Overview of the Collection
Title: Raphael Pumpelly Papers
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Abstract: This collection chiefly consists of correspondence and some papers related to the lives and family affairs of American geologist and explorer Raphael Pumpelly (1837-1923) and his wife, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly (died 1915).

Language: English.

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Biographical Note
Raphael Pumpelly (1837-1923), American geologist and explorer, studied at the Royal School of Mines in Freiberg. He accepted a post in 1861 as a geologist for the Japanese government, and served two years in that position before traveling on through China, Mongolia, and Russia. He returned to the U.S. to study iron and copper deposits in Michigan and the Lake Superior district and from 1884-89 served as head of the New England division of the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1903 and 1904 he led expeditions to Turkestan under the auspices of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Pumpelly's wife, Eliza Frances Shephard Pumpelly, whom he had married in 1869, died in 1915, eight years before he died in Newport, Rhode Island in 1923.

Scope and Content
This collection consists chiefly of letters, with some documents and manuscripts (including 29 volumes of notebooks and diaries) related to the lives and family affairs of Raphael and Eliza Pumpelly. The collection includes a few professional papers of Raphael Pumpelly, along with geological notes and descriptions of people and expeditions in Japan, China, Mongolia, Russia, Turkestan, and various places in the United States. Among the papers related to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly, there are descriptions of travel in Europe and Asia and also of the expeditions to Turkestan in 1903 and 1904. The collection also contains a few business and personal letters of Raphael Pumpelly's parents, William Pumpelly and Mary Wells Pumpelly, and their family.

Arrangement
Arranged in the following order:
Part I
- Raphael Pumpelly Passports and Notebooks (Box 1, Pt. I)
- Eliza Shepard Pumpelly Diaries (Box 2, Pt. I)
Part I
- William and Mary Welles Pumpelly Papers (Box 1, pt. II)
- Raphael and Eliza Shepard Pumpelly Papers (Box 2, pt. II)
• Eliza Shepard Pumpelly Papers (including family correspondence) (Boxes 3-13)
• Miscellany (Box 13)

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects
Pumpelly, Eliza Shephard, -1915.
Pumpelly, Raphael, 1837-1923.
Geologists -- United States -- Archives.
Geology -- Asia, Central.
Geology -- China.
Geology -- Japan.
Geology -- Mongolia.
Geology -- Russia.
Geology -- United States.
Mines and mineral resources -- Michigan.
Scientific expeditions -- Asia, Central.
Scientific expeditions -- China.
Scientific expeditions -- Japan.
Scientific expeditions -- Mongolia.
Scientific expeditions -- Russia.
Asia -- Description and travel.
Europe -- Description and travel.

Forms/Genres
Diaries.
Family papers United States.
Letters (correspondence) United States.
Notebooks United States.
Professional papers United States.

Alternate Authors
Pumpelly, Eliza Shephard, -1915.

Part I

Raphael Pumpelly Passports and Notebooks

Box 1 (Pt. I)  
Passports and Notebooks (1-7)
I. Passports [2 pieces]. 1854, 1855
II. Notebooks
  1. Arizona [1 volume]. 1861
  2. Explorations for Japanese [3 volumes]. 1861-1863
  4. Pekin to St. Petersburg via Mongolia and Siberia [1 volume]. 1864
  5. U.S. Transcontinental Survey, Rocky Mountains [3 volumes]. 1881-1883
  6. Atlanta, North Carolina and Tennessee [3 volumes]. 1865-1887

Box 2 (Pt. I)  
Box 2 (Pt. I)  
Notebooks (1-7)
  8. Trans Caspian Expedition [9 volumes]. 1901-1902
Part I

Raphael Pumpelly Passports and Notebooks

9. General Orders [unbound, 1 piece]. Undated

Eliza Shepard Pumpelly Diaries

Box 2
Diaries
1. Trans-Caspian Expedition, [2 volumes]. 1903-1904

Part II

Box 1 (Pt. II)

