Descriptive Summary
Title: Looe Baker and Eliza Wardell Baker family papers
Inclusive Dates: 1700-1933
Bulk Dates: 1790-1901
Collection Number: mssBakerL
Creator: Baker, Looe
Extent: 498 pieces in 10 boxes (9.3 linear feet)
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Abstract: An archive of the Baker family of New Jersey; consisting of family letters, manuscripts, legal documents, genealogical material, photographs, letter book, two volumes, and ephemera.
Language of Material: The records are primarily in English
Access
The collection has been fully processed and is available for research. The majority of the collection is in good condition and may be copied; for any questions about the collection, please contact reference@huntington.org.
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Acquisition Information
Purchased from William Reese Company by the Library Collector's Council, January 19, 2008.
Biographical Note
Looe Baker (1780-1854) was born into a New Jersey Quaker family; in 1801 he obtained a job as a commercial cotton trader in Natchez, Mississippi Territory. In 1805 he married Eliza Baker nee Wardell (1781-1821), also from a New Jersey Quaker family; together they had seven children though only two survived to adulthood. Eliza Wardell Baker was precocious and talented, a voracious reader and published writer; she contributed essays to New Jersey newspapers, mostly under the pseudonym of “Jersey Girl.” After Eliza Wardell Baker’s death from consumption in 1821, Looe Baker married Sarah Morris Kean (widow of Colonel Peter Kean), and adopted her three children. Looe Baker died in 1854 and was buried in Morristown, New Jersey. William Chapman Baker (1809-1901) was the son of Looe and Eliza Wardell Baker; during his lifetime he lived throughout the United States, including Morristown, New Jersey, New Orleans, Louisiana, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Grand Rapids, Michigan. W.C. Baker was a banker, a buyer of wholesale silk and a real estate investor. In 1842, he married Kate Stuart (1820-1853) and together they had five children; after Kate Baker’s death, W.C. Baker married her sister Mary E. Turner (1814-1878), and they had one child. During a trip to England W.C. Baker became interested in family history and thereafter collected a large amount of genealogical material for the Baker and Stuart families. W.C. Baker died in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the age of 92.
Scope and Content
The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, volumes, family material and ephemera. The correspondence falls predominately into two sections. The first section includes the letters between Looe and Eliza Wardell Baker, beginning with their friendship in 1799, through their courtship and after their 1805 marriage when Looe was absent from home on long business trips. Their loving correspondence covers family and domestic concerns, the cotton industry, and current events. The letters describe life in Natchez, local and national politics, the New Madrid earthquakes, and the War of 1812. The second section, and the bulk of the correspondence, concern William Chapman Baker; these letters include those dealing with his business interests, his many children, siblings, cousins and other extended family members, and his genealogical research both in the United States and England. The manuscripts include memoirs and diaries, poems, political and
personal essays, a commonplace book and Eliza Wardell Baker’s “Jersey Girl” columns. A large amount of the early letters and manuscripts have some damage, with loss of text, but otherwise the material is in excellent condition. The three volumes include: Discourse’s on the Death of Robert Stuart, Esquire (1848-1849); William Chapman Baker’s letter book (1855-1868); Letters of Looe and Eliza Baker...Reminiscences and Sketch of the Family...(1924, March), this third volume is a very rare and was compiled by Kate Stuart Lowry using the letters and other material in this collection. The three volumes are somewhat fragile, with damaged spines.

The family material and ephemera include financial and legal documents, genealogical material for the Baker, Ferry, Stuart, and White families, photographs and ephemera. The ephemera includes envelopes, printed material, newspaper clippings and early New Jersey newspapers from 1821 and 1825.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in the following series:
- Series 1: Correspondence and manuscripts (1799-1901)
- Series 2: Volumes (1848-1924)
- Series 3: Family material (1700-1933)

The material is arranged in chronological and alphabetical order within each series; more information can be found in the series level notes.

