William Gibbons' Horse Journal

File Modified

PDF File GibbonsHorseJournal.pdf PDF of the entire Horse Journal
Jul 30, 2009 by Jennifer Heise

Preserved in the Drew University Library archives is a small, bound unlined book -- apparently purchased on Wall Street in New York, according to a label inside the front cover – in which William Gibbons records in his own handwriting notes on his horse purchases, breeding, and racing.

Gibbons lists the pedigree horses he owned beginning in 1829 (p.9). He provides a description and records their lineage. Other relevant notes are added with dates over time such as breeding attempts, resulting offspring, stud fees, etc. Racing histories including clock times and betting results are recorded in the most detail for his most well-known champion mare, Fashion (pp. 47-52). Fashion made history as a mare defeating Boston, a stallion, in an upset race in 1841 and reinforced her fame by setting a four-mile record in 1842 that stood for more than 13 years.

Gibbons made entries in his journal until at least 1849 (p.39), three years before he died in 1852. His notes on Fashion, however, end in 1843, even though we know for fact from letters and other historical records that she raced until 1848, and subsequently was bred.

Besides his own racing horses which he either purchased or bred, Gibbons lists and describes the ancestry of American thoroughbreds through which many American race horses at that time descended.

William Gibbons's horse journal is a valuable historical document. It not only provides first-hand information on Fashion, but is also a primary source for understanding the unique history and development of American thoroughbred breeding and racing, at a pivotal time in the early 19th century when Americans were establishing their own mark in this sport.

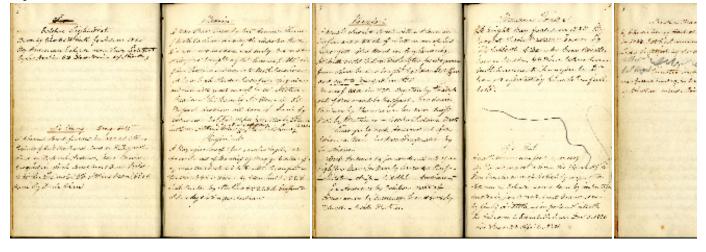
The pencil scribbles and florid script of "Miss Elizabeth Rogers" (pp.24-25) is the young daughter of one of Drew Seminary's most well-known professors, R obert W. Rogers. The journal which was probably among the Gibbons papers found in the attic after Mead Hall was purchased for the seminary in 1867, found it way somehow into the hands of little Miss Rogers after 1893 when her father arrived and occupied one of four faculty homes on campus that had been built by Daniel Drew.

-- Text courtesy of Alice Glock.

