection and kidney problem. Out of danger.
Ltr	23-Jan-1918	Antoinette de Charette	Sue Henning	Susanne has been very ill. Describes illness. Tony was himself in the hospital in Paris but was allowed to see his wife every day. I believe that she has met General Bell several times but he has not been very much help. As soon is able to be released[?] I am hoping that she will come to us here - your little granddaughter is very well and is very pretty.
Doctor's Report	27-Jan-1918			French report describing Susanne's condition (in French).
Doctor's Report	28-Jan-1918	C.J. Koenig		"The undersigned declares having examined the Marquise de Charette about a week ago, during an attack of measles, and having found a state of congestion in the lower lobe of the right lung. - C.J. Koenig P.S. the above condition will require great care and a sojourn in a mountainous climate."
Ltr		Antoinette de Charette	Sue Henning	My cousin Dr. Polk is quite right. She [Jr.] is a lovely little doll. Susanne tells me that she is well again at work for the American Soldiers and Sailors club. She very much enjoyed seeing Gen. Bell [Frank] and liked him very sincerely.
Exerpt	17-Mar-18	Lee Meriwether		Reproduced by Gen. Van Stockum on Meriwether's typewriter, 16-May-1959. Discusses Meriwether's visit to the American Soldiers and Sailors club in Paris. Exchange of words about Susannes allegiance to America. "Maybe the <u>law</u> "
Ltr	22-Apr-18	Antoinette de Charette	Sue Henning	Sorry not to have met Gen. Bell while he was over here. The war ... sorrow and misery. Far from the seat of the war, but hear news of dear young boys killed.
Ltr	15-May-1918	Susanne de Charette, Lee Meriwether	Sue Henning	From Susanne: Cousin L. [Lee] says the thing to do now is to have F.P. [Frank Polk?] cable the ambassador [Sharp] in Paris merely suggesting to him to investigate if I am not just the right person needed for <u>checking</u> War Relief Associations work, women's work, etc, saying he has heard I am o.k. for the work in question, which position requires a woman of tact speaking perfect French and knowing France thoroughly as I do. We have just had another air raid which took up most of the evening. From Lee: Repeats suggestion described by Susanne, says that a recommendation from F.P. will do the trick. The job is a clerkship, but not of the typewriting/bookkeeping type. "Susanne is looking well and beautiful - if I were 30 years younger or she 20 years older, I'd fall in love with her."
Ltr	14-Jun-1918	Howell (secretary to Frank Polk)	Sue Henning	"I regret to inform you that Mr. Polk is away ill. I have kept a copy of your enclosure to show to Mr. Polk."

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Telegraph transcription	??	Frank Polk	Sue Henning	Transcribed in Sue's handwriting on Allen Dale stationary: "Cable Suzanne to get French passport for herself and baby, and to present same for visa at Embassy in Paris. If there is any difficulty tell her to cable me and matter will be arranged as she is a French citizen. She has to secure a French passport. All we do is to visa passport. I am sure there will be no trouble. Telegraph me if I can be of any further assistance. - Frank Polk"
Newspaper article	3-Sep-1909	Courier Journal		Front page column. Photo of Marquis and Marquise with short caption. "... Arrived yesterday in Louisville (her birthplace) - first time in ten years. ... Just before outbreak of war she was planning to return home for a visit. ... April 16, 1916, 17 tanks started forward in the Rheims sector. 6 hours later only four of the tanks remained intact, and of the 130 men who started, 30 returned, one of them being the Marquis, who was seriously wounded. ... He probably will make a short visit to his mother's relatives."
Telegraph transcription	1919 - ?? prior to sailing date		??	"Have cable saying will sail with baby <u>immediately</u> if you can cable me eight hundred dollars - Will cable five hundred all I can send. Will you cable her three hundred. Will send you copy of cable in letter."
Ltr	5-Sep-1919	Marquis de Charette	Sue Henning	"Dear Mrs. Henning, Susanne has just told me something I am reported to have said as your reason for not approving of our marriage. I feel very much humiliated and want to make an absolute denial of anything in any way approaching the statement Susanne tells me was made by some distant cousin of mine in Louisville. As for the statement that Susanne planned our going to Europe I had already fixed everything and arranged about the chaperone for the trip when Susanne received my mother's invitation. I feel very humiliated and very sorry that such statements could ever have been made, and I beg you to accept my most sincere apology.
Ltr	9-Sep-1919	Sue Henning	Marquis de Charette	"Dear M. de Charette, It has been my sad lot to wait all these years hoping your <u> </u> conduct would <u> </u> all the pride for the protection of Susanne and your daughter your name should imply. Nothing less can impress me a gentleman is truly noble. I accept your apology contained in your letter of Sept 5th and with the deepest feeling I wish you the happiness true efforts always deserve. Very sincerely yours, Sue T. Henning"
Ltr	26-Oct-1919	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Discusses Susanne's leaving from Louisville to NY on the 12th and sailing back to Europe on the Savoie, which brought her to America, on the 19th. "It must strike you as amusing that it is you who are urging my Eastward flight this time! ... I want the baby to prolong her stay here as long as she can on Papa's account, who between ourselves I do not think <u>at all</u> well." Discusses Tony's \$50 debt to Dr. Kuiffler. "He wrote it down on the list of things to be paid in America as soon as he had any returns from his business."

LTR OR ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION
Ltr	15-Dec-19 19	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Written on Tony's business stationary.: "Agence Europeenne d'importation U.S.A." Susanne is finally leaving for the Basse Motte. "You have no idea how difficult conditions have become over here, impossible to get any servants to consent to go there for any price. ... Victorine is a great help to me." Discusses the best way to send money being to do so in dollars rather than Francs so that Susanne can exchange them when the rates are high. "I have quite gotten over the trip and am feeling very well and the baby also."
Ltr	15-Jan-19 20	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	"You cannot imagine how hard it has been and so tiresome to get properly settled here ... I found the house and everything in it in the most awful condition." Victorine was helpful and so were two Russian servants, but she had to fire a French one "because she was utterly useless." "When we got here everything seemed to be on strike ... the food problem is rather difficult so I now go in to St. Malo to do marketing ... the prices are terrible throughout France ... Who ever predicted that conditions of "apres guerre" would be worse than during the war said a true thing. ... I want to come over with the baby next summer and stay for the election in November. ... I received the Dec. cheque for 2000 fcs. ... The baby is simply delighted with the Libery bond, I explained it to her and she thanks you ever so much. "
Ltr	8-Feb-192 0	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	I have been expecting the 15th of Jan cheque since the first of the month somewhat impatiently so as to profit by the exchange which has been so high. I was so sorry to hear of Cousin Alice Huntington's death. On Wednesday past we had a mass said for the anniversary of my mother-in-law's death in the chapel here by Msr. Make[?] of St. Servan. I would like to have grandmamma Meriwether's name and alos my grandfather's put up in the chapel here. Today I took the "baby" to a tea party at Miniae. Poor Melle. Pauline has died in Germany. Miss Polk has arrived in Paris, I think it just as well you did not see her in America. The presidential election here has been a great surprise.
Ltr	7-Mar-192 0 ?	Marquis de Charette	Sue Henning	Addressed: "Dear Mother." My poor little Susanne is in a very bad way and the day I sent you the cable I thought that I was going to lose her. Susanne has a lesion of the heart and all her systems is so horribly run down that the doctors won't guarantee anything.
Telegram	7-Mar-192 0	Marquis de Charette	Sue Henning	"Specialist of heart seen Suzanne. Considers very serious. Must be taken in had immediately with all precautions. Please send me three thousand dollars by Cable American Express. Horribly unhappy. Letter follows. Love." Includes copy and handwritten transcript.
Ltr	4-Apr-192 0	Sue Henning	Marquis de Charette	Response to letter dated 7-Mar-1920. I have no money to give you and I sincerely regret being placed in a position to refuse you. In the last eleven years I have been left to do a man's work. Alone I have had to face the hard true facts of existence and work my way out as best I could. You will have to do the same. (Letter does not mention Susanne Jr.)

LTR OR ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION
Telegram	13-Aug-19 20	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	"Money recd safely have had great worries Tony business Would rather not explain by letter. Has now faithfully promised take us over August 28th if fails decided coming without him letter love Sue"
Telegram	27-Aug-19 20	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	"Have Tony's permission leave France with baby and want to take advantage of it at one if can cable me eight hundred in dollars manage present favorable exchange leave immediately love Susanne"
FOLDER #6				SOME OF SUE HENNING'S PAPERS - 1921-1933
Newspaper article	27-Feb-19 21			Titled: "Romantic Family Tree of the Daughter of Marquis and Marquise de Charette." Photos of Susanne, Tony, and Jr. Arrived in NY a few days ago. Describes family history, on both Meriwether/Allen and de Charette sides. Discusses Tony's war experience, mentioning severe wound to head in the tanks. Quotes Susanne as being proud of having ten generations on the same land (Allen Dale) and discussing exchange rate between France and U.S. "I have come to America so that my little daughter, Susanne, may have an opportunity of getting acquainted with her Kentucky relatives."
Newspaper article	14-Oct-19 20	Louisville Herald		Photocopy. Titled "To Tell Women Of Danger In The League of Nations" Photo of Susanne and caption: Susanne "will preside at the meeting for women at the Republican women's headquarters on Fourth avenue at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and will tell Louisville women the danger of the League of Nations from the view-point of one who has spent the last five years in war-torn France."
Newspaper article	26-Apr-21	Courier Journal		Photocopy. Titled "French Women 'Haven't a Thing On' American Sisters As Flirts, Says Marquis" Photo of Tony with article. Records Tony denying discussion of his war experience and instead discussing that of a friend, Captain Nungessor, a famous French aviator, hero of WWI. Mentions his occupation as "the European agent for two big machine companies in Knoxville, dividing his time between this country and Europe." Discusses his tank experience, stating that his tank was overturned and that he was wounded seven times in the war.
Ltr	14-May-21	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Written on Hotel Chatham, NY stationary. I could naturally take 10 minutes out of my time to write that I am exceedingly worried all the time. The letter written you by Tony which you returned to me is not in the least exaggerated I am sorry to say and it is of the utmost importance for the future that one of us or both should go over [to the Basse Mottel] and take things in hand. It is specially to my interest Tony having signed over the place to me.
Ltr	4-Jul-21	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Written from Washington. I want to be back in New York for the 7th when the Burghard case comes up, as you know Mr. Henry Sillcocks is looking after my interests in this affair. He was very highly recommended by Dr. MacKenzie.

