A Finding Aid for the Sherman Thackara Collection

Descriptive Summary:

Title: Sherman Thackara Collection
Source: Donated to Villanova College by Eleanor Sherman Thackara in 1897 (unverified)
Repository: Villanova University, Falvey Memorial Library, Special Collections Room
Quantity: 4 linear ft.
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Biographical / Historical Information:
Click here for a biographical sketch of Eleanor (“Ellie”) and Alexander Montgomery (“Mont”).

Scope and Content Notes:
Containing family papers and correspondences, the collection consists of four linear feet and covers the period from 1854 to 1897. There are nine boxes, 100 folders, and over 2,000 items. Most date ranges are inclusive; however, the folders contain some non-inclusive gaps as well as indeterminable dates. Within the collection, Box VI-b (Mont's letters to Ellie) contains the most items.

Some of the collection's strengths include: detailed accounts of local history in Philadelphia and the Main Line during the 1880's and 1890's; an in-depth sketch of life in the
United States Navy after the Civil War based on Mont's diary from 1872-1873, correspondences, and memorabilia from his time at Annapolis and at sea; an intimate look at Victorian courtship practices through Ellie and Mont's relationship; and a portrait of the social customs and manners of a middle class Victorian family. Specific highlights of the Sherman Thackara collection are Ellie's love letters to Mont, Thomas Ewing Sherman's notebook from St. Louis University, first-hand accounts of Lincoln's funeral procession in Chicago and Philadelphia, and a large collection of Japanese and Javanese photographs acquired during Mont's time spent stationed in the Pacific.

Subjects:
Below is a list of general subjects addressed in the collection:

Brothers and sisters--19th century--correspondence
Communication in marriage--19th century--correspondence
Courtship--19th century--correspondence
Education, Elementary--19th Century
Education, Secondary--19th century
Europe--travel--19th century--correspondence
Family--19th century--correspondence
Fathers and daughters--19th century--correspondence
Generals--United States--19th century
Holidays--19th century--Correspondence
Japan--Travel--19th century--Pictorial works
Java (Indonesia)--Travel--19th century--pictorial works
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Death and burial--Correspondence
Love-letters--19th century--Correspondence
Manners and customs--19th century--correspondence
Middle class--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia--19th century--correspondence
Mothers and daughters--19th century--correspondence
Philadelphia Metropolitan area (pa.)--19th century
united states military academy--19th century
united states Naval academy--19th century--Correspondence
weddings--19th century

Arrangement Notes:

Date Range: 1854-1897
Arrangement: In each box, the items within the folders are arranged in chronological order according to day/month/year. They are grouped together by author and recipient. For example, all of Mont's letters written to his father Benjamin Thackara during the year 1867-1868 are placed together in one folder.

Non-dated materials: In such situations, a best guess of the date (usually written in pencil and placed in the upper right corner of the letter) was made based on contextual information of the letter.
Eleanor Mary Sherman Thackara (Sept. 5, 1859 - July 18, 1915) and Alexander Montgomery Thackara (1848 - 1937): referred to as "Ellie" or "Elly" and "Mont" in family correspondences

Born in 1859, Eleanor Mary Sherman ("Ellie") was one of eight children from the union of Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman and his wife Ellen Ewing Sherman. A devout Catholic, Ellen sought to raise her children in the Catholic faith, rather than their father’s Protestant beliefs. In doing so, the Sherman household proved a dynamic family setting uncommon in the Victorian age. Not much is known of Ellie’s childhood; however, included in this collection of family papers are a few letters composed by her during her school years. For a deeper analysis of Ellie’s relationship with her parents please consult the following graduate student papers: “The Sherman-Thackara Family Papers & Epistolary Art of Ellie Sherman: Gender Distinctions in Addressing her Parents” by George J. Benton, and “The Sherman Letters: A Window into a Father and Daughter Relationship in Nineteenth-Century America” by Nicholas Markellos.

The other prominent figure in this collection is Alexander Montgomery Thackara ("Mont"), born to Benjamin and Mary Thackara in Philadelphia in 1848. In contrast to the Shermans, the Thackara family resulted in only three children- two boys and a girl. When Mont was 21 years old, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1869. Ten years later he would meet Ellie. During these in between years, Mont served in the Navy, traveling to exotic locales such as Java, Panama, and Japan. Many photographs from his time spent at sea as well as papers from his school days at Annapolis are included here within the collection.

In 1879, Mont met Ellie. After a brief courtship, they wed in General Sherman’s Washington D.C. home on May 5, 1880. Leading up to their marriage, Mont and Ellie exchanged numerous letters revealing their love and admiration for each other. Located within the collection, these love letters shed an interesting perspective on courtship in Victorian America. In her graduate school paper “Hidden Passions: An Example of Victorian Courtship through the Love Letters of Eleanor Sherman and Alexander Thackara”, Meagan...
Schenkelberg examines Mont and Ellie’s relationship within the context of 19th century America.

One year later (1881) Mont retired from the navy and settled into domestic life with his new bride, procuring a job in his father’s Philadelphia manufacturing and sales firm of gas fixtures (Thackara, Sons & Co.). Living in the Philadelphia suburbs, Ellie and Mont have four children— Mary Elizabeth, Eleanor, William T. Sherman, and Alexander Montgomery, Jr. The following years find the Thackara family traveling abroad (Canada and Europe) and domestically (Ohio, Washington D.C., New York, etc.). The children attend school in New York and often write home to their parents.

Almost two decades later in 1897, President McKinley appoints Mont to serve as a U.S. Consul at Le Havre, France. Villanova’s Sherman Thackara Collection ends here and does not contain any of the Thackara's personal papers from the turn of the century on. As Mont served in various consulates (Le Havre, Berlin, and Paris), Ellie actively worked toward relief aid with the Red Cross during World War I. In Paris, she passes away from an illness in 1915. Mont continues to serve as the Consul General in Paris until his retirement in 1924. He passes away from bronchial pneumonia in the American Hospital of Paris, located in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France in 1937 where he had been living since his retirement.

Parents:
William Tecumseh Sherman (1820 - 1891): Father of Ellie; sometimes referred to as "Papa" and "Cump" in family correspondences

Born in Lancaster, Ohio on February 8, 1820, Sherman was orphaned at a young age by his father's sudden death. Having left no inheritance, Sherman's mother could not care for her eleven children. Senator Thomas Ewing took Sherman into his family and raised him. Sherman is best remembered in history for his leadership in the Union Army during the Civil War. He married Thomas Ewing's daughter, Ellen Boyle Ewing in 1850. The marriage resulted in eight children. In 1869, President Grant appointed Sherman Commanding General of the United States Army. Retiring from the army in 1884, Sherman lived out the remainder of his life in New York, where he passed away on February 14, 1891. For more information on Sherman's life, please consult the Additional Links & Bibliography page.

Ellen Boyle Ewing Sherman (1824 - 1888): Mother of Ellie; referred to as "Mama" in family correspondences

Like her husband, Ellen was born in Lancaster, Ohio on October 4, 1824. The daughter of Senator Thomas Ewing was one of six Ewing children and weds her father's ward, William T. Sherman in 1850. A devout Roman Catholic, Ellen spent her time working with various charities and holding social events. One example was her famous "pound party" she held in Washington, D.C. A dotting mother, the Sherman Thackara Collection contains many letter Ellen wrote and received from her children and grandchildren. Mrs. Sherman passed away in 1888.