**Personal Names**

Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821
Baker, Looe
Baker, William Chapman, 1809-1901
Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821
Washington, George, 1732-1799

**Subjects**

Childbirth – United States – History – 19th century
Cotton trade – United States – History – 19th century
Death – United States – History – 19th century
Death – United States – History – 20th century
Diseases – United States – History – 19th century
Elections – United States – History – 19th century
Freedmen – United States
Genealogy
New Madrid Earthquakes, 1811-1812
Second Coalition, War of the, 1798-1801
Slavery – United States – History – 19th century
Society of Friends – New Jersey – History – 19th century
Spanish-American War, 1898
Tuberculosis – United States – History – 19th century
Yellow fever – United States – History – 19th century

**Geographic Areas**

United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865
United States – History – War of 1812
United States – Politics and government – 19th century

**Genres**

Clippings (information artifacts)
Ephemera
Family papers
Genealogies (histories)
Letter books
Letters (correspondence)
Series 1: Correspondence and manuscripts, (1799-1901)

Physical Description: Boxes 1-7

The correspondence and manuscripts in this series are arranged chronologically. The series includes letters between Looe and Eliza Baker (1799-1821), extended family members, and the correspondence of William Chapman Baker (1847-1901), which include family letters, and those concerning business matters and genealogical research.

Box 1

Correspondence and manuscripts (1799, Mar. - 1802, May)

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Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1799, Mar. 4)

Trenton, N.J. (2 p.). Subjects: France -- History ; West Indies.

Folder 2

Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1799, June 28)


Folder 3

Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1799, July 17)

Trenton, N.J. (2 p.). Subjects: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813 ; Yellow fever.

Folder 4

Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1799, Aug. 27)

Trenton, N.J. (2 p.). Subjects: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813 ; Yellow fever.

Folder 5

Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 ([1799, Aug.?])

(2 p.). Subject: Burney, Fanny, 1752-1840. Camilla: A Picture of Youth (1796) (and following...)

Folder 6


(2 p.). Signed: Elmira.

Folder 7

Baker, Looe. Note to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 ([1799, Aug.?])

(1 p.)

Folder 8

Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 ([1799], Sep. 6)

[Trenton, N.J.] (2 p.)

Folder 9

Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 ([1799], Sep. 16)

[Trenton, N.J.] (2 p.)

Folder 10

Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1799, Oct. 29)

Trenton, N.J. (4 p.). With remains of red wax seal; lower portion of final page torn away, with no loss of text. Subject: Elections -- United States.

Folder 11

Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. Note to Looe Baker ([1799, Oct.])

(2 p.). Signed: Elmira; torn and fragile -- handle carefully.

Folder 12

Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. Note to Looe Baker ([1799, Oct.?])

(1 p.). Signed: Elvia?
Folder 13  
(2 p.)

Folder 14  
**Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 (1799, Nov. 1)**  
Trenton, N.J. (2 p.)

Folder 15  
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(2 p.)

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Trenton, N.J. (2 p.)

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Trenton, N.J. (4 p.). Subject: Second Coalition, War of the, 1798-1801.

Folder 18  
**Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1800, Jan. 10)**  
Trenton, N.J. (4 p.). Subjects: Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821 ; Second Coalition, War of the... ; George, Washington, 1732-1799.

Folder 19  
**Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 (1800, Feb. 8)**  
Trenton, N.J. (2 p.). Fragile and damaged -- handle carefully.

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**Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1800, Feb. 26)**  
Trenton, N.J. (4 p.)

Folder 23  
**Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 (1800, Mar. 5)**  
Trenton, N.J. (2 p.)

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Trenton, N.J. (3 p.). Subject: Dueling -- United States.

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Trenton, N.J. (2 p.). Torn and fragile -- handle carefully.

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**[Baker, Looe]. Extract : The whole time of the Roman History... ([approximately 1800?]?)**  
(2 p.). Fragile and damaged -- handle carefully.
Folder 30
[Baker, Looe]. "Hear ye fair daughters of this happy land:" [extract from The Lady's Magazine; Or, Entertaining Companion for the Fair Sex...] ([approximately 1800]?)
(1 p.). Fragile and damaged -- handle carefully.

Folder 31
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Folder 32
[Baker, Looe]. "This vast & solid Earth, that Blazing Sun...:" [extract from The Seraph : a Collection of Divine Hymns and Poems from the Best Authors] ([approximately 1800]?)
(2 p.)

Folder 33
Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. "It has long been a subject of wonder...:" Jersey Girl column N. 1 ([1801, Apr. 17])
(2 p.). Signed: Jersey Girl; published in U.S. Gazette.

Folder 34
Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1801, May 6)
Trenton, N.J. (2 p.)

Folder 35
Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. "Fear haunts the Coward in the tremendous form of swords...:" Jersey Girl column N. 4 ([1801, June 6])
(2 p.). Signed: Jersey Girl; fragile and damaged -- handle carefully. Published in U.S. Gazette.

Folder 36
Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. "Seneca says 'we can call nothing our own but our time...:'" Jersey Girl column N. 5 ([1801, June 10])
(2 p.). Signed: Jersey Girl; fragile and damaged -- handle carefully. Published in U.S. Gazette.