LTR OR ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION
Ltr	20-Jul-21	Susanne Henning	Sue Henning	Written from New York. I found out from Aunt Lulie that you were at the Shelbourne at Atlantic city, I intended running down for a day and night to surprise you and see the baby but have been held down here consulting over important matters. Not that I am in any way dissatisfied with Mr. Sillocks, on the contrary, but I thought you might like me to have the legal opinion of some friend of yours concerning my affairs. Thanks very much for the enclosed check of \$175.
Ltr	13-Jul-31	Sue Henning	Eizabeth [Epps?]	Written from Paris. Discusses a visit in Paris from William[?]. He is gaining weight (which is good) but has sinus trouble. "It was quiet a treat to Baby Suzanne to be allowed to go to tea at a grown people's club as she has been brought up according to the French idea of a girl of 15, speak when spoken to. ... She is really pretty, graceful and am told she stands well in her classes with girls 2 years older than her. ... She is trying to make her degree in languages under the care of one of her schools of the St. Clothilde's nuns." Discusses Susannes' returning health and Tony's loss of an infected finger, and a trip of hers to Jersey.
Ltr	13-Aug-33	Marie Matheney	Susanne Henning	The passing of your mother was so unexpected and such a shock, that I can't realize that we can no more look forward to the pleasure of having her come to our home. The many beautiful and happy times, especially the years when Baby Susanne was there with us, your mother was so happy at that time. Mentions writeup about Sue in Jersey Bulletin of July 26th. Encloses two older letters (described next, dated 21-Jun-1924 and 3-Feb-1924) to be given to Baby Susanne.
Ltr	21-Jun-24	Sister Mary Sienna	Little Susanne	Written from Nazareth Academy. Gives thanks for hospitality at Allen Dale. "You must pray for 'Dovie' every day and also pray to the Blessed Virgin to take care of you while in France."
Ltr	3-Feb-24	Sue Henning	Marie Matheney	Describes Baby Susanne's recent First Holy Communion at Nazareth. She looked lovely and was radiantly happy in her devotion.
			FOLDER #5	SUSANNE JR.
Wedding Announcem ent	??	??	??	"Marquis and Marquise de Charette announce the marriage of their daughter Susanne to Mr. Charles Cotesworth Marshall, Jr. on July twenty-first Ninetenn hundred and thirty-five Shelbyville, Kentucky"
Telegram	??	Susanne Henning	Marquis de Charette	In French. Reaction to Susanne's marriage to Chunky Marshall. (Catholic ceremony 21-July-1935)
Interview Transcrip t	2-Jun-41			Program: "Woman's World" WRNL by Hendree Osbourne. Interview of Susanne Jr. Discusses her naturalization [She had been naturalized 15-July-1940.] She describes her French background and the Basse Motte. Describes her school days in Paris and in Switzerland. At the school in Switzerland she met German girls whose fathers were well known in Nazi politics, e.g. Isabel von Pappen. Describes Isabel as very attractive and says that her parents visited her often at school. Describes skiing, ice skating and mountain climbing. "The nuns were dears and were devoted to us and came with us on climbs."

LTR OR ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION
		FOLDER #8		ALLEN GENEALOGY - MRS. HUGH DAVID PARRY'S ORIGINAL MS.
Manuscript	Approx. 1920			Genealogy: "Allen Family of Frederick County, Virginia" by Mary Cousins McCabe Parry, 5611 Bartmer Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Original manuscript.
		FOLDER #3		SUE AND ALLEN DALE
Manuscript		Sue Henning		Titled "The Jersey Is the Gentleman's Cow." Describes pleasure of living in country as opposed to city. Discusses importance of cows on a farm, for providing milk and cream and beauty to the lawn. Describes the physical attributes of a good Jersey cow. They can produce two pounds of butter a day. Discusses her own herd, which she picked from the isle of Jersey herself, her success in exhibitions, and the upcoming National Dairy Show in Chicago on Dec. 2nd. References a photograph, which is missing.
Manuscript	28-Aug-19	May		
Letter for news release	21	Wilkinson Mount		Titled: "Emperor of Japan Asks American Woman to Teach Japanese Secret of Stature." Introduction discussing fact that Emperor of Japan has asked for advice and a visit from Sue Henning about breeding taller men. Her expertise in Jersey cattle breeding and home in a place where men are tall and sturdy make her knowledgeable about the matter. The body of the piece is a lengthy quote from Sue. It indicates that an important part of stature is the quality of soil in the area where food is produced. Of particular importance are lime and nitrogen, which can be placed in the soil by cultivating certain plants. Discusses the coincidence of geographical trends in America between soil quality and population stature. Conclusion discussing history of Allen Dale, including mention of Nicholas Meriwether, Anne Polk, John Allen, and Thorton Meriwether.
		FOLDER #9		SUE HENNING - EARLY CORRESPONDENCE
Ltr	2-Mar-1900	Jonathan E. Green	Sue Henning	Some antics of the Salmajundi Club, involving Davie and Duke. Mentions also: Col. Brown, General Preston, Dr. David Yandell, Bishop Dudley, Henry Watterson. "I am inclined to think that it will be a long time even in dear old Kentucky before such a crowd and such originality will again be in evidence."
Recipe	??			Old fashioned Pendennis Club Mint Julep recipe. From Sue Henning's files.

Significant Papers, Marquise de C.
Final Inventory Before Screening for Filson Gift
11-05-2006

[These were found in a pasteboard box in the Tile Barn in the Spring of 2005. They must have been moved from the main residence when Susanne and I moved to the Boarding House. Apparently this box contained papers accumulated while the Marquise and Aunt Lulie were living in NY – 400 Park Avenue, most of this time.]

Folder 10

ALLEN DALE FARM

1. Legal Papers Involving Allen Dale Farm – 22 Apr 1924 to 24 Aug 1949

Undated abstract of Richard Meriwether's Will from Will Book 33, page 623, Shelby County Clerk's Office. [Probated Aug 1871] Leaves his 95 acre farm near Christiansburg depot to his niece Sue T. Meriwether, daughter of his deceased brother Thornton. [This the property that was exchanged within the trust for the present "Meriwether Tract" of Allen Dale Farm.]

Agreement between Sue Henning and her mother, Marquise. Unsigned copy, dated 22 Apr 1924. A very important document contemplating that the Henry Circuit Court will hold that title in fee is vested in Sue Henning. This would be a contract preceding the judgement of Judge Marshall that Sue had fee interest, later overturned by the Court of Appeals. See Van Stockum, *Kentucky and the Bourbons*.

Empty, sealed manila envelope, registered in Shelbyville 11 July 1924. Of interest only because of the return address shows "Allen Dale Farms, A. F. Heinrich, Manager."

File of correspondence, 1935-36, involving the final settlement of the Godfroy & Holt claim. See *Kentucky and the Bourbons* for details.

Agreement, 27 Oct 1938, involving 6 Promissory Notes of Marquise, totaling \$900.

Delinquent Tax Notice requiring payment of \$5.10 by 26 Feb 1945.

Burke, Sehlinger & Burke, 7 Dec 1945, to Marquise. Involves shipment of Italian Marble, and complications concerning insurance.

Burke, Sehlinger & Burke, 5 Mar 1946, to Marquise. Assignment of Holt and Godfroy did not increase your interest in Allen Dale. Contains significant opinions. **"Our conclusion is the same as that of the Chancellor [Appeals Court?] that Madame de Charette has a life interest only with remainder to her children or their descendants."**

Burke, Sehlinger & Burke, 3 Apr 1946, to Marquise. To "Coz" and from "Coz." A personal handwritten note not dealing with legal matters.

Burke, Sehlinger & Burke, 24 Apr 1946, to Marquise. Involves petitions in equity by Marquise and answers by Susanne Marshall and J. Archie Bell, as Trustee and Agent. Petitions and Answers are not attached.

Bernard Davis, 7 June 1947. To Marquise. He assisted R. F. Matthews of Shelbyville in examining the title to the **67-acre [Meriwether] tract. Fee simple title in not vested in you**

and therefor you can not mortgage it. This letter explains in some detail Richard Meriwether's will in regards to this property and mentions the swap within the trust which converted 95 acres [in Christiansburg] to the 67 acres adjoining Allen Dale.

Burke, Sehlinger & Burke, 7 Oct 1947, to Marquise. Mentions small unclaimed bank account.

Marea Gardner [wife of Bill, the Squash "Tsar" of the Pendennis], 9 Apr 1948, to Marquise. Thanks for bottle of Scotch. [Marea has told me about her father's legal assistance to Marquise]

Burke, Sehlinger & Burke, 28 May 1948, to Marquise. Involves an interpretation of a clause in the 16 Apr 1910 codicil to the will of Marquis's grandmother Sally K. Henning [Widow of James W. Henning, Speed's partner]. It would involve the Trust and affect Marquise's inheritance. I have elsewhere a copy of this codicil, prepared when Marquise father had failed on Wall Street. [I wonder if our family properly benefited from this trust.]

Burke, Sehlinger & Burke, 24 Aug 1949, to Marquise. To "Coz" and from "Coz." A personal handwritten note not dealing with legal matters. Received your letter written. at sea [Ile de France]. This was the trip that Marquise and Lulie took about a month after our ^{Describe Cu} marriage. He refers to "you" and "Sarge" taking the trip. [He must use this as a nickname for ^{trip} Aunt Lulie, as Susanne and I had seen them both aboard.] [I have seen it in other letters.]

Folder 11

BASSE MOTTE

2. Basse Motte

Notarized French contract or statement of accounts with the "Jambu" stamp on it. 1928

Set of correspondence with Jambu, July 1929-1936.

Several undated French radiograms mentioning Jambu

Dateless French ltr to Marquise dealing with Jambu, signed "Renee"

Several ltrs written on scratch paper and hotel stationary dealing with Jambu. In French no date.

Money order from Jambu to the Marquise for \$4.55. 12 Jan 1936

Several French ltrs to the marquise with attached charts of accounts. Nov 1937

Long group of French correspondence to the Marquise mentioning the Basse Motte.

Attached are the Marquise's drafted responses. From a New York address, Aug 38 to Apr 39. Some signed by Jambu, most signed by Isbecque.

Ltr from the Marquise to Maitre Vivier mentioning the Basse Motte, Jambu, and Vaugru. 22 July 1939

Ltr from Puss [Artist Herbert William Ross] in Paris to Kit [Marquise] who was on a business trip to the Basse Motte. Aug 1939

2 Letters from attorneys in San Malo and Chateaufneuf to the Marquise. 9 Aug 1939

French ltrs dating Aug 1939 to the Marquise from Jambu, and others mentioning accounting issues with the Basse Motte.

Radiograms from the Marquise to Jambu. 20 Jul 1945.

Ltrs from Jambu to the Marquise. 18 July 1945, 23 Nov 1945

Cable transfer made by the Chemical Bank and Trust company to Jambu from the Marquise for \$205. 13 Dec 1945

Ltr to the Marquise mentioning the reconstruction of the Basse Motte (Just before departure on the Ille-de-France). 8 Oct 1949.

Folder 12

CHARETTE, MARQUIS (TONY)

3. Letters and Documents involving Marquis de Charette [Tony].

Ltr from Tony, 24 May 1930, to Marquise apparently describing "disastrous affairs" and explaining need for funds. Two promissory notes (very informal) signed by Tony in May and June 1930 are obviously associated with this request.

Ltr from Tony, 29 Dec 1931, to Marquise apparently asking for funds.

Ltr, 23 Dec 1937, Marcel Beurdeley, Avocat to Marquise, apparently referring to appearance in criminal court of Tony and to arrest and release and payment of attorney fees of 5,000 francs.