Benjamin Thackara (1820 - 1896): Father of Mont

Born in Haddonfield, New Jersey, Benjamin started working as a school teacher. Eventually he moved to Philadelphia and started a gas fixture company. With his wife Mary, he raised three children. According to his obituary which ran on September 16, 1896 in the Philadelphia Inquirer, after lifting his ailing wife, Benjamin dies from heart failure. They had recently celebrated their golden anniversary. The Sherman Thackara Collection contains many letter Ellen wrote and received from her children and grandchildren. Mrs. Sherman passed away in 1888.

Mary A. Thackara (d. October 6, 1896): Mother of Mont

Not much information is recorded about Mont's mother. She passes away less than one month after her husband.

Siblings:
Maria Ewing Sherman Fitch (1851 - 1913): Older sister of Ellie; referred to as "Minnie" in family correspondences

Being the oldest Sherman daughter, Minnie was very close to her mother and fulfilled many social obligations as a result of her position within the family. She spends a year in Europe and in London, Minnie meets Lieutenant Thomas William (Will) Fitch. They marry shortly after in 1874 in a grand ceremony held in Washington, D.C. As a wedding present, Minnie received a diamond necklace, consisting of four strands of diamonds, and matching earrings. At the time of their marriage, Will retires from the Navy. They move to St. Louis, OH and live in a house owned by Minnie's parents. During their marriage, Minnie has seven children, but only four survive. Toward the end of her life, she moves with...
her husband to Pittsburg, and here she passes away in 1913.

**Mary Elizabeth Sherman (1852 - 1925):** Older sister of Ellie; referred to as "Lizzie" in family correspondences

The second oldest daughter of Ellen and William Sherman, Lizzie never marries. She moves to Massachusetts and dies here in 1925. This collections possesses many letters by Lizzie and sent to her by various family members.

**William Tecumseh Sherman, Jr. (1854 - 1863):** Older brother of Ellie; referred to as "Cumpy" or "Willy" in family correspondences until his death

William T. Sherman, Jr. was General Sherman's oldest son. It was widely believed that he would follow in his father's military footsteps. Unfortunately, Willy dies when he is nine years old. With his death, General Sherman's aspirations for his oldest son are transferred to his next son, Thomas Ewing Sherman. The General and Ellen never fully recovered from this family loss.

**Thomas Ewing Sherman, (1856 - 1933):** Older brother of Ellie; referred to as "Tom" or "Tommy" in family correspondences

Tom was General Sherman's second oldest son. After Willy's death, the General had high hopes that Tom would follow in his own footsteps. However, Tom desired a radically different career apart from the military. Connecting strongly with his mother's faith, Tom sought to become a Catholic priest, and in making this decision, greatly wounded his father. Here in the Sherman Thackara Collection is the letter General Sherman sent to Ellen revealing his anger and feelings of betrayal over hearing the news of Tom's choice. The General and Tom's relationship was never again the same. In 1889 Tom became a Jesuit priest, and during the Spanish-American War of 1898, he served as a chaplain. In his later years, Tom lived with his niece Eleanor Sherman Fitch, and passed away when he was 76 years old.

**Rachel Ewing Sherman Thorndike, (1861 - 1919):** Younger sister of Ellie; referred to as "Rachey" in family correspondences

The youngest daughter in the Sherman family, Rachel married a physician, Dr. Paul Thorndike in 1891. The wedding took place in Senator John Sherman's Washington, D.C. home (Rachel's uncle) and was attended by President Benjamin Harrison. Like her other sisters, Rachel often wrote letters to her family members and many of those correspondences are included in the Sherman Thackara Collection. She has three children with Dr. Thorndike, and passed away in 1919 in her Boston home.

**Charles Celestine Sherman, (June 11, 1864 - December 4, 1864):** Younger brother of Ellie; referred to as "Charley" in family correspondences

Charles was only ten months old when he passed away from pneumonia. His father, General Sherman, never even had a chance to see the child. It was not until New Year's Eve that the General learned of his son's death.

**Philemon Tecumseh Sherman, (1867 - 1941):** Youngest brother of Ellie; referred to as "Cumpy" in family correspondences after Willy's death

The youngest child in the Sherman family, Philemon became a lawyer after studying law at Columbia University. He is successful in law fields on unemployment and insurance. At 74 years old, still practicing law, Philemon dies of a heart attack in his New York home in 1941. Having never married, he was survived only by his nieces and nephews.

**Charles Thackara, (d. August 28, 1915):** Older brother of Mont

Unfortunately, like many members of the Thackara family, there is not a lot of information recorded about Charles' life. He married Ida McLellan in Chambersburg, PA on May 29, 1873. While Mont was in Annapolis, Charles wrote him some letters and these are included in the collection. Based on correspondences from the Thackara, Sons & Co., it appears that Charles worked for his father's company just like Mont did. Charles passed away in Springfield, PA and left everything to his wife Ida.

**Julia E. Buck: Older sister of Mont**

The only daughter in the Thackara family, Julia married Dr. W. Penn Buck in the early 1870s. There are only a few letters composed by her in the Sherman Thackara Collection.
Children:

Mary Elizabeth Thackara, (1881 - ?): Oldest daughter of Ellie and Mont; referred to as "Lizzie" or "little Lizzie" in family correspondences

Not much information is available about the oldest Sherman Thackara child. According to Ellie's obituary that ran in *The Lexington Herald* on July 19, 1915, Lizzie was by her mother's side when she passed away in Paris. She never marries.

Eleanor Sherman Thackara Cauldwell, (1880s – ?)

Eleanor married Frederic Cauldwell on January 31, 1917 in Rosemont, PA. Shortly thereafter, the couple move to Washington, D.C. and have two children: Eleanor Thackara Cauldwell and Sherman Cauldwell. Frederic was a consular official, and the family lived in Paris until Mont's death in 1937. Like her sister, Eleanor was by her mother's side when she died in 1915 and she and her husband are with Mont when he passes away in 1937. In 1942, Frederic dies at the age of 67 and Eleanor continues living through the early 1950s. She is still alive when her daughter weds in 1952.

William T. Sherman Thackara, (1887 - 1983): Son of Ellie and Mont; referred to as "Sherman" in family correspondences

According to his obituary which ran in *The New York Times* on July 14, 1983, Sherman graduated from Harvard College in 1908. During World War I, he served in Naval Intelligence in Argentina. Later on he worked for the Otis Elevator Company. Sherman married Lucy Marcel, and they had three children- James, Alexander, and Eleanor.

Alexander Montgomery Thackara, Jr., (d. December 27, 1921): Son of Ellie and Mont; referred to as "Lex" or "Lexie" in family correspondences

Like Lizzie, not much information is known on Lex. When his mother passed away, he was in New York. Lex would only outlive Ellie by six years. He passes away in London on December 27, 1921.

