

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Biographical Note:

This collection of genealogy documents and family photographs was compiled by Lorna Kearfott Stone, her father, Dr. William Conrad Stone (1915-2007), and her paternal grandparents, Dr. Harry Benjamin Stone Sr. (1879-1966) and Mary Lu Kearfott Stone (1887-1971). The Harry B. Stone Sr. family resided in Roanoke, Virginia; the Kearfott family in Martinsville, Virginia.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of two document storage cases, one containing family history materials for the Stone / Kearfott / Katz / Barrow and related families, and the other dedicated to materials related to the life of Orren Wilson Barrow (1836-1913).

The family history and genealogy materials are well documented, and almost all individuals in photographs are identified. Focus is primarily on the ancestors of Dr. William Conrad Stone, with additional narratives on the history of some family lines. There is significant biographical information on artist and genealogist Robert Ryland Kearfott (1890-1969), brother of Mary Lu Kearfott Stone, and Orren W. Barrow (1836-1913), brother of Dr. Harry B. Stone's mother.

Orren W. Barrow was Captain of the "Henry Guards," Co. H, 24th Virginia Infantry Regiment, CSA. His papers in this collection include: an 1855 daily diary; essays; correspondence (1850s-1890s) with family, friends, colleagues, and a sweetheart; and a manuscript history of the Henry Guards.

Container List:

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Folder 1: Ancestry of William Conrad Stone – Stone / Barrow / Kearfott / Kratz families

Folder 2: Kearfott Family – typescript history

Folder 3: Correspondence from Cynthia Miller to Rebecca Kearfott (1912) – history of the Kearfott Family

Folder 4: Fishpaw, Mary (1812-1900) – wife of Henry Conrad Kratz (1820-1902); her biography as written by her granddaughter, Mary Lu Kearfott Stone; discusses Fishpaw family of near Baltimore, MD, and her married life in Martinsville, VA

Folder 5: Kearfott, Clarence Baker (1884-1977) – brother of Mary Lu Kearfott Stone; an architect who resided in Bristol, Virginia; poems he wrote; map of Southwest Virginia he drew; photographs of him and his wife, Jonnie Mae Hunter;

Folder 6: Kearfott, Mary Lu (1887-1971) – photographs, newspaper article

Folder 7: Kearfott, Robert Ryland (1890-1969) – brother of Mary Lu Kearfott Stone ; he was an artist who later made his home in Mamaroneck, NY, but maintained a studio in Martinsville, VA; includes background information for his biography

Folder 8: “The Life and Work of Robert Ryland Kearfott” (2014) – by Lorna Kearfott Stone

Folder 9: Subscribers to “Kearfoot-Kearfott and Allied Families” (1949) – list of family members who underwrote the book’s publication

Folder 10: Kearfott Family Photographs – Joseph Conrad Kearfott; Rebecca Kratz Kearfott; “Boppy” with grandchildren Ben, Kearfott, Mary Stone, Charlie, Lorna

Folder 11: Stone Family History – narratives, notes about the history of the Stone family; coats of arms; Sons of the American Revolution worksheet for Harry B. Stone, descending from patriot John Stone (1754-1829)

Folder 12: Stone, Edmond C. Jr. (1911-1955) – nephew of Dr. Henry B. Stone Sr.; genealogical information for him, his siblings, and his children

Folder 13: Stone Family – correspondence and notes; wedding announcements; lock of hair belonging to H.B. Stone Jr.

Folder 14: Stone Family Photographs – H. B. Stone with graduating class, Medicine M.C.V; Mrs. Cassandra Barrow Stone and daughters Page Stone, Mamie Stone, ca. 1905; Page Stone (Mrs. Dick Jones) and infant; Kearfott Stone; Harry B. Stone Sr.; Cassandra Barrow Stone; Cassandra Barrow Stone and children (Harry B. Stone, Page Stone, O.W. Stone, Mamie Stone, Edmund C. Stone, Mrs. & Mr. E.T. Tyree, Dr. Alvah Stone) grandchild (Edward Tyree); Stone Family (Mrs. A. Stone, Mrs. O.W. Stone, Mrs. E.C. Stone, Dr. A Stone, Mrs. C.A. Stone, O.W. Stone, H. Norton Stone, E.C. Stone, Mrs. H.B. Stone, Mrs. E.T. Tyree, Mrs. Page Jones, Dr. H.B. Stone, E.T. Tyree, Mamie Stone, R.A. Jones, M. Page Stone, Mary G. Stone, Conrad Stone, Nancy Stone, Clare Stone, Harry Tyree, Kearfott Stone, Harry B Stone, Richard Janes, Ruth Stone, Alice Stone);

Folder 15: Barrow Family Photograph – siblings “Nib” Benjamin Franklin Barrow, John Barrow, “Tom” Peter Thomas Barrow, Sallie Cassandra Barrow Stone, Orren Barrow, and Nannie Barrow Lee (Mrs. W. P. Lee)

- Folder 16: Barrow / Marshall / DuPuy / Watkins – correspondence and notes related to these families; photograph of “Cousin Mable Barrow’s workshop, Abingdon, Va.”
- Folder 17: Barrow / Berger / Stone – correspondence and notes related to these families; ledger from Berger’s Store (1896); information on the Stone coat of arms; tintype of Flint Hill, Barrow’s Mill, near Martinsville; photograph of brothers William Watkins Barrow, Robert Barrow, and O.W. Barrow (1862)
- Folder 18: Dickenson / Shelton / Stone – information compiled by Mrs. John E. Lane on DAR lines for Crispin Shelton and Griffeth Dickenson; additional notes on Stone revolutionary ancestors

