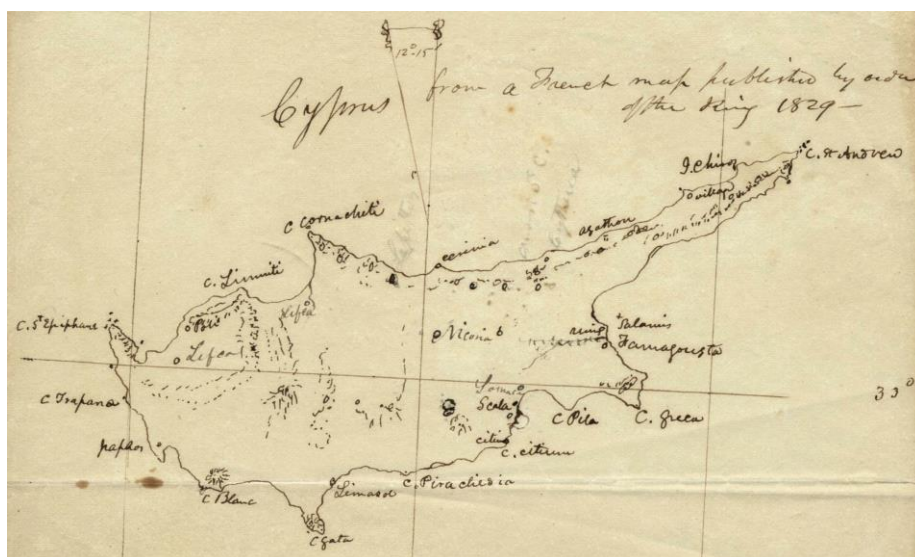


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Finding Aid for

Lorenzo Warriner Pease Papers, 1811 – 1896



Lorenzo W. Pease, *Cyprus from a French Map Published by orders of the King 1829*, pen and ink drawing, 1836.
Credit to MRL 2: Lorenzo Warriner Pease Papers, series 3, box 4, folder 13,
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York

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Summary Information

Creator: Lorenzo Warriner Pease, 1809 – 1839
Title: Lorenzo Warriner Pease Papers
Inclusive dates: 1811 – 1896
Bulk dates: 1833 – 1839
Abstract: Pioneer Presbyterian missionary and first from ABCFM to explore Cyprus. Papers include diaries, correspondence, sermons, essays, notes and other research conducted by Pease during his short time as a missionary.
Size: 7 boxes, 3.00 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Email: burkearchives@library.columbia.edu

Administrative Information

- Provenance: Originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, these records were moved with the MRL to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives with the closure of the MRL.
- Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions: The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation: Item description, MRL 2: Lorenzo Warriner Pease Papers, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library Archives at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Lorenzo Warriner Pease was born May 20, 1809 in Hinsdale, Massachusetts to parents Erastus and Persis (Chapin) Pease. Lorenzo attended Hamilton College and graduated in 1828. He also attended Auburn Theological Seminary from 1830 to 1833 and Andover Theological Seminary in 1834.

In 1834, Pease was ordained a missionary in Auburn at the First Presbyterian Church; appointed by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM); and married Lucinda Leonard of Auburn. Less than a month after their wedding, the couple set sail for Cyprus, arriving on the island in November 1834. Lorenzo stayed in Cyprus for the rest of his life, traveling extensively throughout the area.

In the final entry in the last diary, Lorenzo wrote, "Today I have been attacked with a slight fever, which I am endeavoring to subdue by fasting." Lorenzo died five days later of typhoid fever on August 28, 1839 in Larnaca, Cyprus and was buried in Scala with two previously deceased children, including a son. He was survived by his wife and two daughters, Sarah Ann and Harriet Maria. Harriet Maria died 1839-1840, thus Lorenzo's wife Lucinda returned with Sarah Ann to America in 1840.