William and Mary Welles Pumpelly Papers

Business Papers. 1839-1880
Correspondence
1. William Pumpelly to his son, John Pumpelly. 1855-1857
2. William Pumpelly to his son, Raphael Pumpelly. 1867
3. B - W to William Pumpelly. 1852
4. Mary Welles Pumpelly to her husband, William Pumpelly. 1857-1873
5. Mary Welles Pumpelly to her sister, Susan Welles Hollenbeck. 1861
6. Mary Welles Pumpelly to her son, John Pumpelly. 1850
7. Mary Welles Pumpelly to her daughter, Antoinette Pumpelly Loder. 1853-1868
8. Mary Welles Pumpelly to her [step-daughter], Nannie Pumpelly. 1873
9. Mary Welles Pumpelly to her daughter-in-law, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1869-1879
10. Mary Welles Pumpelly to A - W. 1855, 1858
11. H - R to their Aunt, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1871-1876
12. A - W to Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1854-1868
13. Harmon Pumpelly to his sister, Mary Pumpelly. 1861
14. Harmon Pumpelly to his nephew, Raphael Pumpelly. 1861-1865
15. John Pumpelly to his father, William Pumpelly. 1855-1856
16. John Pumpelly to his mother, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1848-1864
17. John Pumpelly to his sister, Antoinette Pumpelly Loder. 1854
18. John Pumpelly to his brother, Raphael Pumpelly. 1866-1880
19. John Pumpelly to his aunt. 1856
20. John Pumpelly to Kate [Shepard]. [1884]
21. Maria Pumpelly to her nephew [Raphael Pumpelly]. 1864-1865
22. Marie Pumpelly to her sister, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1855-1864
23. Nannie Pumpelly to her father, William Pumpelly. n.d.
24. Nannie Pumpelly to her mother, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1874
25. Nannie Pumpelly to her brother, Raphael Pumpelly. 1860
26. Nannie Pumpelly to her sister-in-law, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1865
27. Miscellaneous Papers belonging to William and Mary Welles Pumpelly.

Box 2 (Pt. II)

Raphael and Eliza Shepard Pumpelly Papers

Personal Papers
1. Business Papers. 1874, 1876, 1906
2. Certificates of Membership
   a. Appalachian Mountain Club. 1885
   b. Boone & Crockett Club. n.d.
   c. Cosmos Club. 1889
   d. Essex Institute. 1872
   e. National Security League. 1915
   f. Trinity Historical Society, Dallas, Texas. 1887
3. Correspondence
   a. Pumpelly, Raphael to his parents, William and Mary Welles Pumpelly. Undated
Part II

Raphael and Eliza Shepard Pumpelly Papers

Raphael Pumpelly Papers:

- b. Pumpelly, Raphael to his wife, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1867, 1877
- c. Pumpelly, Raphael to his brother-in-law, Jeremiah Loder. 1857
- d. Pumpelly, Raphael to his aunt. 1855
- e. Pumpelly, Raphael to his uncle. 1872
- f. Pumpelly, Raphael to his daughter, Elise Pumpelly Cabot. 1900-1912
- g. a-w: Letters of Condolence upon the death of his wife, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1911
- h. Miscellaneous

4. Dinner Invitations. 1862-1868

Professional Papers

- 1. Papers referring to Raphael Pumpelly's work as Mining Engineer for the Japanese Government. 1863-1866
- 3. Professional Correspondence
  - a. Raphael Pumpelly to Louis Janin. 1865
  - b. B-W to Raphael Pumpelly. 1866-1916

Eliza Shepard Pumpelly Papers

Correspondence

Box 3

Family Correspondence (Pumpelly)

- 1. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Otis Shepard. 1858-1885
- 2. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her husband. 18-- to 1898
- 3. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her brother, Clay Shepard. 1858
- 4. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her sister, Ada Shepard Badger. 1860-1869
- 5. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her sister, Kate Shepard. 1860-1909
- 6. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her sister, Lucy Shepard. n.y.