Folder 37
Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 (1801, June 17)
Philadelphia, Pa. (4 p.). Also enclosed: a second autograph copy, unsigned (4 p.).

Folder 38
Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. "Order is Heaven's first law...:" Jersey Girl column N. 7 ([1801, June 22])
(2 p.). Signed: Jersey Girl; fragile and damaged -- handle carefully. Published in U.S. Gazette.

Folder 39
New Hanover, N.J. (4 p.). Fragile and damaged -- handle carefully.

Folder 40
Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. "Female influence over the minds of men...:" Jersey Girl column N. 8 ([1801, Aug. 3])
(2 p.). Signed: Jersey Girl; fragile and damaged -- handle carefully. Published in U.S. Gazette.

Folder 41
Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1801, Aug. 12)
La Balize, La. (8 p.). Subjects: Cuba -- Description and travel ; New Orleans ; Yellow fever.

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New Hanover, N.J. (4 p.). Signed: Fidelia; fragile and damaged -- handle carefully.
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**Baker, Looe. Letter to Thomas Wardell (1802, Jan. 13)**
Natchez, Miss. (4 p.). With partial red wax seal; fragile and damaged -- handle carefully. Subject: Natchez, Miss.

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**Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 (1802, Mar. 6)**
Natchez, Miss. (4 p.). With partial red wax seal; stained, fragile, and damaged -- handle carefully. Also enclosed: separate postscript (1 p.).

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Natchez, Miss. (4 p.)

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**Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. Letter to Looe Baker (1802, May 9)**
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Natchez, Miss. (4 p.). With partial red wax seal; fragile and damaged -- handle carefully. Subject: Cotton industry ; Natchez, Miss.

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Box 2  
Correspondence and manuscripts (1802, July - 1812, Feb.)

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**Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. Letter to Looe Baker (1802, July 15)**
Hanover, N.J. (4 p.). Signed: Fidelia; very fragile and damaged, with loss of text -- handle carefully.

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**Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 (1802, July 26)**
Natchez, Miss. (8 p.). With partial red wax seal; very fragile and damaged, with loss of text -- handle carefully. Subject: New Orleans, La.

Folder 3  
**Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 (1802, Aug. 7)**
Natchez, Miss. (4 p.). Addressed to Thomas Wardell. With partial red wax seal; fragile and damaged, with loss of text -- handle carefully. Subject: Kentucky -- History.

Folder 4  
**Baker, Eliza Wardell, 1781-1821. "The mutual good will of nations....:" [political essay] [approximately 1802]??
(4 p.)

Folder 5  
**Baker, Looe. Letter to Eliza Wardell Baker, 1781-1821 (1804, Apr. 17)**
Natchez, Miss. (3 p.). With partial red wax seal; fragile and damaged -- handle carefully. Also enclosed: a second autograph copy marked "Duplicate," with red wax seal and fragile (3 p.).

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|          | (2 p.) |
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<td>Griffin, Christine K. “On the Sunday after Mother’s death Dr. Morgan had a Memorial Service &amp; in his sermon on old age he made the following allusion to her” ([1878]?) (1 p.). Cataloger’s Note: refers to the death of Sarah Kean Baker.</td>
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Box 7
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Correspondence and manuscripts (1883, Apr. - 1901, Feb.)

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<td>Baker, William Chapman, 1809-1901</td>
<td>1887, Jan 21</td>
<td>Natchez, Miss.</td>
<td>Letter to Kate Stuart Ladue (4 p.). Scribbled over with pencil.</td>
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Folder 18  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (4 p.)

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Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (8 p.)

Folder 20  
Detroit, Mich. (2 p.). Also enclosed: letter explaining the mis-direction of first letter, Feb. 7, 1896 (1 p.).

Folder 21  
Philadelphia, Pa. (2 p.)

Folder 22  
(4 p.). Also enclosed: A.N.S. by William N. Ladue (1 p.).

Folder 23  
(4 p.). Marked: "Copy."

Folder 24  
[Grand Rapids, Mich.] (3 p.)

Folder 25  
Barnard Castle, Durham, Eng. (4 p.). With envelope; with red wax seal. Also enclosed: Baker family crest in black sealing wax.

Folder 26  
Grand Rapids, Mich. (2 p.)

Folder 27  
Grand Rapids, Mich. (3 p.). Also enclosed: newspaper clipping and autograph note.

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Folder 30  
Baker, William Chapman, 1809-1901. Letter to [Mr.] R.R. Coxwell-Rogers (1897, Apr. 7)  
Spring Lake, Mich. (4 p.)

