A Rage for Roses

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The article, A "Rage for Roses", found in the Winter 2010 issue of **MEAD**, the Friends of Mead Hall Newsletter, is based on the letter pictured and transcribed here. Below is an alphabetical listing of all the roses mentioned in the letter as available from a New York supplier in 1848; the check marks possibly indicate Sarah Gibbons's order. The italicized roses are the list in pencil at the lower right of the backside, and most difficult to read.

The original letter was found among the Gibbons Papers collection, where it is preserved n the Drew University Library Archives.

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To Geo. C. Hinborn (?)

Dear Sir,

Miss Sarah Gibbons, daughter of my friend Wm Gibbons, has quite a passion for flora Southern and is a very liberal patroness (?) of your seed establishment in New York. She wishes to procure from you through me the revised memorandum of roses. I trust that you will on this occasion give me a marked example of your generosity both in regard to the prices and the quality of the plants. This will encourage her to order more freely again.

April 5, 1848

Your very sincere friend (?) Samuel J. Guthrie Much obliged for the promptness and liberality with which my other letter order for roses was executed by you. SJG

Please send as soon as possible.

" Malmailon you strong flower, times Abert Blanghz Alear allomand. V. Banksa alba Banksea lutea Champing Pink Cluster Cristala or Constea Mose Comten Queatel Chromatella or bloth of Gold Caroline (Tea) Condorcet (moss) Suchess the Semours Stable White Hip Alige de Rosamenes Jaune Ineithic. Lady Elphinstone Lashanfue Luse abourg (Moss) We hy Principal Surf aide Men 26 apr

٩ Persian Jellow Suy Partout or Morey Le Brineurs de Sassan Perpetual White Mos. 1 Star Rotton Fillage Maist = lorted White Bath (more) Coquette de Bollevie & sily Roots of Sifferent kinds Floire de Paris La Camoons Joseph Antoinette . Lally Alice Peel Lally Fordwich La Pactole Aller Aller Promises thatpennes Dury Processing Prove Dur Rol Dury Mad and Der Riene de Tringes Dury Processing White Burghindy States de 26 de

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| Adm Duperre (?) |
| Aimi Vibert |
| Amissa |
| Assemblage de Beaute |
| ✓Banksia alba |
| ✓Banksia lutea |
| Belle Allemande |
| Blanche Fleur |
| Caroline (Tea) |
| Celina (Moss) |
| ✓ Champney Pink Cluster |
| Chromatella or Cloth of Gold |
| Comte de Paris |
| Comptesse Ducatil |
| Comte Mertatleuet (?) |
| Condorcet (Moss) |
| Coquette de Bellevue |
| Cristata or Crested Moss |
| Duchess du ? |
| ✓Duchesse de Nemours |
| Eugene[] |
| Globe White Hip |
| Gloire de Paris |
| Gloire de Rosamenes |
| ✓Harisonii |
| ✓ Jaune Smithii |
| Joseph the Antoinette |
| ✓L'Éclair de Jupiter |
| La Camoen |
| La Paetole |
| La Rein |
| La Sup[] |
| ✓ Lady Alice Peel |
| Lady Elphinstone |
| Lady Fordwith |
| ✓Lamarque |
| Lucy B? |
| Luxembourg (Moss) |
| Madame B[] |
| Madame L[] |
| $\checkmark Mrs, Elliot Dwf$ |
| ✓ Ophirie Dwf |
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| Partout or Mossy Leaved Moss |
|---------------------------------------|
| Perpetual White Moss |
| Persian Yellow <u>Dwf</u> |
| Ponctriee (?) <u>Dwf</u> |
| Premmices (?) Charpennes <u>Dwf</u> |
| Princess de Nassau |
| Princesse Adelaide Moss |
| Riene de Vierges Dwf |
| <i>Rose C[]</i> |
| Rose Du Roi <u>Dwf</u> |
| Solfatere (?) |
| Souvenir Malmaison good strong plants |
| Triomphe de la Du? |
| ✓Village Maid |
| ✓ White Bath (Moss) |
| White Burgundy |
| Zulem[] |