*Sources are located in the Additional Links & Bibliography page*
## Box VI-b:

A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.), Correspondence 1881-1897

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Biographical / Historical Information:

**Sherman Family:**
- William T. Sherman
- Ellen Ewing Sherman
- Maria Ewing Sherman Fitch
- Mary Elizabeth Sherman
- William Tecumseh Sherman, Jr.
- Thomas Ewing Sherman
- Eleanor Mary Sherman Thackara
- Rachel Ewing Sherman Thorndike
- Charles Celestine Sherman
- Philemon Tecumseh Sherman

**Thackara Family:**
- Benjamin Thackara
- Mary A. Thackara
- Charles Thackara
- Julia E. Buck
- Alexander M. Thackara

**Sherman-Thackara Family:**
- Alexander Montgomery Thackara
- Eleanor Mary Sherman Thackara
- Mary Elizabeth Thackara
- Eleanor Sherman Thackara Cauldwell
- William T. Sherman Thackara
- Alexander Montgomery Thackara, Jr.

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Eleanor Mary Sherman Thackara (Sept. 5, 1859 - July 18, 1915) and Alexander Montgomery Thackara (1848 - 1937): referred to as "Ellie" or "Elly" and "Mont" in family corresponsces

Born in 1859, Eleanor Mary Sherman ("Ellie") was one of eight children from the union of Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman and his wife Ellen Ewing Sherman. A devout Catholic, Ellen sought to raise her children in the Catholic faith, rather than their father’s Protestant beliefs. In doing so, the Sherman household proved a dynamic family setting uncommon in the Victorian age. Not much is known of Ellie’s childhood; however, included in this collection of family papers are a few letters composed by her during her school years. For a deeper analysis of Ellie’s relationship with her parents please consult the following graduate student papers: “The Sherman-Thackara Family Papers & Epistolary Art of Ellie Sherman: Gender Distinctions in Addressing her Parents” by George J. Benton, and “The Sherman Letters: A Window into a Father and Daughter Relationship in Nineteenth-Century America” by Nicholas Markellos.

The other prominent figure in this collection is Alexander Montgomery Thackara ("Mont"), born to Benjamin and Mary Thackara in Philadelphia in 1848. In contrast to the Shermans, the Thackara family resulted in only three children- two boys and a girl. When Mont was 21 years old, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1869. Ten years later he would meet Ellie. During these in between years, Mont served in the Navy, traveling to exotic locales such as Java, Panama, and Japan. Many photographs from his time spent at sea as well as papers from his school days at Annapolis are included here within the collection.

In 1879, Mont met Ellie. After a brief courtship, they wed in General Sherman’s Washington D.C. home on May 5, 1880. Leading up to their marriage, Mont and Ellie exchanged numerous letters revealing their love and admiration for each other. Located within the collection, these love letters shed an interesting perspective on courtship in Victorian
America. In her graduate school paper “Hidden Passions: An Example of Victorian Courtship through the Love Letters of Eleanor Sherman and Alexander Thackara”, Meagan Schenkelberg examines Mont and Ellie’s relationship within the context of 19th century America.

One year later (1881) Mont retired from the navy and settled into domestic life with his new bride, procuring a job in his father’s Philadelphia manufacturing and sales firm of gas fixtures (Thackara, Sons & Co.). Living in the Philadelphia suburbs, Ellie and Mont have four children— Mary Elizabeth, Eleanor, William T. Sherman, and Alexander Montgomery, Jr. The following years find the Thackara family traveling abroad (Canada and Europe) and domestically (Ohio, Washington D.C., New York, etc.). The children attend school in New York and often write home to their parents.

Almost two decades later in 1897, President McKinley appoints Mont to serve as a U.S. Consul at Le Havre, France. Villanova’s Sherman Thackara Collection ends here and does not contain any of the Thackara's personal papers from the turn of the century on. As Mont served in various consulates (Le Havre, Berlin, and Paris), Ellie actively worked toward relief aid with the Red Cross during World War I. In Paris, she passes away from an illness in 1915. Mont continues to serve as the Consul General in Paris until his retirement in 1924. He passes away from bronchial pneumonia in the American Hospital of Paris, located in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France in 1937 where he had been living since his retirement.

Parents:
William Tecumseh Sherman (1820 - 1891): Father of Ellie; sometimes referred to as "Papa" and "Cump" in family correspondences

Born in Lancaster, Ohio on February 8, 1820, Sherman was orphaned at a young age by his father's sudden death. Having left no inheritance, Sherman's mother could not care for her eleven children. Senator Thomas Ewing took Sherman into his family and raised him. Sherman is best remembered in history for his leadership in the Union Army during the Civil War. He married Thomas Ewing's daughter, Ellen Boyle Ewing in 1850. The marriage resulted in eight children. In 1869, President Grant appointed Sherman Commanding General of the United States Army. Retiring from the army in 1884, Sherman lived out the remainder of his life in New York, where he passed away on February 14, 1891. For more information on Sherman's life, please consult the Additional Links & Bibliography page.

Ellen Boyle Ewing Sherman (1824 - 1888): Mother of Ellie; referred to as "Mama" in family correspondences

Like her husband, Ellen was born in Lancaster, Ohio on October 4, 1824. The daughter of Senator Thomas Ewing was one of six Ewing children and weds her father's ward, William T. Sherman in 1850. A devout Roman Catholic, Ellen spent her time working with various charities and holding social events. One example was her famous "pound party" she held in Washington, D.C. A doting mother, the Sherman Thackara Collection contains many letter Ellen wrote and received from her children and grandchildren. Mrs. Sherman passed away in 1888.

Benjamin Thackara (1820 - 1896): Father of Mont

Born in Haddonfield, New Jersey, Benjamin started working as a school teacher. Eventually he moved to Philadelphia and started a gas fixture company. With his wife Mary, he raised three children. According to his obituary which ran on September 16, 1896 in the Philadelphia Inquirer, after lifting his ailing wife, Benjamin dies from heart failure. They had recently celebrated their golden anniversary. The Sherman Thackara Collection contains letters Benjamin wrote Mont while Mont was studying in Annapolis. It also has a letter Benjamin composed in Chicago while Lincoln's funeral train was stopped there.

Mary A. Thackara (d. October 6, 1896): Mother of Mont

Not much information is recorded about Mont's mother. She passes away less than one month after her husband.

siblings:
Maria Ewing Sherman Fitch (1851 - 1913): Older sister of Ellie; referred to as "Minnie" in family correspondences

Being the oldest Sherman daughter, Minnie was very close to her mother and fulfilled many social obligations as a result of her position within the family. She spends a year in Europe and in London, Minnie meets Lieutenant Thomas William (Will) Fitch. They marry shortly after in 1874 in a grand ceremony held in Washington, D.C. As a wedding
present, Minnie received a diamond necklace, consisting of four strands of diamonds, and matching earrings. At the time of their marriage, Will retires from the Navy. They move to St. Louis, OH and live in a house owned by Minnie's parents. During their marriage, Minnie has seven children, but only four survive. Toward the end of her life, she moves with her husband to Pittsburg, and here she passes away in 1913.