Ltr, 12 Aug 1939, from Tony using Red Cross stationery, Paris, to Marquise at Allen Dale. Mentions 200,000 francs. [WWII commenced 1 Sept 1939].

Ltr, 12 Dec 1939, from Valois and Loeb, advocats in Paris to Marquise at Allen Dale. Pleased to acknowledge receipt of your ltr of 2 Nov 1939, to learn of your safe arrival in NY.

Ltr, 12 Jan 1940, from Tony in French, using Red Cross stationery, Paris, to Marquise at Allen Dale. Involves urgent legal matters.

Ltr, 15 Feb 1940 from Tony using Red Cross stationery, Paris, to Marquise at Allen Dale. Mentions need to write "Junior [Later, Susanne Van Stockum]." These last two letters mention need to contact attorneys and especially to contact the "Monseigneur." Originated in wartime Paris, they may contain bits of historical information.

"Sad news from France." A hand-written note informing the recipient that Tony had died in France on "21 Oct 1947 of peritonitis following an operation." Envelope associated with this document bears the notation: "Marquise de Charette Nimes Gard Jean-Jean." [Preserved by Marcelle Jean-Jean, Tony's second wife, who was so quietly proud of Tony and the Charette family and had given us his remaining family documents and letters.]

CHARETTE, MARQUISE

4. Astrology

A file of correspondence from July 1944 (or earlier) to 19 Jan 1950 dealing with Astrology, including a personal analysis labeled #3237, apparently for Marquise. It is difficult to identify dates on all these documents because there are so many dates given, apparently with significance in Astrology. [Note: Marquise was interested in palmistry at an early age, as described on page 76 of Van Stockum, KY & B. Hitler palm print.]

5. ^{A114} **Auto-Rental**

Bills from several different limousine rental companies: Lipton Rental Service, Inc. and A A Auto Service, Inc. Dates range from 30 Nov 1944 to 1 Apr 1950. Also includes A A Auto Service's business card. These are of interest in connection with the life style of Marquise and Aunt Lulie while living in NY. In late 1948 and early 1949, on occasions, Susanne and I would be taken to the theater by Aunt Lulie and the Marquise. Rather than take a taxi a few blocks Aunt Lulie always arranged for a limousine.

6. ^{A15} **Fishing**

Marquise was an avid fisherman. I believe her fishing was mainly in upper New England and Canada. Here are found a few documents 1941 to 1950, including some snapshots. Includes an interesting certificate from the "Wheel and Reel" Club.

7. ^{A16} **Marquise - Miscellaneous correspondence (1930-1949)**

Correspondence of Marquise, 16 June 1930 to 15 Oct 1936 with F. Buisson, Ameublement [Furniture], Tapissier [Tapestry]. Probably involves interior decoration of her apartment at 32 rue Raynouard, Paris XVI.

Ltr of 21 Apr 1932 from Marquise to unidentified recipient that may contain important family information. I noted reference to the death of Princess Helena Murat, evidently a great friend [mon amie intime], and to Ross's accident.

Receipt, dated 25 May 1932 for payment of a fee to obtain expedited copy of marriage contract between Tony and Marquise. [Reason for wanting this could be anticipation of divorce or plans to take action involving la Basse Motte.]

Ltr of 1 Feb 1934 from Marquise to unidentified recipient. "I am back from the U.S.A. after a very harrowing journey which Mr. Ross wrote you about." [This would have been the trip initiated in 1933 to the bedside of Sue T. Henning who died 12 July 1933 a couple of days after her arrival.

Correspondence, 1936, in French involving a cemetery for dogs.

Ltr in pencil, undated, from Rebecca Polk, Antoinette's sister, at a "clinique medicale" in France to Marquise at Weissinger-Gaulbert in Louisville. Asks again that she send \$500 for Mathilda. I am ill and would like to know that this bill has been paid while I am still here.

Draft of Ltr, undated, but perhaps 1940, from Marquise at Marlborough-Blenheim in Atlantic City to Aunt Rebecca at the clinic. Don't worry. Mathilda must have forgotten the talk I had with her in the attorney's office. Practically all my income goes to pay for notes that have been signed for my lawyers. Between now and 1941 things should improve. I shall try then to help Tony pay the interest he owes to Mathilda until the total is paid.

Ltr, 7 Apr 1948, from Rebecca Polk [Antoinette's sister] in Paris to Marquise in NY. Rebecca was elderly at this date and it is difficult to read her writing even though it is in English. Mentions "La Contrie" and family matters. She is concerned about contact between kinfolk.

Drafts of letters – or copies – made during the trip of Marquise and Aunt Lulie to France, which began in Sept 1949. Susanne and I had put both of them on board in New York and hurried off before Ile-de-France sailed. [Passports for this trip are found elsewhere in this collection of papers.] Primary purpose of this trip may have been to settle some affairs concerning la Basse Motte.

Ltr, 9 May 1950 to Marquise from Mrs. A. W. Smith, Syosset, New York. Addressed to “Dear Darling” and enclosing photos of climbing in the Alps in July and Aug 1900. One is identified as “Mortersh.” [Marquise had climbed in the alps in 1902 at the age of 14, had ascended La Diavolezza and descended by Morteratsch Gracier. See Van Stockum, KY & B, p. 75-76.] Could the lady in the photo be Marquise on an earlier trip? Could the writer, Mrs. Smith, be “her maid, Usinger?” “Fifty years ago we made the mountains in long skirts.”

8. File of business and personal correspondence 26 Jan 1938 to 28 Aug 1949.

Significant papers include:

50 s of Louisville Cement at \$20 a share, dated 24 Feb 1938. [If this has not been cashed based on an affidavit, and is still valid, it might be valuable. Inheritance can be documented. Louisville Cement was bought out about 20 years ago.] **[Withheld pending investigation.]**

Photostat of Marquise’s application for a Prudential Insurance policy, dated 26 Jan 1938. She shows the cause of her mother’s death as apoplexy and shows her father dying in 1925 at age 60 of diabetes. [I had not realized that he died so young. Susanne had vague memories of seeing him in an unresponsive state.]

Travelers insurance Accident Policy, 28 March 1939.

Ltr of 1 Nov 1944 that mentions the taxes on 130 West 45th Street.

Several pieces of medical correspondence and prescriptions. Marquise: 1942-47.

Group photo of ladies, perhaps in a wedding, which includes Marquise (in red). Printed 21 Oct 1943. Could this have been Louise Park Marret’s first wedding?

Two envelopes, one containing only negatives. One contains a couple of prints of Marquise in a group. The other contains negatives only, largely of a young woman in a swim suit. More likely to be Louise Park than Susanne Van Stockum. No dates.

Installment on Marquise’ estimated tax – 1949.

1948 Income Tax Statement from Citizens Fidelity, Louisville.

Ltr from Charles Loeb, attorney in Paris to Marquise at Hotel des Ambassadeurs, Paris. Indicates that she was in Paris at outbreak of WW II.

Ltr of 28 August 1949 from her good friend Margaret Cohalan, wife of a prominent Judge.

Ltr from unidentified friend at Syosset, Long Island. Inquires if Susanne [Jr]’s husband [Chunky] is going into Army or Navy.

Notes on scraps of paper. Seem to involve artists, including Miro.

9. File of personal letters, many involving social events.

One gets the impression that Marquise had a host of loving friends and must have given some memorable parties [like her daughter]. The earliest identifiable date is 11 Aug 1938; the latest, 19 Mar 1950. Undated items are placed in the back of the folder. It contains nothing of historic or family interest so far as I can determine. *Irish Letter*

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10. Other papers from zipped leather folder:

Envelope, dated 21 June 1937, marked "Important for next trip to Paris." Contains cancelled checks in francs.

Letter to Archie Bell, dated 29 May 1939, from Kentucky Growers Insurance Co. stating premium on the log dwelling [Ernest Powell's Log cabin that burned later] of \$13.50 has not been paid.

Copies of two letters from Marquise in Paris, one dated 29 July 1939, to Jambu and another Maitre involving la Basse Motte.

Copies of two letters, dated 31 Aug and 1 Sept 1939 apparently relating to legal matters involving Jambu and la Basse Motte.

Exchange of telegrams in September and Oct 1939 between Aunt Lulie in U. S. and Marquise in France. These involve urgent need for funds in France.

Ltr, from Mrs. C. C. Marshall [Wife of Shelby Circuit Judge and mother of Chunky Marshall, first wife of Susanne Van Stockum] in Shelbyville, dated 16 Aug 1939 to Marquise in Paris. Distressed at death of Ralph Gilbert. Friends thought "he had it won." This letter confirms my hunch that **Mrs. Marshall called her home "Wyoming."** Return address on envelope is "Wyoming, Taylorsville Road and above it is written "Mrs. Chas C Marshall." Letter is signed "Betty" like the others.

Fidelity and Trust Co. Statements June through Nov 1939. Of significance because they indicate Marquise was in Shelbyville part of this time and that she wrote **checks to Ernest and Carrie Powell, which are endorsed and in this envelope.**

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THE HENNING FAMILY

11. Correspondence with members of the Henning family (23 June 1932 to 28 Dec 1949) [There are other earlier letters in this file that are undated and can be dated only in the context of the text – which can be time-consuming]

The Henning family is one of those that contributed significantly to the development of Louisville. Some of these accomplishments are mentioned in brief in Van Stockum. *Kentucky & Bourbons*. I believe that Reggie has the Stanton Henning genealogy. Charles P. Stanton, a New York stockbroker, recently deceased, was married to Judy, one of the daughters of Jim and Josephine Henning. I recall nearly 30 years ago accompanying him with Julia in a survey of the Dobbs cemetery.

Significant letter, undated except for "June 23rd" [but proved to have been written in 1932] to Marquise from Lulie. This letter is **important historically** because it reflects the "belt-tightening," even in prominent and wealthy families during the **Great Depression**. She had just joined "your Aunt Julia and Henrietta" at Galen Hall, Atlantic City. "After graduating

at Yale, Basil came yesterday to rest 2 days before joining his Glee Club in N.Y. where they sail Friday night; they give their first concert in Paris.” [From the internet I find that Basil had been Master at Saybrook College, Yale, and there is “32” after his name. That would indicate that this letter was written in 1932. Susanne Van Stockum, as a young lady, had heard Basil and the Yale Glee Club in Paris and recalled for me that Basil was the most handsome man she had seen. She was 17 in 1932.]

[At this point I called Joan Henning Todd, divorced some years ago, daughter of Jim Henning. She says her dad, brother of Basil, was three years older and had graduated from Yale in 1929. That establishes this as being a letter written in 1932. Also, Joan reminds me that her grandmother, wife of Samuel C. Henning, had been Julia Duke Blackburn. Thus the many references to “Aunt Julia” in many of these letters probably refer to her and not to cousin “Julia Henning,” sister of Jim, Basil and Henrietta. Joan says that both Julia Duke Blackburn and her daughter Henrietta had died in the 1960’s, the latter of diabetes.]

In the same letter Lulie writes “...everything depends on finances – I have *never known* such a critical condition in all my life.” In my present condition I cannot give you more than \$300 a month.

Ltr of 8 Jan 1942 from Alison, Basil’s wife, to Marquise, enclosing a note from Aunt Julia [not significant]

Postcard, 9 Apr 1942. From Henrietta to Marquise.

