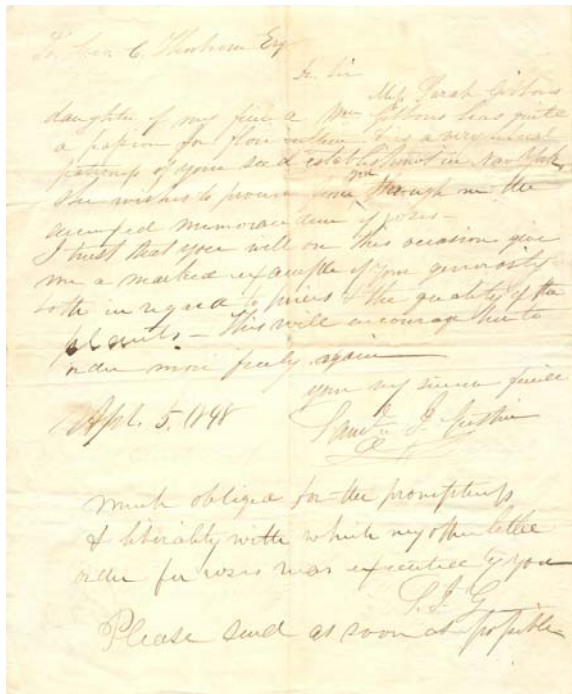


## A Rage for Roses

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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 in the Drew University Library Archives.



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.

Your very sincere friend (?)

Samuel J. Guthrie

April 5, 1848



<i>Adm Duperre (?)</i>
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
<i>Comte de Paris</i>
Comtesse Ducatil
<i>Comte Mertatleuet (?)</i>
Condorcet (Moss)
Coquette de Bellevue
Cristata or Crested Moss
Duchess du ?
✓Duchesse de Nemours
<i>Eugene[...]</i>
Globe White Hip
Gloire de Paris
Gloire de Rosamenes
✓Harisonii
✓Jaune Smithii
Joseph the Antoinette
✓ <i>L'Éclair de Jupiter</i>
La Camoen
La Paetole
<i>La Rein</i>
<i>La Sup[...]</i>
✓Lady Alice Peel
Lady Elphinstone
Lady Fordwith
✓Lamarque
<i>Lucy B?</i>
Luxembourg (Moss)
<i>Madame B[...]</i>
<i>Madame L[...]</i>
✓Mrs, Elliot <u>Dwf</u>
✓Ophirie <u>Dwf</u>

Partout or Mossy Leaved Moss
Perpetual White Moss
Persian Yellow <u>Dwf</u>
Ponctree (?) <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>
<i>Solfatere (?)</i>
Souvenir Malmaison good strong plants
<i>Triomphe de la Du?</i>
✓Village Maid
✓White Bath (Moss)
White Burgundy
Zulem[...]