*Mary Elizabeth Sherman (1852 - 1925): Older sister of Ellie; referred to as "Lizzie" in family correspondences*

The second oldest daughter of Ellen and William Sherman, Lizzie never marries. She moves to Massachusetts and dies here in 1925. This collections possesses many letters by Lizzie and sent to her by various family members.

*William Tecumseh Sherman, Jr. (1854 - 1863): Older brother of Ellie; referred to as "Cumpy" or "Willy" in family correspondences until his death*

William T. Sherman, Jr. was General Sherman's oldest son. It was widely believed that he would follow in his father's military footsteps. Unfortunately, Willy dies when he is nine years old. With his death, General Sherman's aspirations for his oldest son are transferred to his next son, Thomas Ewing Sherman. The General and Ellen never fully recovered from this family loss.

*Thomas Ewing Sherman, (1856 - 1933): Older brother of Ellie; referred to as "Tom" or "Tommy" in family correspondences*

Tom was General Sherman's second oldest son. After Willy's death, the General had high hopes that Tom would follow in his own footsteps. However, Tom desired a radically different career apart from the military. Connecting strongly with his mother's faith, Tom sought to become a Catholic priest, and in making this decision, greatly wounded his father. Here in the Sherman Thackara Collection is the letter General Sherman sent to Ellen revealing his anger and feelings of betrayal over hearing the news of Tom's choice. The General and Tom's relationship was never again the same. In 1889 Tom became a Jesuit priest, and during the Spanish-American War of 1898, he served as a chaplain. In his later years, Tom lived with his niece Eleanor Sherman Fitch, and passed away when he was 76 years old.

*Rachel Ewing Sherman Thorndike, (1861 - 1919): Younger sister of Ellie; referred to as "Rachey" in family correspondences*

The youngest daughter in the Sherman family, Rachel married a physician, Dr. Paul Thorndike in 1891. The wedding took place in Senator John Sherman's Washington, D.C. home (Rachel's uncle) and was attended by President Benjamin Harrison. Like her other sisters, Rachel often wrote letters to her family members and many of those correspondences are included in the Sherman Thackara Collection. She has three children with Dr. Thorndike, and passed away in 1919 in her Boston home.

*Charles Celestine Sherman, (June 11, 1864 - December 4, 1864): Younger brother of Ellie; referred to as "Charley" in family correspondences*

Charles was only ten months old when he passed away from pneumonia. His father, General Sherman, never even had a chance to see the child. It was not until New Year's Eve that the General learned of his son's death.

*Philemon Tecumseh Sherman, (1867 - 1941): Youngest brother of Ellie; referred to as "Cumpy" in family correspondences after Willy's death*

The youngest child in the Sherman family, Philemon became a lawyer after studying law at Columbia University. He is successful in law fields on unemployment and insurance. At 74 years old, still practicing law, Philemon dies of a heart attack in his New York home in 1941. Having never married, he was survived only by his nieces and nephews.

*Charles Thackara, (d. August 28, 1915): Older brother of Mont*

Unfortunately, like many members of the Thackara family, there is not a lot of information recorded about Charles' life. He married Ida McLellan in Chambersburg, PA on May 29, 1873. While Mont was in Annapolis, Charles wrote him some letters and these are included in the collection. Based on correspondences from the Thackara, Sons & Co., it appears that Charles worked for his father's company just like Mont did. Charles passed away in Springfield, PA and left everything to his wife Ida.

*Julia E. Buck: Older sister of Mont*
The only daughter in the Thackara family, Julia married Dr. W. Penn Buck in the early 1870s. There are only a few letters composed by her in the Sherman Thackara Collection.

**Children:**

*Mary Elizabeth Thackara, (1881 - ?):* Oldest daughter of Ellie and Mont; referred to as "Lizzie" or "little Lizzie" in family correspondences

Not much information is available about the oldest Sherman Thackara child. According to Ellie’s obituary that ran in *The Lexington Herald* on July 19, 1915, Lizzie was by her mother’s side when she passed away in Paris. She never marries.

*Eleanor Sherman Thackara Cauldwell, (1880s? – ?)*

Eleanor married Frederic Cauldwell on January 31, 1917 in Rosemont, PA. Shortly thereafter, the couple move to Washington, D.C. and have two children: Eleanor Thackara Cauldwell and Sherman Cauldwell. Frederic was a consular official, and the family lived in Paris until Mont's death in 1937. Like her sister, Eleanor was by her mother's side when she died in 1915 and she and her husband are with Mont when he passes away in 1937. In 1942, Frederic dies at the age of 67 and Eleanor continues living through the early 1950s. She is still alive when her daughter weds in 1952.

*William T. Sherman Thackara, (November 30, 1884? or May 1887? - 1983):* Son of Ellie and Mont; referred to as "Sherman" in family correspondences

According to his obituary which ran in *The New York Times* on July 14, 1983, Sherman graduated from Harvard College in 1908. During World War I, he served in Naval Intelligence in Argentina. Later on he worked for the Otis Elevator Company. Sherman married Lucy Marcel, and they had three children- James, Alexander, and Eleanor. There is a discrepancy over his date of birth. In her book *Three Generations*, Katherine Burton writes "Ellen Sherman was at Rosemont in May 1887, when a son was born to Elly and named William Tecumseh Thackara," (p. 261). Sherman's *New York Times* death notice cites his birth date as November 30, 1884.

*Alexander Montgomery Thackara, Jr., (1883? - 1921):* Son of Ellie and Mont; referred to as "Lex" or "Lexie" in family correspondences

Like Lizzie, not much information is known about Lex. This collection contains a telegram from Mont to General Sherman announcing the birth of a son, which is most likely Lex. When his mother passed away, Lex was in New York. He would only outlive Ellie by six years., and passes away in London on December 27, 1921.

*Sources are located in the Additional Links & Bibliography page*
Box I:

Sherman Family

William Tecumseh & Ellen Ewing Sherman & Children

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Ellen Ewing Sherman, 1824-1888
Corresp., (to & from) 1856-1887

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Corresp., Misc. 1885-1896
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Thomas Ewing Sherman, 1856-1933 (?)
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Corresp., 1891-1896
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P. Tecumseh Sherman to Eleanor Sherman & A. M. Thackara
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35 items
7 items
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**Box II:**
Eleanor Sherman Thackara (Mrs. A. M.) to William Tecumseh Sherman,  
Corresp., 1869-1890

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Corresp., 1869-1880

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Corresp.