Pencilled draft, undated, from Marquise to Henrietta [Not significant]

Ltr, 31 Jan 1944 from [Ale’onore] in French to Diane.

Christmas note, undated, but probably 1944 or 1945, from Henrietta to Marquise. Closes with: “I am still drawing soldiers for U.S.O, etc. The hospitals are so tragic and sad.”

Henrietta, undated, to Marquise, “thanks for . . . getting my paintings exhibited for Franco-Amer.Relief.”

Letter, Christmas Eve [1946?] from Henrietta to Marquise. Had Christmas dinner at Jim’s [Henning] and mentions Judy and Joan [Jim’s children]. Jim and Jo leaving Anchorage for a new home in the Highlands. Mentions “Julia’s and my” exhibit at the Arts Club.

Mentions Junior’s baby [Michele, born 23 July 1946].

Ltr, 1 January, from Josephine Henning, Jim’s wife, to Marquise. [Not significant]

Ltr, undated, from Miss Julia Duke Henning to Marquise, giving details of ceremony after death of Mme Valet, who must have been very popular in society and in artistic circles.

Note, undated, to Marquise, from Mrs. S. C. Henning [Mother of Jim Henning (?)]

Note from Alison, 18 Dec 1944 to Aunt Lulie and Marquise

Postcard from Julia, 29 Nov 1944, to Marquise.

Letter, 20 Mar 1945, from Jim Henning to Lulie, involving a business transaction.

Letter from Henrietta, 4 June 1945 to Marquise. Visiting Basil and Alison in Old Lyme, apparently with her mother, Julia Duke Blackburn Henning. So pleased with Basil’s baby. “I have not started my U. S. O. portraits-sketches of soldiers and sailors yet again, but they want it as of last summer.”

Ltr Aunt Julia, 2 Oct 1945, in Old Lyme to Marquise in NY. Suggest week of October 12 for your visit. Mentions Mrs. Malone who was on Capri when you were there. Basil had been associated with her son this summer in Aviation Combat Intelligence.

Ltr Henrietta, 21 Feb 1946, to Marquise in NY. Writes in detail about her paintings, including plans to sell them, etc. Is discouraged with the size of her doctor and pharmacy bills. "Julia took over most of my Red Cross work." An **important** ltr; several prominent Louisville residents mentioned.

Ltr Henrietta, 23 Mar 1947, to Marquise in NY. An **important** ltr., including mention of prominent Louisville families. Poor Mme Vallet died a half hour ago. Julia [senior or junior?] taken to the hospital two days ago. [The letter seems to indicate that she was near death and this must refer not to cousin Julia but to her mother Julia Duke Blackburn.] There is a nurse shortage so Madelaine Vaughn, Harriet Collis and other friends are helping out.

Ltr Julia, 3 Apr 1947, to Marquise in NY. Another **important** ltr like the previous two. It indicates the involvement of this prominent and learned family in the arts and in charities, including relief for French orphans. Mentions plans for a memorial for Mme Vallet.

Ltr Henrietta, 30 June 1949, in Old Lyme, to Lulie in NY. "How nice it is about Junior [Susanne. This was two weeks after our marriage]. Mother [J. D. Blackburn?] has recovered from her abscessed tooth.

Ltr Julia, 10 Nov 1949, in Old Lyme, to Marquise in NY. Mentions painting.

Ltr Julia, 18 Nov 1949, in Old Lyme, to Marquise in NY. Bronchitis. Won't be able to get in Sunday.

Ltr Julia, 4 Dec 1949, in Louisville, to Marquise in NY. Mentioned delightful afternoon I spent with you. Had visited Princeton and heard a slide show about Greece by an archeologist.

Ltr Henrietta, 28 Dec 1949, in Louisville, to Marquise in NY. Mother [Blackburn] had her bridge group. At 25 [or 20?] I danced till 3 am every nite and loved it." Settling down to paint a picture. Prizes look so wild [for modernistic art]. Julia has a sketch class and will resume her sculpture.

12. Some correspondence between Aunt Lulie Henning (Oney) and Marquise. [1936-1948]

These few letters are difficult to date because the year is frequently not given. One refers to the sudden death of Ralph Gilbert, Shelbyville attorney, and former County Judge. [Ltr. Carlile Bell, 31 July 1939, enclosed clippings reporting death of Ralph Gilbert]

13. A separate folder containing correspondence of Marquise and Aunt Lulie in late 1939 and early 1940.

[Most seem to have been received during the time that the Marquise was at Norton Infirmary, having broken her arm in a fall.]

Bulletin and notices of The Arts Club, Louisville.

Announcement from Bothane, apparently occupied at the time by Guillemette's family, of the marriage of someone in the family.

A package of letters to Marquise, in 1939 and 1940, mostly in Jan 1940 addressed to Norton's Infirmary expressing concern about Marquise' fall.

Telegram of 2 Jan 1940 from Susanne in Richmond to her mother at the Norton Infirmary, expressing concern about her cast.

Letter from Susanne at Berry-Burk Co, Richmond, to her mother, dated 8 Jan 1940. Mentions her riding: "I rode yesterday and Goldstick [was very] frisky."

Letter to Marquise, dated 2 Jan 1940, from Betty at Wyoming, Taylorsville Road, Shelbyville. Had put little Susanne on the train today. It was such a blessing she could be here with you. . . . She is a precious child." [Betty was Mrs. Marshall, wife of long-time Circuit Court Judge Charles Marshall. She called her home "Wyoming." She was a very close family friend – of Sue Henning, of the Marquise and of Susanne, Jr. She was the mother of Chunky Marshall, Susanne Van Stockum's first husband.

Letter to Marquise, dated 26 Jan 1940, from Betty at Wyoming. "The Judge [Marshall?] had a letter from Chunky. Mr. Polk is coming to Richmond and they hope to get the papers through pretty quick by now. [Undoubtedly Frank Polk and perhaps involved Susanne's citizenship. Susanne had told me of having to go to Canada and reenter the U. S.]

Letter to Marquise, dated 4 Jan 1940, from Cousin Henrietta [Henning, Julia's sister] in Philadelphia. Mentions "you hurt them [arms] once before mountain climbing." Describes her visit to New York with her mother. Mentions painting.

Letter to Marquise, 18 Jan 1940, at Norton Infirmary from Lisle Hanna, Betsy Schmidt's mother. Mentions Carlile [Lisle's sister?] and Archie Bell. Going to Mrs. Marshall's for luncheon. Mentions her husband Will Hanna and his warehouse.

Letter to Marquise, 28 Dec 1939, at Weissinger-Gaulbert Apartments, from Charlotte [possibly Archie Bell's daughter, as she mentions Dad and Carlile leaving for FL.] in Eminence. Not aware at this time of Marquise's hospitalization. **"It must have been a consolation to know you were able to return to France again before the outbreak. I feel that Europe will never again be or look the same after this disaster. It's almost impossible for those of us here to comprehend."**

14. ^{A123} Envelope, 7 Aug 1939, containing letters sent from Aunt Lulie at Marlborough Blenheim, Atlantic City to Marquise c/o American Express, Paris. Included inside:

Ltr Carlile Bell, dated 29 June 1939(?). Mrs. Luce gave a lunch for her daughter Margaret Bryan. I rode out with Mrs. Marshall. Contains mostly social info but does describe Keen Johnson opening his campaign for governor in Shelbyville. "Courting Box" collapsed – no one hurt.

Ltr. Carlile Bell, 31 July 1939 enclosing clippings reporting death of Ralph Gilbert, candidate for Lt. Gov. and defeat of Judge Marshall by 13 votes. He had been five times Circuit Judge in the Twelfth District.

Ltr Carlile, 8 Aug 1939, enclosing news clipping showing Keen Johnson ahead of John Young Brown for Democratic nomination for governor. Writes about sad news involving Judge Marshall. [Involving his defeat for reelection]. Social activity.

Two notices, dated 12 July 1939, involving some sort of civil action at Chateaufneuf, involving veuve(?) of Charles Antoine de Charette.

Ltr. From Mathilde, dated 10 Aug. 1939 to Marquise in Paris. Describes her travels in the French countryside and efforts to learn French.

Ltr 1 August 1939, from Fidelity and Columbia Trust in Louisville, forwarding \$1,000 to Marquise, at request of Lulie Henning.

MICHEL GEORGES-MICHEL

15. Michel Georges-Michel

Telegram 23 Dec 1935(?), Georges-Michel in Paris to Marquise at 400 Park Ave. "Happy Christmas." [This date is questionable. I don't believe that Marquise was in 400 Park that year.]

Ltr, 19 Feb 1945, Juanita Marbrook to Marquise in NY. Georges-Michel had written her about "**Masterpieces of Modern Painting.**" She had bought the book and **thanks Marquise for the wonderful translations.**

Ltr, 19 Aug 1945, Georges-Michel in NY to Marquise in Belport, Long Island. Addressed "Dear Sultane," He encloses a sheet containing typewritten verse, headed "Le Daimio." Possibly an entry for their joint literary work. **Covering letter, in French, is embellished with crayon drawings of Turkish figures. Another example of informal creations by her artist friends.**

Ltr 7 Jan 1946 congratulating Marquise for her "translations, or rather adaptations." [This referred to the book jointly authored by Marquise and Michel.]

Confirmation, 31 Dec 1948, of telegram from Marquise in NY to Georges-Michel in Paris. "Thank you for your letter and Happy New Year." **Signed "Sultane."**

Five letters addressed to Suzy, in apology, and signed by Michel [**Michel Georges Michel**]. They are in English and make no mention of paintings. He mentions seeing the Marquise's good friend of Pee Wee Valley, artist Herbert William Ross, called "Pussy."

16. Michel Georges-Michel – Draft of literary work with captions in French.

With captions in English and French, obviously associated with the work of famous French painters. This draft may have been the one for the joint publication by Marquise de Charette and Michele Georges-Michel of which there is a copy elsewhere in my files. [Also a copy may be found in the U of L Art Library.]

PRINGUE, GABRIEL

17. Correspondence with Gabriel Pringue.

Pringue was an uncle of Guillemette Dunoyer de Segonzac, an old school friend of Susanne's. He included in his book, "30 Ans de Diners en Ville," a chapter "La Marquise de Charette." [see quotes in Van Stockum, KY and B, pp. 179-81 and 243-44.] I believe I have a copy of his book in French. In any case, the quotations in my book present an appraisal of the character and behavior of a most remarkable woman. To appreciate fully the Marquise, despite all her financial and personal problems, it is necessary to read Pringue's characterization.

Two letters from Pringue to Marquise, [addressed to: "My very dear Suzanne" and "Tres adorable Suzanne," and dated 11 Aug 1939 and 12 Aug 1939. He wrote both these letters from "Preval," his beautiful home on the outskirts of Dinan. After his death Guillemette inherited this house and lived there for a time until moving permanently to Bothane, near Quimperle. He mentions his brother Boisanger, whose letters follows.

