

98 Highland Ave,
Rowayton, Conn 06853.
November 7, 1969.

The Librarian,
Wilkes College,
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Dear Mr. Vujica,

My wife who is not well has asked me to send you the enclosed photographs of her earlier home in Wilkes-Barre, built by her great uncle Thomas Ferner Atherton in the middle of the second half of the 19th century, who was president of the Second National Bank in the 1860's. The house in addition was of special interest because its principal rooms' walls and ceiling contained many fresco paintings by Mlle Gambareau, who came to this country as governess for the Thurlow family and later lived with Mrs. J. F. Atherton in this house. We understand the Thurlow house afterward was owned by the Fred Kirbys and then was given to your college.

A list of these photographs is enclosed on each of which further information usually on the back has been written by my wife or her sister Mrs Updegraff. A second list enclosed is of other photographs, some of my

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wife's forbears, two of herself, and others of
incidental interest. These are in a separate
mailing folder.

There is enclosed also my wife's
check for 25⁰⁰ to cover the cost of three cello-
phane covers and a suitable folder for
any of the photographs of sufficient interest
to become part of the library's collection
of local historical material. If the cost
should be greater she would be glad to
send the additional amount required. If any
or all of this material is no value to the
library, we wish you to return it to us
but since we don't expect to be at home
for some time, please place any such where it
will be safe and advise us that you are
doing so for instructions to send it when
we return.

Of barely possible interest is a framed
portrait of Thomas Junior Atterton (frame 31" x 36")
portrait (24 1/2" x 30") with a plate giving his name
and 1863- President 1870 Second National Bank done
by U.S. Carpenter in 1904, presumably from a photograph.
After our return, this could be sent you if you
should care to have it.

Sincerely yours,
Donald S. Bridgman.

List of pictures closely associated
with house formerly at 36 West River St,
Wilkes-Barre which contained on its walls
and ceilings painting by Mlle Gambareau.

1. Portrait of Mrs Thomas Finner Atterton by
Mlle Gambareau.
2. Photograph of the house.
3. Dining room of the house.
4. Living room at right of front door
5. Reception room at left of front door.
6. Main staircase
7. Detail of paintings in reception room.
8. Another view of reception room
9. Painting of lion in love in dining room.
10. Another view of dining room
11. Front hall and staircase.
12. Portrait of Thomas Finner Atterton, who built
the house.
13. Portrait of Sarah Atterton Henry sister of Thomas
Finner Atterton
14. Another sister of Thomas F. Atterton

List of other photographs
(in separate manila folders)

1. Of portrait of William Henry of Lancaster
(with descendants shown to the children of
Thomas Henry (Atherton) by Benjamin West.
2. Of portrait of his wife by Benjamin West.
3. Mrs Thomas H. Atherton (as child) and her
grandfather.
4. Sarah Henry Atherton about 12 years of age.
5. Sarah Henry Atherton about 25 years of age.
6. Of sketch by Eleanor Barnard Spaight of English
nobility and Henry Ford (the elderly grandfather)
7. Discolored photo given by French to Norwalk, Conn.
8. Small photo of President Theodore Roosevelt and
George Dudley Seymour, donor of statue of Nathan
Hale on Yale campus and collector of many
Hale memorabilia.

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January 19, 1970

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Wilkes College,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Mr. Donald S. Bridgman
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Dear Mr. Bridgman:

We did receive your two registered packages with pictures and I have given them to our reference librarian to classify and distribute them to the reference collection, treasure room, or wherever they will serve the best purpose. I find these pictures very interesting for a historical view of our city's social life, valuable portraits, etc.

Also, thank you very much for the check in the amount of \$25.00.

My apologies for not acknowledging it earlier - somewhere the draft of my answer got lost in the big rush of many book orders that we have been sending out recently.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Nada Vujica
Librarian

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Jan. 18, 1970.

The Librarian,
Wilkes College,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Madam,

On December 1st, 1969, we sent you by certified mail two envelopes containing photographs of my wife's (Sarah Catherine Bridgman) childhood home at 36 West River St, Wilkes-Barre, particularly of the murals on its interior walls and ceilings by Mlle Gambareau. Thus far we have not heard of the safe arrival of this material and are anxious to know that it reached you.

We felt that it illustrated a characteristic, if unusual, aspect of the city's society in the late 1880's and might be of genuine interest as a part of the college's collection. On transmitting it we asked that it be returned if that was not the case but in that event would want you to hold it until our return to