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Corresp., April-August 31, 1886

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Eleanor Sherman Thackara to Ellen Ewing Sherman
Corresp., September-December 1886

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Eleanor Sherman Thackara to Ellen Ewing Sherman
Corresp., January-May 1887

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Eleanor Sherman Thackara to Ellen Ewing Sherman
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Eleanor Sherman Thackara to Ellen Ewing Sherman
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Corresp., Misc. records, 1854-1897

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Corresp., 1863
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Charles Thackara to A. M. Thackara
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<td>October 4, 1824</td>
<td>Ellen Boyle Ewing born in Lancaster, OH</td>
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<td>1829</td>
<td>Sherman becomes Senator Thomas Ewing’s ward</td>
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<td>1840</td>
<td>Sherman graduates from West Point</td>
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<td>1848</td>
<td>Born: Alexander (&quot;Mont&quot;) Montgomery Thackara</td>
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<td>Sherman marries Ellen Ewing in her father’s Washington, D.C. home</td>
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<td>January 18, 1851</td>
<td>Born: Maria (&quot;Minnie&quot;) Ewing Sherman</td>
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<td>March 17, 1852</td>
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<td>June 8, 1854</td>
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<td>Born: Thomas Ewing Sherman</td>
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<td>1859</td>
<td>Sherman becomes the first superintendent of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning &amp; Military Academy in Pineville, Louisiana</td>
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<td>September 5, 1859</td>
<td>Born: Eleanor (&quot;Ellie&quot;) Mary Sherman</td>
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<td>The Civil War begins</td>
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<td>July 5, 1861</td>
<td>Born: Rachel Ewing Sherman</td>
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<td>1862</td>
<td>Mont enters the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis</td>
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<td>October 10, 1863</td>
<td>Died: William Tecumseh Sherman, Jr.; aged 9 years old</td>
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<td>March 9, 1864</td>
<td>General Ulysses Grant places Sherman in charge of the Union troops in west</td>
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<td>June 11, 1864</td>
<td>Born: Charles Celestine Sherman</td>
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<td>Sherman’s troops capture Atlanta, Georgia</td>
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<td>Died: Charles Celestine Sherman; aged 10 months</td>
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<td>Sherman and his troops reach Savannah, Georgia</td>
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<td>April 15, 1865</td>
<td>President Abraham Lincoln dies</td>
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<td>April 18, 1865</td>
<td>Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrenders to Sherman, ending the Civil War</td>
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<td>July 25, 1866</td>
<td>Sherman appointed to Lieutenant General of the Army</td>
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<td>1867-1868</td>
<td>Thomas attending St. Louis University</td>
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<td>1869</td>
<td>President Grant appoints Sherman to Commanding General of the United States Army</td>
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<td>Mont graduates from Annapolis</td>
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<td>Mont oversees in Europe, Japan, Java, and Panama</td>
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<td>Minnie travels throughout Europe; meets Lieutenant Thomas W. Fitch in London</td>
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<td>1881</td>
<td>Mont retires from the Navy and works for his father’s business, Thackara, Sons &amp; Co.; Sherman Thackara family lives in Rosemont, PA for three years (1881 – 1884)</td>
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<td>January 18, 1881</td>
<td>Born: Mary Elizabeth Thackara</td>
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<tr>
<td>November 1, 1883</td>
<td>Sherman steps down as commanding general</td>
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<td>February 8, 1884</td>
<td>Sherman retires from the army and with Ellen, moves to New York City</td>
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<tr>
<td>November 30, 1884</td>
<td>Born: William Tecumseh Sherman Thackara (possible date of birth; see also May 1887)</td>
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<td>1886</td>
<td>Philemon graduates from St. Louis University</td>
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<tr>
<td>May 1887</td>
<td>Born: William Tecumseh Sherman Thackara (possible date of birth; see also November 30, 1884)</td>
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<td>1888</td>
<td>Philemon graduates from Yale University with a Bachelor of Philosophy</td>
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<td>Died: Ellen Ewing Sherman; aged 64 years old</td>
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<td>July 9, 1889</td>
<td>Thomas is ordained a priest in Philadelphia. His father, General Sherman, is noticeably missing from the occasion</td>
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<td>February 1891</td>
<td>Died: General William T. Sherman; aged 71 years old</td>
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<td>June 1891</td>
<td><strong>Traveling 1891-1892</strong> Ellie travels throughout Canada and writes a newspaper article about her “summer jaunt”</td>
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<td><strong>Wedding:</strong> Rachel Ewing Sherman to Dr. Paul Thorndike in Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>September 15, 1896</td>
<td>Died: Benjamin Thackara of heart failure</td>
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<td>October 6, 1896</td>
<td>Died: Mary A. Thackara</td>
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<td>1899</td>
<td>Philemon graduates from Columbia University with a degree in law</td>
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<td>1903</td>
<td>Philemon starts practicing law in New York City</td>
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<td>1905-1913</td>
<td>Mont is reassigned and serves as Consul General in Berlin</td>
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<td>1905</td>
<td>With Mont’s appointment to Berlin, Ellie in turn receives her own recognition: She is elected President of the American Women’s Club, a position generally offered to an ambassador’s wife</td>
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<td>1908</td>
<td>William Thackara graduates from Harvard</td>
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<td>1913</td>
<td>President Woodrow Wilson appoints Mont to be Consul General in Paris</td>
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<tr>
<td>November 22, 1913</td>
<td>Died: Maria Ewing Sherman Fitch; aged 62 years old</td>
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<tr>
<td>July 1914</td>
<td>World War I begins</td>
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<tr>
<td>1914-1918</td>
<td>William T. Sherman Thackara serves in Naval Intelligence in Argentina</td>
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<td>1914-1915</td>
<td>Ellie works with the Red Cross on the Serbian relief effort</td>
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<td>April 1915</td>
<td>Ellie becomes seriously ill</td>
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<td>Spring 1915</td>
<td>At this time, both Lex and William are abroad- Lex in New York and William in Buenos Aires</td>
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<tr>
<td>July 18, 1915</td>
<td>Died: Eleanor Mary Sherman Thackara in Paris; aged 55 years old. Around this time, Ellie receives a letter of thanks from the King of Serbia for her efforts with the Red Cross. Mont and their two daughters Eleanor and Elizabeth, are by her side when Ellie passes away</td>
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<td>August 28, 1915</td>
<td>Died: Charles Thackara</td>
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<td><strong>Wedding:</strong> Eleanor Sherman Thackara to Frederic Cauldwell in Rosemont, PA</td>
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<td>October 26, 1919</td>
<td>Died: Rachel Ewing Sherman Thorndike; aged 58 years old</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>Mont given the <a href="#">Croix de Guerre</a> award, but cannot accept it for another 14 years because of his status as a government employee</td>
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<td>December 27, 1921</td>
<td>Died: Alexander (“Lex”) Montgomery Thackara, Jr., in London</td>
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<td>August 1924</td>
<td>Mont retires as the Consul General in Paris and is replaced by Robert P. Skinner</td>
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<td>April 6, 1925</td>
<td>Died: Mary Elizabeth (“Lizzie”) Sherman; aged 73 years old</td>
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<td>April 29, 1933</td>
<td>Died: Thomas Ewing Sherman in New Orleans, LA; aged 76 years old</td>
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<td>October 24, 1934</td>
<td>Mont allowed to accept his <a href="#">Croix de Guerre</a> award as a result of a joint house resolution</td>
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<td>January 19, 1937</td>
<td>Died: Alexander Montgomery Thackara of bronchial pneumonia in the American Hospital of Paris, located in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France; aged 88 years old</td>
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<td>December 6, 1941</td>
<td>Died: Philemon Tecumseh Sherman in New York City of a heart attack; aged 74 years old</td>
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<tr>
<td>July 12, 1983</td>
<td>Died: William Tecumseh Sherman Thackara in Mystic CT; aged 96 or 98 years old</td>
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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor Sherman,  
Corresp., 1879-1880