Ltr, dated 22 Nov 1949, from Pringue Boisanger [Perhaps Gabriel's brother] in Quimperle to Marquise in NY

ROSS, HERBERT

18. A folder that largely involves Herbert William Ross (AKA "Uncle Pussy"), most dated 1936. Ross was an accomplished painter from Pee Wee Valley, KY.

Sketch of Marquise on a napkin that seems to be a good likeness.

Two copies of printed programs, in English, for an exhibit of portraits by Ross at The Arts Club [Louisville] 14-18 Dec 1935. [Elsewhere I have found an announcement from "The Arts Club" postmarked Louisville.] Included on the program: Mrs. Charles Marshall, J. Archie Bell, Mrs. Meriwether (Copied from an Old Portrait), Guillemette de Chauveau [later Dunoyer], Marquise de Charette, **Mademoiselle de Charette [later Susanne Van Stockum]**, Capris, Salon des Artistes Francais, 1931. This is the one we have on postcards which is reproduced in Van Stockum, *Kentucky and the Bourbons*. These portraits seem all to be of friends or relatives of Marquise.

Arts Club Bulletin, November 1936

Penciled Note: "In case of accident please take the bearer Herbert William Ross to the Beekman Tower 3 Mitchell Place 49th St and 1st Ave NYC and notify Marquise de Charette same address."

Penciled note from Ross to an insurance company, indicating that he is landing in the US on 19 January 1937.

Penciled note to Ross about not leaving Chata [the cat] in the apartment.

2 Bills for Chata.

Penciled note to "Puss" from Marquise in Brest, undated: Gaby [Gabriel Pringue] and I have talked it over and plan to say for 24 hours to see the places around here.

French National Lottery Ticket – 1934.

1936 Correspondence with Joseph Lazarus, threatening to sue for \$27.40. "American Country Club of France vs. You."

File Folder of correspondence involving shipment to France of Mr. Ross's automobile. Includes telegrams and letters of Marquise. "A Merry go Round"! Mr. Ross seemed to have difficulties with motor cars!

French ltr to "Madame" dated 12 Sept 1939.

Ltr to Marquise, 18 April 1932, from Capri, inquiring: "Are you not coming to Capri, you and Mr. Ross.?" Reports death of Princess Murat, a great friend of Marquise, 1943. [Whose portrait by Ross had been exhibited at the Louisville Arts Club in 1935, see above.]

Confusing Ltr from Archie Bell, 4 April 1942, [written by Carlile Bell] to Susanne [Marquise] enclosing a ltr from Mrs. Gertrude Ross of Pewee Valley, KY, dealing with the removal of Ross's personal effects from Allen Dale. Also mentions storage of property of Marquise in France, under Ross's name.

Ltr to Marquise from Ross, dated 24 Oct. 1944. Deals with sales of paintings and laments upon the problems of being a painter: "It is certainly expensive and troublesome sometimes to be this kind of artist."

Undated letter from "Dr. A" (presumably Ross) to "Bunny" discussing some paintings he sold. [Often times in the correspondence among people of this class, nicknames were used– and the same individual might have several!]

A French ltr to Ross with an attached bill of some sort. 20 Oct 1933 and postcard.

Return Receipt for Ross at 1014 3rd St., Louisville, 23 Dec 1937.

Envelope containing Mr. Ross' bills, receipts, etc, especially those involving hotels and restaurants. *1930's Hotel Brochevny, Paris - Hotel Regina De Passy*

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STAUFFER, DR. PIERRE

19. Ltrs from Dr. Pierre Stauffer, Bern: from 1931 to 26 Jan 1933. Dr. Stauffer is pressing for payment for his services to Marquise and to Ross. However, he must have been a great friend and his statements are accompanied by friendly notes, one indicating that Marquise must have gone on a climb with him recently. References to "splints." I have remarked elsewhere in this document that Dr. Stauffer may have been the doctor that Marquise had called "Dr.Sawbones." His notes are worthy of further attention.

WORLD WAR II

Marquise Susanne Henning de Charette and New York Society Ladies on the Home Front

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20. WWII – General

“Certificate of Registrar” in the name of the Marquise with attached war ration stamps. 4 May 1942.

Seemingly anonymous French paper titled “Quelques Pages Sublimes de Lacordaire sur le Droit Divin des Peuples a L’indépendence.” No date.

Ltr from Mildred Belileu to the Marquise thanking her for her help in a French Class. Attached is a picture of that small class. 25 Sept 1944. Stamp says “Win the War.”

Postcard wartime report from Private V. Marsau of Fort Georges Meade, Maryland written in French to the Marquise. 30 Nov 1944.

Ltr from A. W. Smitty to the Marquise lamenting Bastille Day of 1944 during which France was still occupied. 15 July 1944

Invitation addressed to “Miss Majorie Charette” to a meeting of the Thomas More Study Club during which a priest will discuss the topic of “Just What Is Communism.”

A group of 1939 letters just before the start of the war and just after it began in September 1939. Includes a letter from “Oney” [Aunt Lulie Henning] to Marquise describing some activities of Louisvilians, including mention of the home of W. L. Lyons, Jr. being burned to the ground.

Ltr from Charles Loeb, Parisian Lawyer, to Marquise anticipating her future visit to Paris. Included is an explanation of certain French laws concerning the rights of mobilized men. 13 Sept 1939.

French Newspaper *Le Temps* dated 8 Oct 1939, filled with war news, including relations with the USSR and speeches by Hitler.

Ltr dated 23 Nov 1942 from “Leota” to the Marquise discussing the war, hopes for victory, and descriptions of wartime Louisville. She compliments the Marquise on the unselfish effort she has given to the war. Enclosed is the program for the 16 November 1942 performance by the Louisville Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Robert Whitney, including list of patrons.

Ltr inviting Marquise to a New York University French Club Meeting, dated 26 Jan 1943. Advertises a lecture by Antoine de Saint-Exupery “before his departure for North Africa” (war reference?)

Letter from “Coz” of “Tinchler and Sehlinger, attorneys” to “Coz” (Marquise) replying to a Birthday card she sent to the writer. Letter describes the state of the war on 21 July 1943.

1944 wartime clippings

Copy of a letter (25 May 1944) from governor of New York, Thomas Dewey, to Mrs. Edwin Koehler, Vice Pres. of the Irvington House, congratulating her on the celebration of her organization’s 25th birthday. Apparently the Irvington House was a sanatorium treating and researching rheumatic fever in “underprivileged youngsters.”

Newspapers clippings collected by the Marquise making important references to the shape of the war.

(Mission to Moscow letter)
Articles dealing with Communism and an article about the “white race” and its loss of power due to the war. Articles about Argentina becoming a place of refuge for Germans & Hitler

Unsent application for war rations

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21. WWII – Misc.

Handwritten chart of accounts for the Music Box Canteen, showing contributions.

Reminder of meeting of the Dixie Club of New York. 18 Jan 1945.

Invitation to a cocktail party whose proceeds will go to the needy children of France.

Invitation to “a lecture by Count Jehan de Noue on his experiences with the B.E.F. at Dunkirk.” 30 Apr

Brochure requesting donations for relief packages through the Hudson Shipping Co.

Certificate indicating the Marquise’s membership in the Police Athletic League.

Several report cards of war pledges

Postcard informing the Marquise of a “Music Boy Canteen” meeting. 10 Sept 1942

Check for one dollar to the Musee Box Canteen

Request for donation to the Russian War Relief. 29 Dec 1942

Ltr from “Betty” to the Marquise, 30 Apr 1943. Arranged for two boys around 4 pm [entertain 2 soldiers].

A donation of a ticket to a V. F. W. Ball to the Marquise from Maitland Smith. 26 Nov 1943.

Ltr from Spencer Auguste to Mrs. Theodore Revillon apparently denying a request for a donation since he has recently given “the sum of five thousand dollars to the Boy Scouts of America.” 11 Dec 1943

Ltr in French to the Marquise. 4 May 1944, involving Le “Russian War Relief.”

Ltr from Helen Smith to the Marquise. 7 Feb 1945, inviting her to join the Citizens’ Committee of the Army and Navy.

Ltr in French to the Marquise on letterhead titled “Helpers of the Holy Souls.” 22 Apr 1945

Statement of Subscription and Payment to the United Hospital Fund of New York, to the Marquise dated 7 June 1945.

Invitation to a reception to General Charles de Gaulle held by Mayor LaGuardia at City Hall on 27 Aug 1945.

Request for payment for tickets to the Marquise from Marie Kaufman. 26 Mar 1948 – A French-American Committee.

Un-mailed ltr to Samuel Barlow, dated 8 January, from Marquise at 400 Park Avenue, involving support of “Fighting French Relief, Inc.”

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22. WWII – Air Wardens

Certificate of Qualification, City of NY Air Warden Service, February 1942. Marquise as Deputy Sector Commander.

Misc notes concerning Air Warden Training.

Undated “Express Reports” describing several practice incidents involving bombs and fires along Madison and Park Avenues.

Minutes for a Sector 8 Air Warden meeting held on 20 May, no year mentioned.

The Marquise's Air Warden Arm Band.

Undated "Express report" for "an official practice incident," probably conducted during the Marquise's training

The Marquise's Air Warden Address Booklet.

Notes, scratch paper, and possibly a test for the Marquise's First Aid class.

Document explaining the duties of the Fire Watch and a short informational article titled "The Awful Truth About 'War Work'" by Arnold Bennett. Attached is ltr to Marquise. 27 Apr 1942

Ltr promoting the Marquise to the position of Air Warden Captain. Attached is a first aid quiz and a list of Captain's duties. 8 May 1942. Also included is a letter congratulating her for her accomplishments in the Fire Watch division and presenting her with an arm band identifying her as an Air Warden

Ltr to the Marquise concerning Air Warden Volunteers. Attached are volunteer responses. 2 Sept 1942

Ltr from Sector Commander Herbert A. Birks to the Deputy Sector Commanders of Sector 8 (Marquise included) informing them of the threat of "#3 Robot Bombs" and the preparatory measures being taken. 9 Dec 1944.

Postcard informing the Marquise that she had been assigned as "Officer of the Day... at the Musee Box Canteen." 4 Nov 1942

Ltr from the Air Warden Service's Sector Commander informing the Marquise of a "final meeting of Sector 8" in the hope of "liquidating Sector affairs." 19 May 1945

Ltr from Laurie Brown to the Marquise, both Air Wardens, thanking her for a dinner and bidding her farewell. Party was apparently celebrating the end of the war and the end of the Air Warden Service as it was no longer needed. 31 May 1945.

Form from the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office seeking volunteers in the Manhattan area. It is not filled in but is covered in notes.

Note from an individual accepting air warden duty.

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23. WWII - French War Efforts

List of the members of the Committee of Franco-American C. for War Victims. Includes many titled ladies.

French ltr to the Marquise from someone with the Association des Dames Francaises. 13 Nov 1939.

Subscription requests for the Broadcasts of French Thought, a radio program with the purpose of "the diffusion of the most representative aspects of French culture." Attached are several French letters. 18 June 1942.

Ltr from the Coordinating Council of French Relief Societies informing the Marquise of several fund raising concerts. 7 January 1943.

Ltrs from the French Canteen thanking the Marquise for her donations. 2 Dec 44, 16 Dec 44 and 6 Jan 1945.