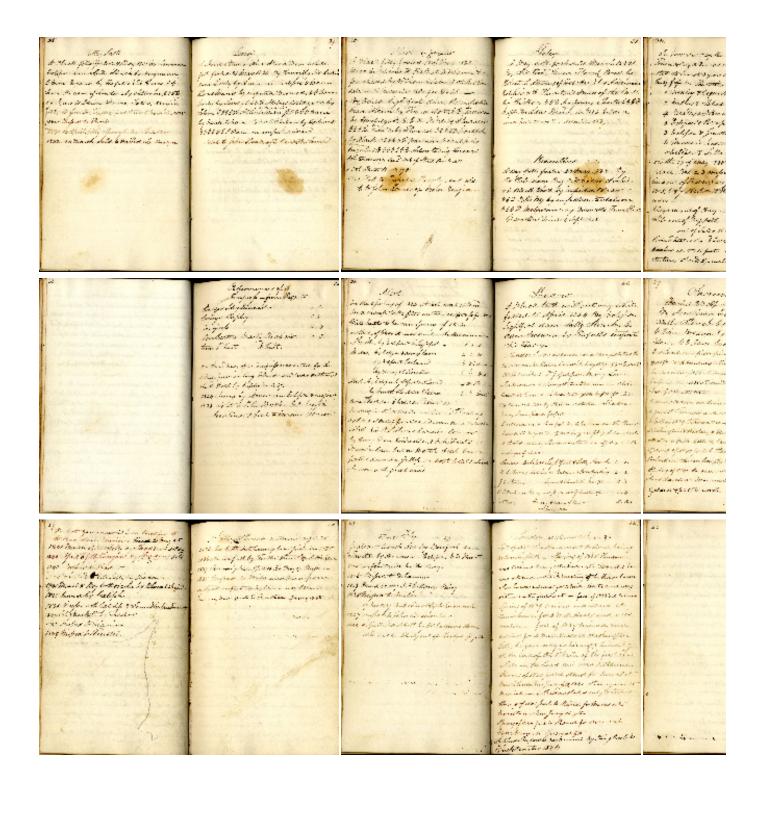
Horse Journal / Stud book



Page 1 of the Horse Journal



Lucian Both A they transportant of the Stong to Bear pater in he tom to count plant light to who while I angle from Bearingthe or there ridget on many about in poly 1885 Some to Bear to bear so bed in all ; hickory Hal But by Color of Steer Lowging from well house Front in Landa from him is Hilliams 1 h motours by Spiles on and Wicht don't other of to color Mit diese bergte to the wind work at the state of facilities of facilities of facilities of the state of th to dilliam hickory of the section in at a stir our thoung to the booling in polar de source often , long to by Some But was small straining but the the to be of the street by Butter to be for you Gut 500 by the the took west kommon sy dem staring in rockeral son down Some son but Beautiful Section to So Grove South of provided on the state of the which before to Some you where to the Money March on Elly lavage by the 30.00 to Il Samuel Some to do not be inchested as Labor Bury 1) Sugar in Lough Whill the good of Bearing rice and stock stances by diagram to a find. In the second state to be without to the state of in a landone & her land gives are butter then be the was delivered by 2 the Site Said to Sugarted Bengatt. after in as last the the the by by the soft residente de la to bear 18st Sweetly to the that sight La de l'erre de man de Monglande lange a-gra semant had alle la lande -1020 Mai to Stately de lands my to with the hole. play to de still the land source it being trans - was by her was Hay by down to the Berry asjon or the part at by the West of proberts when was try and think by the Wall Miller a west fallow by the The worth the life for the first from mobile of the Secret. Before Level folly in Burgale top Marchandelse to fine by Million ine cons to made il moster land accombut the let till four king -then who to Thomas her differen of a Minimaria mes " line wet de there Chill last Coto be bearing Entites to be formed, be good . his on he hope el To March de my filly my menthater Then the live that her for so lovely line Marth St. Sugar Stewart Steel The retail State A Block trake forth There was dighter thing Source of thing to they there he to him a facultion to transfer bland them top him to be suited in the his his furdament his his highest top in 1254 the state of the state with a life for fact. A to Plan in hickory are der so der for har it enteres to the trans light of the reason to the light in many of the light of the light in the lig for town the last to process the way to be the many of any the confidence before to figure to fine to he had to be to b White bearing in so And the world to be timed in these South The and Sink got Brailey Woodhula Ca bearing by when A Sept of Section of the Section of South and entry is See Sell Secretary 1981 By by the simbortion. he ofthe meetage. on out some find trob to be a Solo Solo Hole Son of Solomon of Novemberry From, and tradly port formy 1850 of the ortener was brief to and but prothing a block a the that he was historium a dist of soffice he solly to fish to have no those to some by important fillians ungarrison. Green wall Cate. in the second of the a the last deflectioning folia by damped May at frank to day Bearing in Fred 113 y hour schools file to allow to be to the Boundary to the William ages he say thing . and mounted 182 Frog Lott was like 1786 Which Little day for Justice sofie moundly 3 no worker they are & Bush of - Sugar Silver with the work that the Bugar Same & line South the Charles to the South JAP 18 34 Lary title : By Fith described of the Alexander ! We hid the time I we have in the Mintely Come Fred. Comme Souther 2 June 110 Almost Lange of sefection i Bry chan i that will fin love the Frank littly with soil I hay now by to some the Many Some the Law wither mark to the trail Tillian Mer & Mayor dan Vin of the items Downson Shower & Born to Hotomar & 28's Ex Lang were flesh to the land and place of a strong of shore in his fine more in total se shingle with by history 1666 fory and harte of death books deligered traily billowings hour Proposite 16 them be Butter and an dogwood hope how Surgi Stages lather to you in the stray of the board of the should be the will be the will be the strain on an order than 4. 6. 61677 all the de 14 th Cart asky that me det in my from Little age to below to some the on the first to be being restrict on of The Me Entered when to a start and Buch in believe to Billot an infection band No de to Bancof in laster for a word hour ! by thefice & Been hylitetyon of