Sources:

- Biographical information found through the archival papers and the following sources.
- "General Catalogue of the Auburn Theological Seminary, 1883." Auburn: Daily Advertiser and Weekly Journal Printing House, 1883, pg. 196.
- Severis, Rita C, ed., *The Diaries of Lorenzo Warriner Pease, 1834-1839; An American Missionary in Cyprus and his Travels in the Holy Land, Asia Minor and Greece*. Vermont: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2002.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection is organized into four series and includes acid-free copies for consultation. Box 5 includes materials that are copies of some of the original missing items. Some records are in Greek.

- **Series 1: Diaries, 1811 – 1896 (2 boxes, 1.00 lin. ft.)**

A majority of the diaries in this series were written by Pease, and three others penned by other members of his family including his mother, Persis Chapin Pease; his daughter, Sarah Ann Pease Wadsworth; and his wife, Lucinda Leonard Pease.

The diaries give in great detail the life and experience of Pease in Cyprus, and he did not shy away from detail. As recorded in his first diary, Pease considered being an editor but lamented that he was neither old enough nor had the sufficient experience required. Lorenzo was also quite politically-minded, and thought that “the press is the most powerful instrument which can be used to build or destroy the liberties of a people – it should be placed in the hands of men of integrity and honor.” On June 20, 1828, Pease wrote that he was “completely disgusted with the vile and daring lies which are palmed off on the people by the partisans of both candidates for the Presidency.” Other topics include kissing; past United States presidents including Monroe and Madison; and how to discern one’s character. This level of detail continues through the diaries, discussing events, other people, meteorological observations and everyday life as a missionary.

Some diaries have poems, theatrical plays, sermons, letters, newspaper clippings, notes from his classes while at Auburn Theological Seminary and other ephemera pasted in the pages. The diaries are organized in chronological order.

- **Series 2: Correspondence, 1834 – 1840 (1 box, 0.25 lin. ft.)**

Within this series are letters from Pease and his family during his time as a missionary, as well as from after his death. The first item in the series is a notebook which has handwritten transcripts of letters from Lorenzo Pease that he wrote to his friends and family while at sea. It also includes a few letters written after his arrival. Those noted in this notebook include Pease’s parents, his brother Henry C. Pease, and his sisters Cordelia, Harriet, Laura, Catharine and Charlotte. The other correspondence includes individual letters to family and friends. The correspondence is organized in chronological order.

- **Series 3: Manuscripts, 1833 – 1838 (1 box, 0.50 lin. ft.)**

Within this series are sermons, essays, notebooks and research Pease hand-wrote while a missionary in Cyprus. The sermons and sermon sketches deal with a specific passage from the Bible, such as Job 11:7 or Matthew 26:41. The essays give an interesting glimpse into missionary life during Pease’s time and are listed at the item level. The notes and research involve a more in-depth look at the Cyprus that Pease knew through hand-drawn maps and other information on topics such as politics, education and physical geography.

- **Series 4: Surrogates, 1834 – 1896 (3 boxes, 1.25 lin. ft.)**

Within this series are surrogate photocopies that were created in 1999. The series includes duplicates of some diaries and correspondence. Also available are copies of materials whose originals have been noted missing since before January 2004. The surrogates are organized so that the copies of the missing materials are available in box five, with the diaries and correspondence in the remaining boxes and organized in the same order as the originals.

The Greek manuscript in box 5 folder 6 is a hymn composed for the baptism of Lorenzo's daughter, Harriet Maria, incorporating scripture from Matthew, Mark and Luke. It is written in the nineteenth-century Katharevousa Greek which was first used circa 1796.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed.

One box which housed items 68 through 79 noted missing prior to January 2004 included linguistic manuals and studies, a book of poetry, and Pease's passport from 1837.

Original folder numbering from the Missionary Research Library has been retained in the square brackets at the end of each line.

An item-level listing is available to researchers upon request.

Related Sources

One folder related to Lorenzo Pease exists in the records of the Auburn Theological Seminary housed at the Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary. See Series 1B, Box 4: Student Records, 1833-1836. In the folder, part of the 1833 records, is a handwritten biography, two letters and a newspaper clipping. More information on the Auburn Theological Seminary records can be found here:

http://library.columbia.edu/content/dam/libraryweb/libraries/burke/fa/auburn/ldpd_5637394.pdf.

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