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Corresp., Jan-June, 1879

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Corresp., July/Aug./Sept., 1879

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor Sherman  
Corresp., Oct. 1879

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor Sherman  
Corresp., Nov. - Dec., 1879

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor Sherman  
Corresp., Jan., 1880

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.),
Correspondence 1881-1897

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara
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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara
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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara
Corresp., 1890
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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara
Corresp., 1891
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15 items

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara
Corresp., 1892
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38 items

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara
Corresp., 1893
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8 items

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara
Corresp., 1894
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57 items

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara
Corresp., 1896
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49 items

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A. M. Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara
Corresp., 1897
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9 items
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A. M. & E. S. Thackara Family,
Correspondence & Misc. records, 1880-1947

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Folder #1
A. M. Thackara to his children
Corresp., 1887-1896
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12 items

Folder #2
Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.) to her children
Corresp., 1880's, 1892
7/2/1, 7/2/2, 7/2/3
3 items

Folder #3
Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Thackara, 1881-(?) to her parents
Corresp., 1892-1897
including 3 report cards and letter to Rachael Sherman Thorndike from E. S. Thackara dated February 27 [1896] on verso of letter from Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) to E. S. Thackara dated February 20 & 23, 1895
19 items

Folder #4
Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Thackara, 1881-(?) to Wm. T. Sherman (grandfather), and to Ellen Ewing Sherman (grandmother),
Corresp., 1880-1890
13 items

Folder #5
Alex., Sherman & Eleanor S. Thackara to A. M. & E. S. Thackara (parents)
Corresp., 1892-1897,
(including 3 letters to Santa Claus)
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<td>Alexander and Eleanor S. Thackara to their Thackara grandparents Corresp., 1896 7/7/1, 7/7/2, 7/7/3</td>
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<td>Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Thackara, 1881 and Sherman Thackara from Emily Quirk 7/8/1, 7/8/2</td>
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<td>Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.) Articles, Misc., typescript &amp; printed, 1880's-1891 7/13/1, 7/13/2, 7/13/3, 7/13/4, 7/13/5a, 7/13/5b, 7/13/5c, 7/13/6</td>
<td>46p. Mss. 14p. Play 1 leaf to 27p. Mss. 1 newspaper article loose pages</td>
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Annapolis Naval Academy
Individuals & Groups, 1865-1869
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Folder #4
Japanese people & places

Folder #5
Javanese people & places
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Bibliography

The following resources provide contextual and/or supplemental information that may be helpful while researching in the Sherman Thackara Collection.

Additional Links:
- Notre Dame Archives- Thomas Ewing Family Papers
- Notre Dame Archives- William T. Sherman Family Papers
- Ohio Historical Society
- OhioPix: Picturing Ohio's History - Selections from the Ohio Historical Society Collection
- United States Naval Academy's Nimitz Library- Special Collections & Archives
- Wikipedia Article: Alexander Montgomery Thackara
- Wikipedia Article: Eleanor Sherman Thackara
- Wikipedia Article: Thomas Ewing Sherman
- Wikipedia Article: William T. Sherman

Selected Bibliography:

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# Sherman Thackara Timeline

## Early Years 1820 - 1860

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<td>February 8, 1820</td>
<td>William Tecumseh Sherman born in Lancaster, OH</td>
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<td>October 4, 1824</td>
<td>Ellen Boyle Ewing born in Lancaster, OH.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1829</td>
<td>Sherman becomes Senator Thomas Ewing’s ward</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1840</td>
<td>Sherman graduates from West Point</td>
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<tr>
<td>1848</td>
<td>Born: Alexander (“Mont”) Montgomery Thackara</td>
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<tr>
<td>May 1, 1850</td>
<td>Sherman marries Ellen Ewing in her father’s Washington, D.C. home</td>
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<tr>
<td>January 18, 1851</td>
<td>Born: Maria (“Minnie”) Ewing Sherman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 17, 1852</td>
<td>Born: Mary Elizabeth (“Lizzie”) Sherman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 8, 1854</td>
<td>Born: William Tecumseh Sherman, Jr.</td>
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<tr>
<td>October 12, 1856</td>
<td>Born: Thomas Ewing Sherman</td>
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<tr>
<td>1859</td>
<td>Sherman becomes the first superintendent of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning &amp; Military Academy in Pineville, Louisiana</td>
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<tr>
<td>September 5, 1859</td>
<td>Born: Eleanor (“Ellie”) Mary Sherman</td>
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<tr>
<td>April 12, 1861</td>
<td>The Civil War begins</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 5, 1861</td>
<td>Born: Rachel Ewing Sherman</td>
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<tr>
<td>1862</td>
<td>Mont enters the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis</td>
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<tr>
<td>October 10, 1863</td>
<td>Died: William Tecumseh Sherman, Jr.; aged 9 years old</td>
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<tr>
<td>March 9, 1864</td>
<td>General Ulysses Grant places Sherman in charge of the Union troops in west</td>
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<tr>
<td>June 11, 1864</td>
<td>Born: Charles Celestine Sherman</td>
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<tr>
<td>September 2, 1864</td>
<td>Sherman’s troops capture Atlanta, Georgia</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 4, 1864</td>
<td>Died: Charles Celestine Sherman; aged 10 months</td>
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#### Years of Transition

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<td>December 21, 1864</td>
<td>Sherman and his troops reach Savannah, Georgia</td>
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<td>April 15, 1865</td>
<td>President Abraham Lincoln dies</td>
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<tr>
<td>April 18, 1865</td>
<td>Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrenders to Sherman, ending the Civil War</td>
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<tr>
<td>July 25, 1866</td>
<td>Sherman appointed to Lieutenant General of the Army</td>
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<tr>
<td>1867-1868</td>
<td>Thomas attending St. Louis University</td>
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<tr>
<td>January 9, 1867</td>
<td>Born: Philemon (“Cumpy”) Tecumseh Sherman</td>
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<tr>
<td>1869</td>
<td>President Grant appoints Sherman to Commanding General of the United States Army</td>
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<tr>
<td>1869</td>
<td>Mont graduates from Annapolis</td>
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<tr>
<td>1869-1881</td>
<td>Mont oversees in Europe, Japan, Java, and Panama</td>
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<tr>
<td>1872?</td>
<td>Wedding: Julia E. Thackara (Mont’s sister) to Dr. W. Penn Buck</td>
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<tr>
<td>1872-1873</td>
<td>Minnie travels throughout Europe; meets Lieutenant Thomas W. Fitch in London</td>
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<tr>
<td>May 29, 1873</td>
<td>Wedding: Charles Thackara (Mont’s brother) to Ida McLellan</td>
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<tr>
<td>1874</td>
<td>Wedding: Maria Ewing Sherman to Thomas W. Fitch</td>
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<tr>
<td>June 1878</td>
<td>Thomas Ewing Sherman decides to become a Jesuit priest, causing great distress to his father</td>
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<tr>
<td>1879</td>
<td>Mont is introduced to Ellie in Washington, D.C.</td>
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<tr>
<td>May 5, 1880</td>
<td>Wedding: Eleanor Mary Sherman to Alexander Montgomery Thackara</td>
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<tr>
<td>1881</td>
<td>Mont retires from the Navy and works for his father’s business, Thackara, Sons &amp; Co.; Sherman Thackara family lives in Rosemont, PA for three years (1881 – 1884)</td>
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<tr>
<td>January 18, 1881</td>
<td>Born: Mary Elizabeth Thackara</td>
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<tr>
<td>November 1, 1883</td>
<td>Sherman steps down as commanding general</td>
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<tr>
<td>February 8, 1884</td>
<td>Sherman retires from the army and with Ellen, moves to New York City</td>
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<tr>
<td>1886</td>
<td>Philemon graduates from St. Louis University</td>
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<tr>
<td>1887</td>
<td>Born: William Tecumseh Sherman Thackara</td>
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<tr>
<td>1888</td>
<td>Philemon graduates from Yale University with a Bachelor of Philosophy</td>
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<tr>
<td>November 28, 1888</td>
<td>Died: Ellen Ewing Sherman; aged 64 years old</td>
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<tr>
<td>July 9, 1889</td>
<td>Thomas is ordained a priest in Philadelphia. His father, General Sherman, is noticeably missing from the occasion</td>
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#### Stateside Years