Long set of letters dealing with the "American Aid to France, Inc." 22 Oct 1946.
Significant policy matters discussed.

A disclaiming ltr from Elizabeth Carmalt to "Colette" concerning "the funds for nine Catholic students sent by the Aide Alliee". 7 Nov 1946.

Ltr of resignation from the Paris Committee by Elizabeth Carmalt. Cites reasons for resignation as the false opinions of her held by the citizens of the US and France. 11 Nov 1946.

The two letters, above, from Elizabeth Carmalt, are of significance, for they reflect a deep-seated antipathy of many in France, especially the De Gaulists, and the U.S. regarding the French Underground and French Resistance in General. It was considered by the more conservative elements in France, including our good friends Jean-Michel and Guillemette Dunoyer de Segonzac, that these movements had been taken over by the Communists. [See: Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre, *Is Paris Burning.*]

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24. WWII – National War Fund

Signed, but uncompleted War Finance Committee Certificate: ". . . is the owner of a War Bond." *Disney characters*

List of names, many titled (probably possible donors).

List of residents of 420-430 Park Ave who have not donated to the war fund. [Marquise lived at 400 Park Avenue]

Incomplete form for a New York War Fund donation.

Identification card (American Women's Voluntary Services), with fingerprints of the Marquise.

1 Nov 1943 Bulletin # 2 of the New York Committee of the National War Fund describing quotas, gifts, and team standings.

2 Inventories of Previous Donors to the National War Fund. 18 Nov 1943

Invitation for the Marquise to attend the "Victory Luncheon of the National War Fund." 7 Dec 1943

Responses to the Marquise's war bond requests. From Emil Mosbacher, 22 Dec 1943, and Henrietta Hill, 16 Nov 1943.

Billing for the Marquise's past War Fund pledges, dated 6 Feb 1945, 15 Nov 1943

War Bond request sent to Aunt Lulie, 4 May 1945 and several more similar form letters, not addressed.

Ltr from the office of William Adams, to the Marquise informing her that there is no longer a need for Air Wardens, but as the war in with Japan has not been concluded help is still being requested in the Seventh War Loan. 9 May 1945

Ltr requesting war bond from the Chemical Bank and Trust Company to the Marquise. 10 May 1945.

Ltr and form for bond purchase apparently targeted towards French Americans as it is written in French and describes the committee as the "French-American War Bond Committee." May 1945

Ltr from War Finance Committee in NY to Marquise instructing her on procedure for requesting bond purchases. 25 May 1945.

Ltr from Chairman Adams of the Park Avenue Area of the War Finance Committee to Marquise congratulating her on appointment as House Chairman and instructing her on how to follow up on "hesitant prospects." 25 May 1945.

Several standardized ltrs from the Marquise to residents of her assigned block, offering help with the purchase of bonds. Includes form and response card. 31 May 1945

Ltr to the Marquise from the Park Avenue Area Chairman of the War Finance Committee, William Adams, presenting a "Citation for Meritorious Service" in the 7th War Loan. He also invites her to help out with the 8th War Loan. 14 July 1945.

Ltr from Bess [Mrs. Harry Thoens] requesting the Marquise to sell a couple of books of chances for a Red Cross Party.

Ltr to the Marquise from Mrs. Alice P Budd of the Navy League of the United States/New York City Women's Council concerning Group Leaders for the forthcoming New York National War Fund Campaign.

Sheet of penciled notes involving purchase of bonds.

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25. Sue Henning's Alphabetized Dairy File

(Removed from her alphabetized folder and placed here in corresponding order).

Consists largely of **Register of Merit Certificates** issued by the American Jersey Cattle Club, New York, NY. These certificates are alphabetized according to the name of the animal. Production of milk for a 12-month period is shown for most cows and the percentage of butter fat is shown [in the 5 to 7% range]. Registered Jerseys are renowned for their production of butter fat. A spot check indicates that most of these records are dated between 1910 and 1925. **This was the period of Allen Dale's greatest fame.**

26. Consists of dairy correspondence that had been found in the original alphabetized folder.

Invoices, dated N. Y., 30 and 31 October 1907, for shipment of 20 head of cattle, and two calves on westbound voyage of S. S. Minnehaha. [Undoubtedly from the Jersey Islands].

File of five letters to Sue Henning, dated 18 September 1905 to 14 May 1906, from Mr. Berryman, Manager of Elmendorf Farm in Lexington, KY, dealing, for the most part with the purchase of horses. [This was the farm of well-known Ben Ali Haggin, a good friend of Sue Henning's and perhaps a financial backer.]

File of four letters to Sue Henning, dated 21 May 1907 to 27 April 1909, from A. M. Bowman of Bowmont Farms, Salem Virginia. The earliest letter mentions that he had signed her application for membership in the Cattle Club and that she would be notified of her election. [This may be the initiation of the process which resulted in her being elected as the first and only woman member of the board of the American Jersey Cattle Club.] The other letters

discuss cattle sales and breeding, involving the descendants of Bowmont's Eminent ("the greatest sire in service in the Jersey world").

Page from **Jersey Bulletin** of 26 December 1906, discussing in glowing terms the opinions of a breeder who visited Bowmont Farms.

Printed tribute to a race horse, in the form of a poem, by A. H. Waddell, 22 February 1908.

Short undated typescript entitled "**THE LITTLE JERSEY COW AT ALLEN DALE FARM SHELBYVILLE, KY.**" A tribute to Allen Dale and its Jersey herd, perhaps a draft of one of the several articles about Allen Dale that were published in the Jersey Bulletin during the heyday of the farm.

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27. **S. T. Henning Miscellaneous.**

Ltr, 19 Dec 1928 to STH from Ballard & Ballard Co. asking for payment. Significant in Allen Dale history because it documents the fact that John Harrod, father of **Rufus Harrod**, had been the foreman at Allen Dale. [Years ago Rufus had told me that he had lived as a young boy in the Overseer's House with his family and that his father was the manager of the farm for STH.]

Ltr, 19 October 1928 mentioning STH's good friend, Sir George Lawson Garner.

List of loans for farm expenses, 1914-1918, indicating dates that principals are due.

Post card, 23 Jan 1928, from Georgia, indicating payment not received.

Photo, I believe, of a prominent Louisvillian that I have seen before. Pirtle?

Flier advertising a sale at Levy Bros., Market at Third, Louisville.

Misc deposit receipts, check stubs, 1926-28.

Levy Bros Clothing Adv. 1928

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28. **Marriage Documents and Legal Procedures.**

Copies of American (NY) Marriage Documents (Prepared by me in 1988), [Originals in Archive Box 1.xls, #120-134]

Copy of Ltr, dated Louisville 20 November 1909, from Wm. Marshall Bullitt, to J. W. Henning, forwarding French marriage documents.

Copies of telegrams exchanged by Bullitt and Henning, dated 1 and 5 November 1909.

Copy of ltr from Bullitt, dated 20 Nov. 1909, to Henning, forwarding billing for expenses of his two trips to NY - \$272.75. As a measure of the friendship between these two, he did not charge a fee, stating: "So far as the fee is concerned, on account of the personal nature of it, I will leave that entirely to you." [This certainly would put pressure on a friend! I have attached an extract from the biography of Bullitt, from Polk Johnson, 1912.

Undated scraps of paper containing Henning's notes.

Exchange of cables between Henning in NY and De Reiset in Paris, 23 Sept. 1909, dealing with marriage contract. Mr. Henning mentions change of ceremony from Paris to NY.

Two copies of five page letter from Henning, 23 September 1909, to De Reiset, written on advice of counsel [obviously Bullitt]. This is divided into two sections – The Marriage Ceremony, Contrat de Separation de Biens – and covers these matters in great detail. Mr. Henning: **“The whole matter is much more intricate than I had anticipated,”**

Copy of Memo from Bullitt to Henning, dated 22 Sept. 1909, mentioning publication of the banns in America.

Copy of six-page letter from Bullitt to Henning, 21 September 1909. He cites the French Civil Code in detail and concludes that a marriage contract should be executed not only in France but also in America.

Exchange of cables between Bullitt and Henning, 15-19 September 1909, setting up Bullitt’s trip to NY.

Ltr, 5 August 1909, from Moreau, Notaire in Paris to Henning, enclosing a form of “contrat de Mariage.”

Lr, 14 September 1909, from Henning to Moreau, acknowledging receipt of “contrat de Mariage.” He has had it translated into English and forwarded to de Reiset. “Miss Susanne Henning will be sailing for America after next week.”

2 copies of “contrat de Mariage,” translated into English, one a draft, the other a smooth copy.

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29. Insurance Policies and Associated Correspondence.

Equitable Life Assurance Society

Sample Tontine Ordinary Life Policy. [Tontine: A special type of policy invented by a Paris banker, providing varied methods of settlement.]

Tontine Ordinary Life Policy for \$25,000, dated 23 December 1893.

Tontine Ordinary Life Policy for \$25,000, dated 20 April 1894.

Correspondence and receipts involving Equitable Policies, 14 September 1893 to 23 December 1897.

Correspondence 16 January 1911 to 3 February 1911. Efforts by Henning to cash in one of the Equitable policies, complicated by the fact that his interests have already been transferred to Mr. John W. Barr.

Manhattan Life

Comparison of two policies by Manhattan at age 33 [Henning would have been 33 in 1896.] Also detailed year by year analysis of profit to his estate if he were to die during the first 20 years of the policy. [Another example of Henning’s almost excruciating attention to detail.]

Mutual Life Insurance Company of N. Y.

\$25,000 Policy, dated 19 September 1890, and receipts through 1897.

Ltr to Henning, from Mutual, dated 4 January 1911, regarding this policy which matured 19 September 1910.

Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati.

Ltr from Union Central, dated 24 Nov. 1896, to Henning. It quotes the cost of a \$25,000 policy, asks for half an hour of Henning’s time and lists some of its prominent policy holders in

NY and Philadelphia. Attached was info about the company, its rates, and computation of cost for Henning at age 32.

Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company

Receipt for payment on 25 September 1997.

Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Company

Memos of 16 and 24 November 1911 involving payment of a small balance due.

Handwritten note about a policy issued 6 December 1884. [This is an indication that Henning was interested in buying life insurance, even at the age of 21.]

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Small booklet indicating dividends paid in 1896.

Small booklet by Northwestern, comparing [favorably] the benefits of its policies over those of Equitable. Probably about 1896.

30. Correspondence with Thomas Coleman du Pont, President, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. from 1902-15.

Copies of extracts from two encyclopedias giving biographic details of du Pont.

Copy of ltr of 20 November 1911 from Henning to du Pont. Concerned about effect of "being unsuccessful in managing my own affairs" on his future business career. Emphasizes his success, when under twenty years of age, of restoring the Louisville Hotel, in possession of his father and uncle through foreclosure, to profitability. Asks to manage hotels for du Pont.

Response, 24 November 1911, to Henning from du Pont. Mentions [Henning] having failed and having been connected with a failure some years ago. This prompt response discusses hotel operations and ways in which Henning could become involved with du Pont in the Arlington and McAlpin hotels.