Folder 31  
Grand Haven, Mich. (2 p.)
[Grand Haven, Mich.] (2 p.)

Ranston, Blandford, Dorset, Eng. (4 p.). With envelope; letter was dictated and only signed by Baker.

Spring Lake, Mich. (3 p.)

Stigant, Emily. Letter to William Chapman Baker, 1809-1901 (1897, Aug. 3)
New Brompton, Kent, Eng. (3 p.). Written on behalf of her father John Stigant.

New Brompton, Kent, Eng. (2 p.). Also enclosed: receipt for St. Nicholas Parish, Aug. 7, 1897 (1 p.)

Baker, William Chapman, 1809-1901. Letter to John Stigant (1897, Aug. 23)
Spring Lake, Mich. (1 p.)

Baker, William Chapman, 1809-1901. Letter to John Stigant (1897, Aug. 23)
Spring Lake, Mich. (3 p.)

Spring Lake, Mich. (2 p.)

[---?---], Mary Emma. Letter to William Chapman Baker, 1809-1901 (1897, Sep. 20)
Detroit, Mich. (4 p.). With envelope. Also enclosed: list of questions (4 p.).

New Brompton, Kent, Eng. (3 p.). With envelope.

Spring Lake, Mich. (4 p.)


Baker, William Chapman, 1809-1901. Letter to John Stigant (1898, Jan. 21)
Grand Haven, Mich. (5 p.)

New Brompton, Kent, Eng. (4 p.)

Folder 47  
Spring Lake, Mich. (2 p.). Written by someone else and only signed by W.C. Baker. Also enclosed: "Note B" containing genealogical information (3 p.).

Folder 48  
*Thorndike, Arthur John W. Letter to [John Stigant] (1900, Sep. 6)*  
Rochester, Eng. (3 p.)

Folder 49  
*Arnold, A.A. Letter to John Stigant (1900, Sep. 7)*  
Rochester, Eng. (3 p.)

Folder 50  
*Arnold, A.A. Letter to John Stigant (1900, Sep. 10)*  
Rochester, Eng. (1 p.). Written in another hand.

Folder 51  
*Baker, William Chapman, 1809-1901. Letter to John Stigant (1900, Oct. 2)*  
Spring Lake, Mich. (6 p.)

Folder 52  
*Smetham, Henry. Letter to John Stigant (1900, Nov. 12)*  
Strood, Kent, Eng. (8 p.)

Folder 53  
*Whitmore, James. Letter to [Mr.] --?-- Whitmore (1900, Nov. 15)*  
[Oldham, Lancs. Eng.] (1 p.). On verso: A.L.S. from the Secretary of the Manchester Athenaeum, Nov. 14, 1900 (1 p.).

Folder 54  
*Arnold, A.A. Letter to William Chapman Baker, 1809-1901 (1900, Nov. 21)*  
Rochester, Eng. (2 p.). With envelope; written in another hand.

Folder 55  
*Whitmore, James. Letter to [Mr.] --?-- Whitmore (1900, Nov. 21)*  
Oldham, Lancs., Eng. (2 p.)

Folder 56  
*Stigant, John. Letter to William Chapman Baker, 1809-1901 (1900, Nov. 22)*  
New Brompton, Kent, Eng. (3 p.). With envelope. Also enclosed: receipt for St. Nicholas Register, Sep. 10, 1900 (1 p.).

Folder 57  
*Ladue, Mary Baker, 1843-1936. Letter to Elizabeth Baker Turner, 1845-1923 (1901, Feb. 6)*  

Series 2: Volumes, (1848-1924)

**Physical Description:** Volumes 1-3

The three volumes are arranged chronologically and alphabetically by author. There are three volumes in this series are family related and include the very rare volume of Looe and Eliza Baker's letters compiled by Kate Stuart Lowry using the letters and other material in this collection. The three volumes are somewhat fragile, with damaged spines.

**Volume 1**  
[---?--]. *Discourse's on the Death of Robert Stuart Esquire (1848-1849)*  
(1 bound vol.) Name inscribed on inside front cover, K.L. Baker; with pencil annotations. Damaged, with loose front cover.

**Volume 2**  
(1 bound vol.) Spine extremely fragile, with some loose pages.
Volume 3

Lowry, Kate Stuart. Letters of Looe and Eliza Baker from 1801 to 1821; Also Reminiscences and Sketch of the Family and of Looe and William C. Baker (1924, Mar.)

(1 bound vol.) Spine damaged, with some loose pages; with pencil annotations.