Box 4

Family Correspondence (Pumpelly, continued)

- 7. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her sister, Nellie Shepard Hill. 1867-1914
- 8. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her sister, Rachael Shepard. 1862-1907
- 9. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her sister, Rebecca Shepard. 1860-1895
- 10. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her sisters Three and Four. 1913, 1894
- 11. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her sister-in-law, Nannie Pumpelly. n.y.
- 12. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her son, Raphael Welles Pumpelly and/or his wife, Amelie Pumpelly. 1903-1909
- 13. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her daughter, Elise Pumpelly Cabot. 1883-1902
- 14. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her [son-in-law], Handasyd Cabot. 1901
- 15. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her daughter, Pauline Pumpelly Gregg. 1905
- 16. Pumpelly, Raphael Welles to his father, Raphael Pumpelly. 1898
- 17. Pumpelly, Raphael Welles to his mother, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1895-1896
- 18. Pumpelly, Raphael Welles to his uncle, John Pumpelly (copy). 1903
- 19. Pumpelly, Raphael Welles to his aunt, Kate Shepard. n.y.

Box 5

Family Correspondence (A-W to aunt-Hill)

- 20. A-W to their aunt, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1898-1911
- 22. Cabot, Elise Pumpelly to her mother, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1902
- 23. Cabot, Elise Pumpelly to her aunt Kate Shepard. 1902
- 24. Gregg, Marjorie to her uncle Raphael Pumpelly. n.y.
- 25. Gregg, Marjorie to her aunt, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. n.d.
- 26. Gregg, Pauline Pumpelly to her father, Raphael Pumpelly. 1898-1900
- 27. Gregg, Pauline Pumpelly to her mother, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1898-1907
- 28. Gregg, Pauline Pumpelly to her aunt, Rachael Shepard. 1892, n.y.
- 29. Hill, Ned to his aunt, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1904
30. Hill, Ned to his niece, Marguerite Pumpelly (Daisy). 1878-1885
31. Hill, Nellie Shepard to her mother. Undated

Box 6
Family Correspondence (Hill, continued)
32. Hill, Nellie Shepard to her sister, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1876-1914
33. Hill, Nellie Shepard to her brother-in-law, Raphael Pumpelly. n.y.
34. Hill, Nellie Shepard to her sister, Kate Shepard. 1898, n.y.
35. Hill, Otis S. to his aunt, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1894

Box 7
Family Correspondence (Hollenbeck-Platt)
36. Hollenbeck, Susan Welles to her sister, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1854-1857
37. Hollenbeck, Susan Welles to her nephew, Raphael Pumpelly. 1856,1862
38. Loder, Antoinette Pumpelly to her father, William Pumpelly. 1855, 1859
39. Loder, Antoinette Pumpelly to her mother, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1857
40. Loder, Antoinette Pumpelly to her brother, John Pumpelly. 1849-1861
41. Loder, Antoinette Pumpelly to her brother, Raphael Pumpelly. 1857-1890
42. Loder, Antoinette Pumpelly to her daughter, Edith Loder. 1879
43. Loder, Benjamin to his son, Jeremiah Loder. [1855]
44. Loder, Mrs. Benjamin to her son, Jeremiah Loder. 1854
45. Loder, Edith to her father, Jeremiah Loder. 1868
46. Loder, Edith to her mother, Antoinette Pumpelly Loder. 1868
47. Loder, Edith to her grandfather, William Pumpelly. 1879, 1903
48. Loder, Edith to her grandmother, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1869-1876
49. Loder, Edith to her uncle Raffy (Raphael Pumpelly). 1879-1903
50. Loder, Jeremiah to his father, Benjamin Loder. 1854-1857
51. Loder, Jeremiah to his mother-in-law, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1852-1871
52. Loder, Jeremiah to his wife, Antoinette Pumpelly Loder. 1851
53. Loder, Jeremiah to his brother-in-law, John Pumpelly. 1857
54. Parker, Stella Pumpelly to her aunt Mary Welles Pumpelly. n.y.
55. Pierce, Lucy Ann to her cousin, Eliza Shepard [Pumpelly]. 1856-1867
56. Platt, Emily Pumpelly to her mother, Mary Pumpelly. 1855
57. Platt, S. Emily to her grandparents. 1876