Copy of Letter to John W. Barr, Jr. from Henning, dated 14 July 1913. Expresses disappointment and frustration at not being able to obtain the \$12,500 advance he had expected. He had committed himself to du Pont and Mr. Washington. Expresses full confidence in the merits of the coffee. He could not contact his brother Sam on account of his illness. [Sam, as I recall was severely impaired mentally at this time and died shortly thereafter.]

Copy of ltr, 15 July 1913, to Lulie Henning from Henning, indicating du Pont has not been well and he intends the next day to visit him on his yacht.

Unsigned Agreement between The G. Washington Coffee Refining Company of NY and Coleman du Pont and James W. Henning, 15 September 1913. It involves Henning and du Pont obtaining exclusive rights to sell G. Washington coffee in all foreign countries. 13 pages in length, this agreement arranges for Henning and du Pont to set up an Export and Sales Company.

A hand-written analysis of possible points to emphasize in selling this coffee. [As a child in the early 1920's I remember my parents talking about G. Washington, the wonderful soluble coffee.]

A printed advertising flyer, in French.

Copy of a ltr from Henning to his daughter Susanne, dated 29 October 1915. He wants the Marquise to accompany him as an interpreter on a visit with one of du Pont's friends.

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31. Deteriorating health of brother Sam Henning.

Ltrs to Will Henning from his mother [widow of J. W. Henning, Joshua Fry Speed's partner], dated 3,7,8,10,12,14 May [1912?]. "Sam's case is hopeless." Discusses in detail Sam Henning's pitiable situation involving serious mental disorders. Entirely incapable of conducting any business whatsoever, he was delusional and trying to make decisions over the telephone. He had been sent to Johns Hopkins.

Letter to J. W. Henning, 14 June 1912, from John W. Barr, expressing fear that Sam's condition will not improve. "His business affairs are in very good shape."

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32. Will Henning's correspondence concerning the wedding.

Ltr to Henning from his mother, dated 25 October 1909. "Not one cent for Sue [Henning]." "Sue and Susanne must get part of 37th St. House." "For God's sake let her change her name. [Let Susanne get married?] ""Burn this letter."

Three letters from Henning to his wife, one dated 3 April 1909. Suggests she visit him in his office.

Ltr to Henning, 31 May 1909, from a friend . Addresses him as "Henn." "Chatty, discusses accommodations for his for forthcoming trip to Paris.

Ltr from Paris bank, 16 September 1909, to Henning indicating that a balance in francs is held at Susanne's disposal.

Ltr., Antoinette, 30 Sept, 1909, to Henning, involving invitation list.

Cable, 14 Oct. 1909, from Sue Henning in Shelbyville to her husband in NY. "Please omit my name Writing." [On the wedding invitation].

Henning's penciled copy of a letter to his mother, October 1909, and associated "scribblings." "Susanne's wedding but a few weeks off." The letter of a man facing problems of his daughter's marriage and his stressed financial condition – a man desperate and depressed.

Cable, 15 Oct. 1909, from Lulie to Henning. "Sending special delivery letter."

Cable, 27 Oct. 1909 from S. K. Henning to her son J. W. Henning in NY. "Arriving Thursday, three o'clock."

Ltr of 30 Oct 1909 from Alice Shipman to Henning, extending congratulations on marriage of his daughter.

Ltr of 6 November 1909 from Hotel Westminster, Paris, involving billing for Susanne Henning's stay and including a statement of her account from 8-26 September 1909.

Ltr from Lulie Henning, 20 Oct [1909?] reporting in detail the **death of Mrs. Duke, General Dukes wife.**

Fragile copy of front page article from *N. Y. Evening World*, 25 October 1909. From J. W. Henning's 1909 papers. "Royal Presents for Suzanne [sic.] Henning."

Ltr from Lulie, 31 October [1909?] to Willie, conveying his mother's request for immediate purchase of a suction cleaner.

Letter, 30 Oct. [?] from Antoinette to Henning indicating impossibility of attending wedding because of the general's ill health.

Cable from General de Charette in Chateaufort, France, dated 11 Nov. 1909, regretting inability to attend wedding.

5 Typewritten notes, probably from Henning's secretary, dated 9-12 November 1909, involving last minute arrangements for the wedding.

Undelivered invitation to the wedding for Miss Emily Helm.

Miscellaneous regrets, solicitations, etc. involving the Wedding.

A beautifully-written farewell, undated and unsigned, with copy made obviously in Will Henning's office. Addressed to Cherie, it has to be Will Henning's own farewell to her. This may have been **Will Henning's finest hour!**

Draft cable, undated, from Henning to Tony de Charette. "Business affairs and ill health have prevented sending presents.

Cable Susanne de Charette to her father Will Henning, 25 December 1911. "Happy Christmas."

33. Correspondence following his first failure on Wall Street in 1907.

A file of letters found bundled together. Slips indicating pages may have referred to the pages of a covering letter, possibly the letter to his brother Sam of 16 August 1907.

Henning to his brother Sam, 20 February 1907. Condensed statement of settlement. Mentions "Exhibit A," not found, that lists all property now in Mr. Barr's hands to which he has relinquished all claim. "Exhibit B" shows total valuation of his assets (\$732,379) in excess of items listed in "Exhibit A." He goes into detail explaining the value of his assets, protesting that Barr very much underestimates their value and has not taken insurance values into consideration. Mentions Mr. Speed holds mortgage on one of his buildings.

Henning to John W. Barr, Jr., President, Fidelity Trust, Louisville, 21 March 1907. Arrangements have been completed for part of the purchase price of his Tuxedo property, option held by [Ben Ali] Haggin. He discusses further details of his financial holdings and mentions insurance policies that have been assigned to Barr.

Barr to Henning, 25 March 1907. Mr. Speed not inclined to purchase Clark Street property. Mr. Haggin prepared to buy Tuxedo property. Insurance policies have increased in value.

Henning to Barr, 28 March 1907. Mentions difficulty of disposing of an undivided interest. Discusses possible offers by Speed.

Henning to his mother Sarah Katherine Henning [widow of J. W. Henning, Sr., Joshua Fry Speed's partner], 29 March 1907. An articulate 11-page letter of a shattered and desperate man, still striving against all odds to regain solvency.

Barr's judgment is not infallible. Bank has never assumed the slightest risk for the loans.

“You wrote me to be perfectly frank with Mr. Barr. This I did, but the result was not very favorable to my personal interests, bringing about, it is true, a settlement of my affairs, – mainly through the leniency and assistance of my friends here, – but, however, taking over every available asset unpledged, and leaving me without one dollar.” He lists amounts of nearly \$100,000, loaned or given to him by his friends in NY. Discusses in detail the insurance policies assigned to Barr. His friend Mr. Nicoll is taking care of his legal fees, submitting no bill until he gets back on his feet. Discusses his property in NY and Chicago. Mr. Speed could give us some trouble regarding the Clark Street property which has a value of \$244,000. Mentions Louisville Hotel. Sending “Exhibit A,” not found, that lists all property now in Mr. Barr’s hands to which he has relinquished all claim. Goes into further detail regarding his real estate.

“The causes leading up to my trouble were fourfold:”

Overspeculation ; ease with which money was made in good times; sensational declines and advances in securities following the San Francisco earthquake; family expenses and the inability to hold stocks for the recovery, which afterwards set in. He lists the average decline and advance in ten active stocks during the past year.

“I have to blame no one but myself, and am trying to look after the future rather than regret the past.”

Has absolutely no capital or cash resources – insufficient to pay office and living expenses.

Had written to his brother Sam, suggesting he buy a few stocks to make some money. He responded in a discouraged manner, evidently due to his poor health.

Henning to his brother Sam, 16 August 1907.

Disputes opinion of M. Barr. He now owes the Trust Company \$115,000 and contemplates reducing this amount to \$100,000 by selling 140 West 37th St.

He mentions possibility of getting loans against several other Manhattan parcels in order to pay down further this debt. Discusses his views as to value of real estate holdings as compared to Mr. Barr’s. Discusses the sale of real estate in general.

His office expenses are at a minimum with two employees, but his office lease has several years to run. “When I resume business, my office expenses will not bother me.”

Believes that the Trust Company should make no further advancement, but suggests other ways that he may be able to obtain \$25-30,000, enough to start back in business. He believes that Barr’s advice, consent and approval are desirable, but that ultimate decision should be referred by him to his mother and to his sister Lulie. He feels that assets in hands of Barr exceed the value of Mother’s and Lulie’s estates. He compares Barr’s actions unfavorably with those of his friends who have helped him without legal obligation on his part.

34. Papers relating to time frame of Henning’s first failure (1907) and aftermath.

Detailed Memorandum for Furnace Man, dated 12 Nov. 1907. Another indication of the amazing attention to detail displayed by Will Henning in small matters, as well as in large.

Details regarding his household staff obviously at his Tuxedo Park “cottage.” In January 1908, after his failure, he still had seven on his staff, drawing a total of \$190 a month.

Correspondence with Mr. Barr and related financial statements. Advancements by Fidelity 1 February 1907 through 1 July 1910 totaled \$107,656. **It is of interest that the bank had paid Frank Lyon Polk, a cousin of Antoinette Polk de Charette, \$14,156. Polk, a great friend and cousin of Sue Henning, her mother Bettie Meriwether and her daughter Susanne, must have been the person who introduced Susanne to the Marquise de Charette.**

Ltr, 25 April 1908, from Henning to his wife Sue.

Discusses possible sale of Sue’s shares of KY Wagon Manufacturing stock. Does not want to put “For Sale” or “To Let” sign on 113 East 37th Street. It would encourage lower offers. [Real estate agent for special clientele says] “The best decorated and furnished house in the market, in the Murray Hill section.” Has prepared Tuxedo house for sale to the Wickes; possession to be taken next week. Discusses arrangement of the house and how the Wickes will adjust to it.

E. L. Norton, a prominent member of the Exchange, and I have agreed to form a firm, provided we can secure capital of \$100,000 to 200,000. He mentions enclosure of a list of gentlemen he is negotiating for capital.

A file of invoices for luxury items ordered from London, Paris and Cairo in 1909, in between his two failures on Wall Street in 1906 and 1911. Included was an invoice for 1,500 cigarettes from Cairo. The flowery language used by these prestigious international firms that catered to the rich is of interest.

Billing, 1 May 1909, for overdue charges from Metropolitan Club

Ltr., 24 September 1909, from Lulie to Willie, “Returning what you asked me to return after reading.”

Ltr., 1 October 1909 from Auntie to Willie. “Have just heard from the Trust Co. I don’t know just what to do.”

Henning to a furniture company, 2 October 1909, indicating he had not received item, brass knocker, which had been billed o him. Of interest is the addresses given: His residence – 113 East 37th Street; his brother Sam’s – office 71 Broadway; home – 110 East 55th Street.

Ltr., 18 January 1910, Wm Marshall Bullitt, to Henning, and to other stockholders. “. . . in August 1905, immediately after H. Y. Weissinger became President of the Weissinger Tobacco Co., and started his career of defrauding the company . . .” Need to raise \$1,300 among the stockholders, Henning’s share being \$390.