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- Folder 1: Note about Orren W. Barrow and his papers, by W. Conrad Stone, Apr. 20, 1992 – note was attached to an envelope containing the remaining items in this box; not all items mentioned in the note were found within the envelope
- Folder 2: 1855 diary of Orren W. Barrow (OWB)
- Folder 3: 1855 (ca.) essay on the death of Eleanor Gravely by OWB
- Folder 4: 1855, Sept. 30, poem “To Eleanor” by OWB
- Folder 5: 1855, essay on “Love” by OWB
- Folder 6: No year, Jan. 23, letter to OWB from his mother [she died in 1859]
- Folder 7: 1860, Aug. 22, letter to OWB from R. P. Barrow (brother), sent from Richmond, VA
- Folder 8: 1860, Oct. 12, Letter to OWB in Selma, AL, from Benjamin Barrow (father)
- Folder 9: 1861, Mar. 16, letter to OWB in Atlanta, GA, from T.H. Watkins (uncle) in Oak Hill, VA
- Folder 10: 1861, Apr. 1, letter to OWB in Selma, AL, from Florrie Johnson (friend) in Cleveland, TN
- Folder 11: 1861, Apr. 7, letter to OWB from Thos. G. Pinn (friend) in Dadeville, AL
- Folder 12: 1861, Apr. 8, letter to OWB from Hariston (cousin) in Shawnee, USA
- Folder 13: 1861, Apr. 8, letter to OWB from W.W. Barrow (brother) in Martinsville, VA
- Folder 14: 1861, Apr. 10, letter to OWB in Atlanta, GA, from P.W. Watkins (uncle) in Shawnee
- Folder 15: 1860s (ca.) Feb. 8, to OWB from Aunt Lou in Shawnee – discusses wartime conditions
- Folder 16: 1865, Dec. 25, letter to OWB in Baltimore, MD, from W.W. Barrow – faded and very difficult to read
- Folder 17: 1867, Jan. 22, letter to OWB in Baltimore, MD – initials for signature; illegible
- Folder 18: 1867, Oct. 1, letter to OWB from P.B. Gravely (cousin) in Leatherwood, VA
- Folder 19: 1867, Nov. 7, letter to OWB from P. Smith (friend) in Charlottesville, VA
- Folder 20: 1867, Dec. 16, letter to OWB in Baltimore, MD, from Philiman Smith (friend) in Charlottesville, VA
- Folder 21: 1868, Dec. 21, letter from OWB in Baltimore to Miss Bettie Snyder and Miss Cattie Powell

- Folder 22: 1869, Jan. 11, letter to OWB in Baltimore, MD, from Annie E. Wootton in Martinsville, VA
- Folder 23: 1869, Jan. 11, letter to OWB from Ellen S. Wootton in Martinsville, VA
- Folder 24: 1869, Apr. 11, letter to OWB, unsigned [or incomplete]
- Folder 25: 1869, July, letter to OWB in Baltimore, MD, unsigned [or incomplete]
- Folder 26: 1871, Feb. 16, letter to OWB in Baltimore, MD, from W.T. Clark in Martinsville, VA
- Folder 27: 1871, Feb. 18, letter from OWB in Baltimore, MD, to W.T. Clark in Danville, VA
- Folder 28: 1871, May 11, letter to OWB in Sherman, TX, from Harry M. W[illegible] in Baltimore, MD
- Folder 29: 1878, Jan. 1, loan made by OWB to W.W. Barrow
- Folder 30: 1878, May 30, letter to OWB from Mary (sister) in Barrow's Mill, VA
- Folder 31: 1878, July 15 letter to OWB from R. T. Barrow (brother) in Barrows Mill, VA
- Folder 32: 1886 [?], Dec., letter to OWB in Baltimore, MD, from Nancy (sister) in [illegible], VA
- Folder 33: 1887, Feb. 23, letter to Thomas P. Berger, Pittsylvania County, VA, from John W. T[illegible], written on stationary of Hotel Normandie, Danville, VA
- Folder 34: 1890, June, letter to OWB in Danville, VA, from James M. Whi[illegible] in Chatham, VA
- Folder 35: 1890s (ca.) print of Confederate flag and poem
- Folder 36: Undated, unsigned letter to OWB
- Folder 37: "The Effect of a Letter" typescript poem, n.d.
- Folder 38: Essay, "Intemperance," manuscript, by O.W. Barrow, n.d.
- Folder 39: Manuscript sketch of the "Henry Guard" by O.W. Barrow, n.d.
- Folder 40: Other ephemera – empty envelopes; writing; unidentified photograph; newspaper clippings; pages 3-4 of the April 21, 1889, issue of *Danville Daily Register*
- Folder 41: Tintype, New Testament –Tintype of Orren Wilson Barrow in Confederate uniform; New Testament (1843) presented to OWB in 1852
- Folder 42: Epaulettes, Bow Tie, Embroidered Initials

See also, in Virginia Room Collection:

- Kearfott, Robert. *Kearfoot, Kearfott and Allied Families in America*. New York: privately published, 1948.
- Stone, Mary Lu Kearfott. *My Father Clarence Pierceall Kearfott and My Sister Rebecca*. New York: The Estate of Mary Lu Kearfott Stone, 1972.