Box 8
Family Correspondence (Shepard)
58. Shepard, Ada to her sister, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1855-1873
59. Shepard, Ada to her sister, Kate Shepard. 1857
60. Shepard, Ada to her sister, Rachael Shepard. 1873
61. Shepard, Adeline to her cousins, Raphael and Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. n.y.
62. Shepard, Annie to her sister, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1907-1914
63. Shepard, Annie to her sister, Kate Shepard. 1907, n.y.
64. [Shepard], Clay to his sister, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1874
65. Shepard, Emily B. to her aunt, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. n.y.
66. Shepard, Emily E. to her sister and brother-in-law, Raphael and Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1911
67. Shepard, Horace to his sister, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1904-1913
68. Shepard, Horace to his sister, Nellie Shepard Hill. 1904
69. Shepard, Kate to her sister, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1904-1910
70. Shepard, Kate, to her sister, Nellie S. Hill. n.y.
71. Shepard, Kate to her nieces, Elise and Mary Marguerite Pumpelly. 1915, n.y.
72. Shepard, Lucy to her sister, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1857-1863
73. Shepard, Lucy to her sister, Kate Shepard. 1858
74. Shepard, Morris to his aunt, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1907
75. Shepard, Otis to his daughter, Adeline Shepard. 1859
76. Shepard, Mother (Mrs. Otis) to her daughter, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1854
77. Shepard, Pauline to her aunt, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1907-1911
78. Shepard, Pauline to her aunt, Kate Shepard. 1904-1913
79. Shepard, Rebecca to her sister, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1863-1886
80. Shepard, Rebecca to her sister, Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. n.y.
81. Shepard, Rebecca to her sister, Kate Shepard. 1885

Box 9
Family Correspondence (Smith-Welles and miscellaneous)
82. [Smith], Charlotte to her grandparents, Raphael and Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1914
83. Smyth, Harry to his mother. 1890
84. Smyth, Harry to his wife, Marguerite Pumpelly Smith. 1898
85. Smyth, Marguerite to her parents, Harry and Marguerite Pumpelly Smyth. 1903-1913
86. A-W to Mary Marguerite Pumpelly Smyth. 1903-1913
87. Smyth, Mary Marguerite Pumpelly to her aunt, Rachael Shepard. 1883
88. Smyth, Mary Marguerite Pumpelly to her cousin, Ned Hill. 1884
89. Smyth, Pauline to her grandmother [Eliza Shepard Pumpelly]. 1909
90. Welles, A.B. to his aunt, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1874
91. Welles, C.F. to his sister, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1830-1865
92. Welles, C.F. to his sister, Susan Welles Hollenbeck. 1853-1861
93. Welles, C.F. to his brother-in-law, William Pumpelly. 1865
94. Welles, Charles Stuart to his aunt, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1874
95. Welles, Carrie to her aunt, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1875
96. Welles, E.S. to his aunt, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1860
97. Welles, Edward to his aunt, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1874-1877
98. Welles, G.H. to his aunt, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1865
99. Welles, H.S. to his aunt, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1861
100. M.H. to his aunt, Mary Welles Pumpelly. 1874-1876
101. Miscellaneous Family Correspondence

Box 10
Correspondence with persons outside the family (Eliza Shepard Pumpelly to Mrs. Fox)
1. Pumpelly, Eliza Shepard to her mother's friend, Mrs. Fox. 1860-1897

Box 11
Correspondence with persons outside the family (A-C to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly)
2. A- to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1856-1914
3. Ba-Bo to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1874-1914
4. Br-Bu to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1865-1885
5. C including Chauvenet to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1869-1908

Box 12
Correspondence with persons outside the family (D-P to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly)
6. D-E to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1856-1876
7. F to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1870-1899
9. L-M to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1886-1911
10. N-O-P to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1870-1913

Box 13
Correspondence with persons outside the family (R-Z and miscellaneous to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly)
11. R to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1889-1913
12. S-T to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1872-1911
13. W-Y to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1880-1914
14. Miscellaneous to Eliza Shepard Pumpelly. 1860-1913

Box 13
Miscellany