Ltr., 4 April 1910, Lulie in Paris to Willie. Encloses cable from Susanne, “All well.” Discusses spas at length: Marienbad, Mt. Clemens in Michigan, French Lick.

Ltr., 5 April [1910?] Willie from his mother. Discusses French Licks spa. “I do hope you will go there.” “Sam made a mistake about his machine [auto].”

Ltr., 25 April [1910] If you find out what Coleman [Dupont] wants Sam will put up \$10,000. “Henrietta and Julia Duke will leave for NY on 15 May to pack up furniture. From there they go to Minneapolis to be with Sam’s doctor.

Undated note from Mother to Willie. "You must keep this photo of Suzanne [sic.] she always kept on her dressing table.

Telegram, Sam Henning to Will, dated 10 Feb. 1911. "Fidelity figures advancements since 1907 are over ninety [thousand?], not including advances of 1910. Far exceeds what was figured on." "You will have to make satisfactory explanation to mother and Lulie." This is accompanied by a note to Willie from Sam, "absolutely out of the question to expect further assistance [from Barr]."

Ltr., 21 March 1911, Sam Henning to Will Henning. Unsatisfactory experiences with real estate firms, regarding sale of unidentified property. Disgusted with doctors. "Last year I spent more on doctors' bills than my share of the office profits." *"Most of these men are faking"*

Lt., 22 May 1911, Winans and May to Will Henning. Involves sale of 110 East 55th St.

Ltr., 23 May 1911, Sam Henning to Will Henning. Deals with sale of Sam's residence, 110 E. 55th. "Have you found out anything about the ownership of the California lands." Speeds and Hilliards may have an interest.

Office Memo, 13 Sept. 1911, noting small amounts Henning owes the Telegraph companies and indicating that they will no longer accept charged messages.

Penciled notes on back of 1911 blank checks. Will Henning has jotted down some of his concerns in writing. [This seems to be a custom of his]. "Who is to take care of business if market declines." "I sold before for my own a/c." "Must save firm." Any attempt to prove insolvency will be met with suit." "Drag their family names through papers." "WLS responsible for losses." And other undecipherable jottings.

Ltr 4 Nov. [1910 or 1911] from Lulie asking that suits made out of the finest material be tailored for Henning, with the bill being sent to Mother and me.

An envelope containing expressions of sympathy, most dated 10 November 1911, to Henning for his misfortune.

Ltr, probably early December 1911, Lulie to her brother Willie. Sorry he is in such trouble again. "Get away from Wall Street and go with Coleman Dupont." Offers to come to join him in NY, and take a little apartment with him. "Let me know if you would like me to go with you to visit Coleman Dupont."

Ltr., 9 Dec. [1911], Lulie to Willie. Sam and Lulie "[want] you to go with Coleman Dupont at the earliest possible time." Sends check for \$1,000.

Ltr., 22 Dec. [1911], Lulie to Willie. "Mama mailed you two money order." Sending a package with shirts, socks.

Telegram from Sarah K. Henning, to Willie. 13 November 1911, "Sam has just told me of your troubles would you like me to come on I will gladly come. Mother"

Letters to Willie from Mother:

19 Nov. 1911 Discusses possible offer from Dupont. Has \$1,000 available to send him. Had talked to Barr. "our affairs did not begin to realize what you thought they would."

27 Nov. 1911 Discusses packages, vacuum cleaner, etc.

Christmas, 1911 Undated card: "Dear Willie, a Happy Xmas – don't be discouraged a better time will come to you next year. With love, Mother"

26 Dec. 1911 "Hope 1912 will bring you bright prospects and happy days." She would like to know when Dupont is in town. Would like to have him to dinner.

31 Dec. 1911 Lulie received a letter from Suzanne [sic]. she had not heard from you, except by cable, for two year. [She had married Charette 10 November 1909.] "Willie, this is inexcusable." "You don't write to me which is bad enough, but unpardonable not to write your child." "She has often been disrespectful and unkind to you, but remember the teachings of her mother [Sue T. Henning of Allen Dale] who put her up to it."

3 January 1912 "Will answer your long letters later. I don't think of anything else but your connection in the Hotel business with Coleman Dupont."

3 January 1912 [Sara K. Henning was certainly a good correspondent!] Keep the bread wrapped. The birds will keep two or three days in ice.

Ltr., 17 April 1912, Pell and Chambers to Will Henning. Mr. [Frank L.] Polk has given me a price of \$85,000 on Mrs. [S. T.] Henning's house, 113 E. 37th.

Ltr., 8 July 1912, Tuxedo Park Association, to Henning, dealing with sale of Tuxedo Park property. Thought house lots and stable lot were to be offered for sale as one parcel. Sale of stable lot alone would be difficult. "The use of automobiles has changed the requirements for such land." Had received letter from Mrs. Henning's lawyer about sale of her property, including the stable lot. Her asking price of \$100,000 was too high.

Statement, 15 July 1912, for Sue T. Henning: Sale of 113 East 37th St.. Purchase price: \$61,000. This would have been the Town House the Hennings occupied in Manhattan, in addition to their home in Tuxedo Park, NY. When mortgages are paid off and various fees paid, here is little left.

Ltr., 8 October 1912, Griggs, attorney, to Will Henning. Asking price on the Fifty-ninth Street property has always been \$550,000.

Ltr., 23 October 1912, Todd & St. John, attorneys, to Will Henning. During 1892-1895 you owned 50 West 52nd St. Inquiring about interest paid on mortgage. Need this information in connection with processing a will.

Ltr., 30 October 1912, Todd & St. John, attorneys, to Will Henning. You took title to 50 West 52nd St on 27 December 1892 and sold it on 15 October 1895. Inquiring about details of sale and interest paid.

Lulie Henning to "Willie," 9 August 1913. "Terrible accident to the Pell machine [motor car]." "Automobile driving is becoming so much more reckless here in the speeding craze." "Heat continues for several days going 100 and over."

Telegram, 3 September 1913, Lulie to Willie. "Julia and Henrietta arrive Plaza tomorrow all well here."

Lulie Henning to "Willie," 11 September 1913. "Julia [Duke] was in NY." "Sam [Henning] doing very well." "That wreck was most terrible. I looked after things for them [who is "them?"] "Have never heard whether Susanne received the box of things." Wire

concerning Nortons was answered immediately. "I hope you will be able to make a success of the coffee. [G. Washington with Dupont]"

Letter from Packers and Shippers, 20 Sept. 1913, to Henning. Lists good removed from #31 West 58th St. for packing for shipment to Europe.

Cast of Characters Henning Collection

General Baron Athanase de Charette (1832-1911). Leader of Les **Zouaves Pontificaux** (The Papal Zouaves) [Also shown as **Colonel de Charette** or **Le Zouave**].

Baronne Antoinette Polk de Charette (1847-1919). Born in Maury County, Tennessee. Niece of Bishop General **Leonidas Polk**,. Heroine of the Civil War in her own right. Married General de Charette in 1877.

Rebecca Polk, sister of Antoinette accomplished painter.

Marquis Charles-Antoine de Charette (1880-1947). Only surviving son of Baron and Baronne de Charette. Married **Susanne Henning** (1888-1964) of **Shelby County, Kentucky**, in 1909. Always called **Tony**.

Susanne Meriwether de Charette Van Stockum (1915-2000). Only child of Marquis and Marquise Charles-Antoine de Charette. Married **Brigadier General Ronald R. Van Stockum, USMC**, (1916-), then a lieutenant colonel, in 1949. Susanne's name is more often misspelled "**Suzanne**" than not. Her mother called her "**Junior**." She is usually mentioned in this inventory as "**Susanne**."

Charles C. (Chunky) Marshall, Jr. first husband of Susanne Van Stockum. Son of long-serving Shelby **Circuit Court Judge C. C. Marshall**.

Betty from home called "Wyoming" is widow of Judge Marshall.

Marcelle Jean-Jean de Charette, Tony's second wife.

Jean Michel and Guillemette Dunoyer de Segonzac, who guided us through Brittany.

Michel Georges-Michel. Accomplished French painter, **close friend of Marquise de Charette**. We have a number of his exquisite paintings. His works seem do be active among auction house sales. He addresses Marquise as "Dear Sultane."

Princess Helena Murat

See Characters folder

Herbert William Ross accomplished painter from Pee Wee Valley, KY. Close associate and companion of Marquise. He always signed his name "Puss" in personal letters.

Frank Lyon Polk Distinguished statesman and close friend of Sue Henning and her daughter Marquise de Charette. See KY & B, p.224.

Van Leer Polk (1856-1907

Nungesser, Famous World War I "Ace."

Jean-Regis des Lauriers. Owns "Contrie." the ancestral home of the Charette family, originally inherited from his late wife, **Armelle.**

Addison Mizner Prominent architect in NY and FL. See Character folder and KY & B, p. 99.

Lee Meriwether close friend of Marquise, her mother Bettie Meriwether and my late wife Susanne. See Character folder and KY & B, pp. 141 and 238 (fn #15).

Association des Dames Francaises (Croix-Rouge Francaise)

Henning Family

Fanny Henning Speed, (1820-1902) sister of J. W. Henning, Sr., wife of Joshua Fry Speed (1814-1882).

James Williamson Henning (1813-1886) Partner of Joshua Fry Speed, Lincoln's best friend. Married (2) to: Sarah Katherine Cowan Henning (1827-1919). She signs her letters to her son "mother" and addresses him as "Willie." Their children:

Lulie Cowan Henning (1860-1965), life-long companion of her niece Susanne Henning de Charette, Marquise de Charette. She signs her letters, "Oney." Never married.

James Williamson Henning (Jr.) , called “Will,” (1863-1925), husband of Sue T. Meriwether Henning of Shelby County, owner of Allen Dale Farm. One child:

Susanne Henning (Susanne Van Stockum’s mother).

Samuel Cowan Henning (1865-1913). He married **Julia Blackburn Duke** (1875-), daughter of General Basil Duke. Three children, all deceased:

Basil Henning Master at Saybrook College, Yale

Jim Henning Father in law of Bos Todd, Louisville financier.

[I called **Joan Henning Todd**, divorced some years ago, daughter of **Jim Henning**. She says her dad, brother of Basil, was three years older and had graduated from Yale in 1929. That establishes this as being a letter written in 1932. Also, Joan reminds me that her grandmother, wife of **Samuel C. Henning**, had been **Julia Duke Blackburn**. Thus the many references to “Aunt Julia” in many of these letters probably refer to her and not to cousin “Julia Henning,” sister of Jim, Basil and Henrietta. Joan says that both **Julia Duke Blackburn and her daughter Henrietta had died in the 1960’s**, the latter of diabetes.]

Julia Duke Henning Donor of the Joshua Fry Speed/Fanny Henning portrait to Filson.

Sue T. Henning (1865-1933) Only daughter of Thornton Meriwether and Bettie Allen of Shelby County, KY.

Louisville Businessmen

John W. Barr President Fidelity Trust. See p71 KY & B

William Marshall Bullitt (1873-?) Prominent attorney, Bullitt & Bullitt. See Character folder.

Thomas Coleman Dupont (1863-1930) Louisvillian and later head of his family’s Du Pont company. See character folder.