

# The Parker Photographs Collection

## A Finding Aid



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## I. Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Parker Albums Collection
<b>Collection No.</b>	C223
<b>Extent</b>	113 items, located in three legal sized archival folders and one archival envelope.
<b>Date Range</b>	Roughly 1880-1912
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection comprises of one autograph book, postcards, calling cards, and both print and tintype photographs. While many of these materials are unidentified or originated outside Livingston County, it gives a unique glance into the social circles that this one rural family interacted with. The autograph book of Sherman W. Parker has local names as well as classmates from his time at the Rochester Business University. The photographs were mostly likely collected by Alice E. Parker (Thomas) and feature portraits of possible family and friends from Geneseo, North Dansville, Buffalo, and New York City.
<b>Languages</b>	English.
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## II. Biographical and Background Information

This collection was donated to the Livingston County Historian's Office by Nicole Yatsosky of the Special Collections repository at the University of North Carolina Wilmington in February 2024. The items had no provenance and no relevance to the university's collections.

The first step of understanding this collection was identifying who it belonged to. By using the names in the autograph book, postcards, calling cards, and some photographs, the County Historian's Office was able to identify the members of the Parker family. Mrs. Mary M. Parker, the daughter of Sophia and John Wirt, was married to Benjamin Franklin Parker of Groveland. Together they had eight children: Francis, Alice (or Allie), Jennie, Mary, Sherman, Charles, Wayne, and Duke. Sherman attended business school in Rochester and then later married Rosa Bird in New York City. Together they had three children: Irving, Harold, and Mildred.

The collection of photographs, calling cards, and postcards came loosely organized in two photo albums. At least one of these belonged to Allie E. Parker, as the cover states that she started it Christmas Day, 1880. Not much is known about her life except that she married Mr. W. H. Thomas and passed away in November 1888. It is possible that her mother Mary kept the album and added to it herself as all of the postcards are addressed to her.

While aesthetically pleasing, neither of the physical albums were in good condition. It was decided to take all of the materials out of the albums in the order they appeared and discard the books, as they are hard to store and added no additional information to this collection.

## III. Contents List

202A-AUTOGRAPH #1	Item 20	Autograph book, Sherman W. Parker, 1885-1891
B20-F81	P100-P101	Allie E. Parker Album cover pages, Dec. 25, 1880
	P102-103	Christmas postcards to Mrs. Mary M. Parker from her son Sherman and his family in Mount Vernon NY
	P104	New Years postcard to Mrs. Mary M. Parker from her grandson Irving
	P105	Christmas postcard to Mrs. Mary M. Parker from her daughter Jennie
	P106	Christmas postcard to Mrs. Mary M. Parker from Melia Bearss
	P107	Christmas postcard to Mrs. Mary M. Parker from Dr. and Mrs. Brown
	P108	Infant Florence, granddaughter of Mary M. Parker
	P109-113	Unidentified portraits from various photography studios
	P114	Fannie Hendershot
	P115	Unidentified woman, December 1881
	P116	Martha Gamble
	P117-P128	Unidentified portraits from various photography studios
	P129	Mr. S (Sherman) W. Parker card
	P130	Unidentified woman, March 1882
P131	Portrait of Charlie, possibly Charles Parker	
P132-136	Unidentified portraits from various photography studios	
P137	Mrs. Lincoln Moss card, 252 West 123rd St.	
P138	Unidentified woman	

B20-F82	P100	W.M. Haven Card
	P101	H. Ewart Bolton card
	P102	Ella A. Brown card
	P103	Fred G. Havens card
	P104	Jennie Parker card
	P105	Allie E. parker card
	P106	Annie Titsworth card
	P107	Edith O. Warford card
	P108	Lilly M. Havens card
	P109	Katie Bailor card
	P110	Robert K. Wick card
	P111	Frank Moss card with portrait stamp
	P112	Sherman W. Parker card
	P113	Marion C. Carney card
	P114	Minnie Ogden card
	P115	Sherman Parker card
	P116	Allie E. Parker card
	P117	Allie E. Parker card
	P118	Charlie J. Reynolds card
	P119	Mrs. L.A. Harris card
	P120	Happy faces poem
	P121-128	Unidentified portraits from various photography studios
	P129	Clionian Society Program, 1884
	P130	William John Manion as infant
	P131	Mrs. Sophia Wirt, Mother of Mary M. Parker
	P132	Mrs. Sophia Wirt, Mother of Mary M. Parker
	P133	Funeral card for Alice (Allie) Parker Thomas
	P134-138	Unidentified portraits from various photography studios
	P139	Teresa Elinor Smith
	P140-P144	Unidentified portraits from various photography studios
	P145	Ruth and Grandma Parker. Possibly Mary M. Parker
	P146-150	Unidentified portraits from various photography studios
B20-F83	P100-P121	Unidentified tintypes