N. C. Buching Suchen porglange I handrate described in sometimes to the land . Buy dogo butterned benefit from book Some I State with Button them 14 Breek in broklissen beklernt. Arrich Gibby friden as spenter by tol. d., on paten Browler warm Brownshipteling. Latin Soul of some and the de die to the to the bearing from 1138 bright of Million Bestone for month of from the hours of por Proplem by A - good & William Bear Sty To some more Without ale De la blande of States, Sindre Sem 40 246 and assistant on Lies in her files and there by hechant & bounder Asim dollarlish dam Builty boile Sandan H. mit worker Sounded Court Fragiones feeler in the form have no more continued by the white to Such in the larry brains Bly in a the wave which were the the hours went that a Mail with Bot by Sugar wound bound The first with boundaring for their Salin de Chiatea , Thousand Hardis Comme bear to. to officing of orea lastine merchant from he red like just be were good to sell sel of buchelof best lange by the docho Shows to not how or out his hashing from the Golden files and to be shown. Because I be to receive the was extras 5 hote the to fly bring wir time too took to dinasting Sinter . 95 Some to But Stowns over to emplated Spiloute hair destino to plan the same A wine gotten 21 Chillinghis by Barolin Same e lading and in findantina dia liberation between Literatives by instrume the language ampaired Bayers, landantes, boar I will sections, imp article polatical landow whis county explainly builter souther hope to a so to make is booky. 20 miles 2 milester good - porte Robert , Armonth bolfman by a Hickory a. s. Coll Cheating Pront. the Town ship the Some Hartin Lay & Some Property 16 437 29 Sport Richards being al of From soy Carried & Brajest Same born bellower & A Francisco de Consta. her production of the 18 1 to 5 to 500 at 10 1828 - In fact to the same of them Intelleding rough the how has for Bengan ajelajaj bar berej Rezalta lette pagistro. Kolova i na filosa tang ir na vilotas descripting by the Adult South St. 1890. Milly other mon falled by their howard Long Mindericky James May ab louton so that so to mant be the title his at it is the room days days Michillan . The sign treating or because his moved. In trade Posts Described in some only Charme of the a parameter a de soir charment 24 Mission & Marine hong wir bederung 1925 Bulant Marray 15th o Thousand to the own in before the Han Al Har allest best place in groups thinky bustomer Bounded that are 2 c Tomoring laters - holyming of a s & to Comment of the holyman - holyming the second There Nachan by investi almost 1.1 Mathetic language conse children typics the fo Sucher & the Row for give see as de common off on the them do not well and the comments of the at least on from gyr, were by bolism.

The top less from the property of the form of the top of the form of the top of the form of the top of t to restante former Farry Jours at And rear facine wood to the to the work halt to Matter Bearing and diety by bounded, this that plating beat Begenten doar fit. heal 5: Mary the land Some long had. of 4 Betweenthe Sint heat, 7, 500 Gariet of head being no depos Sugar Section and the service of the section and the rate and of before by the some we have to the he have to the side war put and tres confined to relation Some hory of south the march of dillient in a Down Burgar & there nes briefer to Briefly was a some to the some with the sine dia hard to Mary no a bornach him 1-dist Between & Standard on the Stay or washing in to betien propose they do wohne to the part to the son of size the state of the state of the Long Know from the wall is bright the things bear the tem out in With found to longer and inited in willow want life to a face there of fines - for a state of the same distingtion ! was adding a gan the W. K. loton to. House Blue Excel, & Bill & rat J To be when for the 2000 - now by Balling rolly 7.52 11 1were and the commence of the below the chine Other him a Buther mints 7 Paley bushing for this first my determinant from Law and some the flow where the By Hinte Humby Coverson. water and old About the The Gand wood of the worters regressed to be stapen out of his his top for . Full however ... In what forms in November 19 to 19 house for the support of the form of the support of the s or ancie to be the deader out of the for Summer to be seen to deade to the good Fresh that the limit and the forther Summer that out and made to 2 f Acres by Mission Part 32: Athalat Care for from to and on we the drive to go of Policy a de la marte com con tita describe de la contra del la contra resilentes Sesmitt by Saminer