Series 3: Family material and ephemera (1700-1933)

Physical Description: Boxes 9-10

The material in this series is arranged in alphabetical and chronological order based on material type. This material includes financial and legal documents, genealogical material for the Baker, Ferry, Stuart, and White families, photographs and ephemera. The ephemera includes envelopes, printed material, newspaper clippings and early New Jersey newspapers from 1821 and 1825.

Box 9

Family material: Financial, Legal, Genealogy (1805 - 1901)

Baker, William Chapman: Theories on the Bible, the Book of Revelations, Oddities of Odd Numbers, the Influence of the Sun..., and Sir Isaac Newton: autograph notes (1885-[before 1901])

(6 pieces). Some of the notes written as draft letters.

Folder 2

Financial and Legal Documents: Articles of Agreement for forming and dissolving a trading partnership (1833-1835)

(6 pieces)

Folder 3

Financial and Legal Documents: Bond -- with Interest Clause for Nelson Tomlinson and Eliza E. Stuart (1862, Nov. 26)

(1 piece)

Folder 4

Financial and Legal Documents: Indenture: Sarah K. Baker and William C. Baker... (1855, Feb. 20)

(1 piece)

Folder 5

Financial and Legal Documents: Inventory of the Estate of Robert Stuart ((approximately 1848))

(2 pieces)

Folder 6

Financial and Legal Documents: Marriage Certificate for Looe Baker and Eliza Wardell (1805, July 31)

(1 piece)

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Financial and Legal Documents: Personal Estate of Looe Baker: Inventory and Appraisement (1855, Feb. 20)

(1 piece). Marked: "Duplicate."

Folder 8

Financial and Legal Documents: Statement of the Property of Looe Baker... (1842, Apr. 1)

(2 pieces)

Folder 9

Financial and Legal Documents: Stocks, Shares and Mortgage Loan Certificate: New Creek Co., Seneca Spring Oil Co., Revenue Oil Co. of the Noble Well and Porcupine Petroleum Co. (1859-1865)

(7 pieces)

Folder 10

Financial and Legal Documents: Value of Personal Estate of Elvia E. Stuart ([1866]?, Nov. 1)

(1 piece)
Folder 11  Genealogy : Baker Family : Autograph, Printed and Typewritten Notes ([before 1901])
(30 pieces)

Folder 12  Genealogy : Baker Family : Baker Family in England : autograph and typewritten carbon copy ([before 1901])
(2 pieces)

Folder 13  Genealogy : Baker Family : Coats of Arms, Family Crests and Autograph Notes ([before 1901])
(15 pieces)

Folder 14  Genealogy : Baker Family : Family Trees ([before 1901])
(15 pieces)

Box 10  Family material : Genealogy, Photographs and Ephemera (1700 - 1933)
Folder 1  Genealogy : Baker Family : pages from the family Bible, etc. (1700-1790)
(6 pieces). Very fragile -- handle carefully.

Folder 2  Genealogy : Ferry and White Families : Autograph Notes ([before 1901])
(16 p.). Cataloger's Note: original envelope stated: "Ferry & While Families (knew Robert Stuart)"

Folder 3  Genealogy : Stuart Family : Family Tree, Crest : autograph and typewritten notes ([before 1901])
(16 pieces)

Folder 4  Genealogy : Wardell Family : Family Trees, Autograph and Typewritten Notes, Printed Photograph and Crest ([before 1901])
(13 pieces)

Folder 5  Photographs : Baker family Memorial : Great Britain ([approximately 1920])
(2 pieces). Photograph mounted on cardboard, black & white, also a printed copy.

Folder 6  Photographs : Kate Stuart Baker with Child ; Kate Stuart Baker ([before 1900])
(2 pieces). Both photographs made from daguerreotypes; prints, black & white, mounted in cardboard folders. Edmonston Studio, Washington, D.C.

Folder 7  Photographs : Lila Baker ([approximately 1870])
(1 piece). Carte de Visite, sepia.

Folder 8  Photographs : Looe Baker ([approximately 1920])
(2 pieces). Printed photographs.

Folder 9  Photographs : Mary E. Baker ([Approximately 1875])
(1 piece). Cabinet card, sepia. W. Kurtz, New York, N.Y.

Folder 10  Photographs : Mary Stuart Baker and "Tommy" ([before 1900])
(1 piece). Photograph made from daguerreotype; print, black & white, mounted in cardboard folder. Edmonston Studio, Washington, D.C.

Folder 11  Photographs : William Chapman Baker (1883)
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