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<td>Died: General William T. Sherman; aged 71 years old</td>
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<td>June 1891</td>
<td>Ellie travels throughout Canada and writes a newspaper article about her “summer jaunt”</td>
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<td>December 12, 1891</td>
<td><strong>Wedding:</strong> Rachel Ewing Sherman to Dr. Paul Thorndike in Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1892</td>
<td>Ellie travels throughout Europe</td>
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<tr>
<td>September 15, 1896</td>
<td>Died: Benjamin Thackara of heart failure</td>
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<tr>
<td>October 6, 1896</td>
<td>Died: Mary A. Thackara</td>
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<tr>
<td>1899</td>
<td>Philemon graduates from Columbia University with a degree in law</td>
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<tr>
<td>1903</td>
<td>Philemon starts practicing law in New York City</td>
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<td>1905-1913</td>
<td>Mont is reassigned and serves as Consul General in Berlin</td>
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<tr>
<td>1905</td>
<td>With Mont’s appointment to Berlin, Ellie in turn receives her own recognition: She is elected President of the American Women’s Club, a position generally offered to an ambassador’s wife</td>
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<tr>
<td>1908</td>
<td>William Thackara graduates from Harvard</td>
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<td>1913</td>
<td>President Woodrow Wilson appoints Mont to be Consul General in Paris</td>
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<tr>
<td>November 22, 1913</td>
<td>Died: Maria Ewing Sherman Fitch; aged 62 years old</td>
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<tr>
<td>July 1914</td>
<td>World War I begins</td>
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<td>1914-1918</td>
<td>William T. Sherman Thackara serves in Naval Intelligence in Argentina</td>
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<td>1914-1915</td>
<td>Ellie works with the Red Cross on the Serbian relief effort</td>
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<td>April 1915</td>
<td>Ellie becomes seriously ill</td>
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**Living in Europe 1897-1937**

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<td>Spring 1915</td>
<td>At this time, both Lex and William are abroad- Lex in New York and William in Buenos Aires</td>
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<td>July 18, 1915</td>
<td>Died: Eleanor Mary Sherman Thackara in Paris; aged 55 years old. Around this time, Ellie receives a letter of thanks from the King of Serbia for her efforts with the Red Cross. Mont and their two daughters Eleanor and Elizabeth, are by her side when Ellie passes away</td>
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<td>August 28, 1915</td>
<td>Died: Charles Thackara</td>
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<td>January 31, 1917</td>
<td><strong>Wedding:</strong> Eleanor Sherman Thackara to Frederic Cauldwell in Rosemont, PA</td>
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<td>October 26, 1919</td>
<td>Died: Rachel Ewing Sherman Thorndike; aged 58 years old</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>Mont given the <strong>Croix de Guerre</strong> award, but cannot accept it for another 14 years because of his status as a government employee</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 27, 1921</td>
<td>Died: Alexander (“Lex”) Montgomery Thackara, Jr., in London</td>
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<tr>
<td>August 1924</td>
<td>Mont retires as the Consul General in Paris and is replaced by Robert P. Skinner</td>
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<td>April 6, 1925</td>
<td>Died: Mary Elizabeth (“Lizzie”) Sherman; aged 73 years old</td>
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<tr>
<td>April 29, 1933</td>
<td>Died: Thomas Ewing Sherman in New Orleans, LA; aged 76 years old</td>
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<tr>
<td>October 24, 1934</td>
<td>Mont allowed to accept his <a href="#">Croix de Guerre</a> award as a result of a joint house resolution</td>
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<td>January 19, 1937</td>
<td>Died: Alexander Montgomery Thackara or bronchial pneumonia in the American Hospital of Paris, located in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France; aged 88 years old</td>
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<td>December 6, 1941</td>
<td>Died: Philemon Tecumseh Sherman in New York City of a heart attack; aged 74 years old</td>
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<td>July 12, 1983</td>
<td>Died: William Tecumseh Sherman Thackara in Mystic CT; aged 96 years old</td>
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(including children A.M., Charles, Julia),
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Corresp., 1863-1883
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18 items

Folder #2
Benjamin Thackara to Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.)
Corresp., 1881-1889
4/2/1, 4/2/2, 4/2/3, 4/2/4, 4/2/5, 4/2/6, 4/2/7
7 items

Folder #3
A. M. Thackara to Benjamin Thackara
Corresp., 1865-66
28 items

Folder #4
A. M. Thackara to Benjamin Thackara
Corresp., 1867-68
46 items

Folder #5
A. M. Thackara to Benjamin Thackara
Corresp., 1869-92
27 items
A. M. Thackara to Mrs. B. Thackara (mother)
Corresp., 1862-85
4/6/1, 4/6/2, 4/6/3, 4/6/4, 4/6/5, 4/6/6, 4/6/7, 4/6/8, 4/6/9, 4/6/10, 4/6/11, 4/6/12, 4/6/13, 4/6/14, 4/6/15, 4/6/16, 4/6/17, 4/6/18, 4/6/19, 4/6/20, 4/6/21, 4/6/22, 4/6/23

Folder #6

Julia Thackara Buck
Corresp., 1872-1881
4/7/1, 4/7/2

Folder #7

A. M. Thackara from Rachel Sherman
Corresp., 1886
4/8/1

Folder #8

Eleanor S. Thackara to Benjamin Thackara
Corresp., Jan. 7 & 9, 1896
(2 enclosures)
4/9/1, 4/9/2, 4/9/3, 4/9/4

Folder #9

Charles Thackara to Benjamin Thackara
Corresp., 1863
4/10/1, 4/10/2

Folder #10

Charles Thackara to A. M. Thackara
Corresp., 1865-66, 1881
(1 letter from Julia Thackara Buck)

Folder #11

A. M. Thackara to Charles Thackara
Corresp., 1865-1869
4/12/1, 4/12/2, 4/12/3

Folder #12

A. M. Thackara to Charles Thackara
U.S. Navy Misc., 1862-69, 1881
4/13/1, 4/13/2, 4/13/3, 4/13/4, 4/13/5, 4/13/6, 4/13/7, 4/13/8, 4/13/9, 4/13/10, 4/13/11, 4/13/12, 4/13/13, 4/13/14, 4/13/15

Folder #13
A. M. Thackara from Misc. Friends
Corresp., 1867-1897

Folder #14

A. M. Thackara
Corresp., 1867-1897

4/14/1, 4/14/2, 4/14/3, 4/14/4, 4/14/5, 4/14/6, 4/14/7, 4/14/8, 4/14/9, 4/14/10, 4/14/11, 4/14/12, 4/14/13, 4/14/14, 4/14/15, 4/14/16, 4/14/17, 4/14/18, 4/14/19, 4/14/20, 4/14/21, 4/14/22, 4/14/23, 4/14/24, 4/14/25, 4/14/26, 4/14/27, 4/14/28, 4/14/29, 4/14/30, 4/14/31, 4/14/32, 4/14/33, 4/14/34, 4/14/35, 4/14/36, 4/14/37, 4/14/38, 4/14/39, 4/14/40, 4/14/41, 4/14/42, 4/14/43, 4/14/44, 4/14/45, 4/14/46, 4/14/47, 4/14/48, 4/14/49, 4/14/50, 4/14/51

51 items

Folder #15

A. M. Thackara
Business Misc., 1881-1891

4/15/1, 4/15/2, 4/15/3, 4/15/4, 4/15/5, 4/15/6, 4/15/7, 4/15/8

8 items

Folder #16

A. M. Thackara
Memorabilia & Misc., 1854-1893 (+ 1 book)

4/16/1, 4/16/2, 4/16/3, 4/16/4, 4/16/5, 4/16/6, 4/16/7, 4/16/8, 4/16/9, 4/16/10, 4/16/11, 4/16/12, 4/16/13, 4/16/14, 4/16/15, 4/16/16, 4/16/17, 4/16/18, 4/16/19, 4/16/Book

20 items

Folder #17

A. M. Thackara
Diary 1872-73

4/17/1

43 p.
Box VII:

A. M. & E. S. Thackara Family,
Correspondence & Misc. records, 1880-1947

(All items within each folder within each box are in chronological order according to day/month/year.)

Folder: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Folder #1
A. M. Thackara to his children
Corresp., 1887-1896
7/1/1, 7/1/2, 7/1/3, 7/1/4, 7/1/5, 7/1/6, 7/1/7, 7/1/8, 7/1/9, 7/1/10, 7/1/11, 7/1/12

Folder #2
Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.) to her children
Corresp., 1880's, 1892
7/2/1, 7/2/2, 7/2/3

Folder #3
Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Thackara, 1881-(?) to her parents
Corresp., 1892-1897
including 3 report cards and letter to Rachael Sherman Thorndike from E. S. Thackara dated February 27 [1896] on verso of letter from Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) to E. S. Thackara dated February 20 & 23, 1895

Folder #4
Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Thackara, 1881-(?) to Wm. T. Sherman (grandfather), and to Ellen Ewing Sherman (grandmother),
Corresp., 1880-1890

Folder #5
Alex., Sherman & Eleanor S. Thackara to A. M. & E. S. Thackara (parents)
Corresp., 1892-1897,
(including 3 letters to Santa Claus)

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Folder #6
Alex. & Sherman Thackara to Wm. T. Sherman (grandfather)
Corresp., 1889
7/6/1, 7/6/2, 7/6/3
3 items

Folder #7
Alexander and Eleanor S. Thackara to their Thackara grandparents
Corresp., 1896
7/7/1, 7/7/2, 7/7/3
3 items

Folder #8
Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Thackara, 1881 and Sherman Thackara from Emily Quirk
7/8/1, 7/8/2
2 items

Folder #9
Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.) from Misc. correspondents
Corresp., 1880-1897
36 items

Folder #10
Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.) from Walter Damrosch, Dec. 26, 1896
7/10/1
1 item

Folder #11
Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.)
European trip
Misc., 1892
16 items

Folder #12
A. M. & E. S. Thackara family
Clippings & Misc. family records, 1880-1947
7/12/1, 7/12/2, 7/12/3, 7/12/4, 7/12/5, 7/12/6, 7/12/7, 7/12/8, 7/12/9, 7/12/10, 7/12/11, 7/12/12, 7/12/13
14 items
-3 copies of birth announcement
-1 name plate

Folder #13
Eleanor S. Thackara (Mrs. A. M.)
Articles, Misc., typescript & printed, 1880's-1891
7/13/1, 7/13/2, 7/13/3, 7/13/4, 7/13/5a, 7/13/5b, 7/13/5c, 7/13/6
46p. Mss.
14p. Play
1 leaf to 27p. Mss.
1 newspaper article loose pages
The following resources provide contextual and/or supplemental information that may be helpful while researching in the Sherman Thackara Collection.

**Additional Links:**
- Notre Dame Archives- Thomas Ewing Family Papers
- Notre Dame Archives- William T. Sherman Family Papers
- Ohio Historical Society
- OhioPix: Picturing Ohio's History- Selections from the Ohio Historical Society Collection
- United States Naval Academy's Nimitz Library- Special Collections & Archives
- Wikipedia Article: Alexander Montgomery Thackara
- Wikipedia Article: Eleanor Sherman Thackara
- Wikipedia Article: Thomas Ewing Sherman
- Wikipedia Article: William T. Sherman

**Selected Bibliography:**

*Search VUCat for titles*


**Graduate Papers:**


Letter, To: "Dobs" From: Ellie, [1892].

Dear Dobs,

If I could send you my letter the present day of the pine forest, the refreshing spring from the fields, from the sweeping waves of the mountain stream and the familiar melody of the butterfly, how would the sweet letters be painted on them, colors of the flowers and delights of the rivers. Would you like to spend some days with your friends that the three more fall of the duck, pleasure in the winter, and part? Our friends had come, saved the snows from the snowfall. The snow fell in through the eucalyptus leaves, round its high side, and built over, covered snow from feet high, which open on the narrow street, for great traffic, to the church.
Letter, To: A. M. Thackara From: Benjamin Thackara, May 5, 1865

Dear Aunt:

I received your letter of 24th March this morning also one from the Secretary of the Union. Fudge, enclosing a check for $75.00 to make thrifty. We are writing to him about the Post Office of the place with donations to terms. I am the father of the post office establishment. I found them a time that they don't make more than my wishes. I give the whole of the data and I did not continue to call on them, but I know they have arranged to terminate May 1, 1865. The gentleman who has the power to make them do what I can do, do this, and I am sorry after making known the same thing. Your letter of 24th May arrived here yesterday morning about 10 o'clock about day light and former. That we were never at any instance the steps are clean and the postmaster laying in State in the Court House.

The city is free of people and I could not get a room within the premises by half night about 9 o'clock.

One was all day a horse and a coach, going through the Court House and from only about the morning. The people behind the doors were close, the people came from the Court on all