

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

A Guide to the Albany Institute Collection of Memorabilia

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Albany Institute Collection of Memorabilia

Call Number: FF-804

Creator: Unknown

Inclusive Dates: 1755-1969

Bulk Dates: 1800-1968

Abstract: None

Quantity: 3 boxes, 15 linear inches

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Unknown

Preferred Citation: Albany Institute Collection of Memorabilia, FF-804, Albany Institute of History and Art Library, New York.

Acquisition Information:

Accession #: Unknown

Accession Date: Unknown

Processing Information:

Initial Inventory and Preliminary Processing By/Date: Unknown

Final Processing and Finding Aid By/Date: Heather Harrington, October 2, 2003

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: None

Restrictions on Use: None

Index Terms

Persons: Ives family; Pruyn family;

Organizations: Albany Academy; Union University; State Normal School;

Subjects: weddings; parties; funerals; commerce;

Places: Albany, NY;

Document Types: tickets; programs; invitations;

Scope and Contents of the Records

The records contain invitations, tickets, notices, trade cards, currency, greeting cards and envelopes. They are grouped by medium and then by subject. The invitations are mostly for dinners and dances starting from the 18th century up until the 1960s. The currency is from the early 1700s up until the Civil War, 1865. The tickets are from railroads, turnpikes, steamships, auctions, raffles, lotteries, sporting events, etc. The greeting cards are from birthdays, holidays like Christmas and Easter, as well as personal calling cards. There are some political invitations from the early 20th century.

Organization of the Records

The records are organized by box, then by folder. There are three boxes total. Box 1 has 18 folders containing trade cards. Box 2 has 10 folders, containing invitations notices to social events. Box 3 contains 9 folders, containing notes and currency, tickets, invitations and notices, calling and greeting cards.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Box #	Folder #	Title / Description
1	1-17	Business/Professional Trade Cards, 19th-20th Centuries
1	18	Misc. Business Memorabilia
2	1	Invitations and Notices: Dinners/Dances 1786-1968
2	2	Invitations and Notices: Dinners/Dances, Clubs, 1914-1941
2	3	Invitations and Notices: Funerals
2	4	Invitations and Notices: Weddings and Anniversaries
2	5	Invitations and Notices: Lectures and theatricals
2	6	Invitations and Notices: Quadrille Parties
2	7	Invitations and Notices: Misc.
2	8	Invitations and Tickets: Military Balls
2	9	Dancing Assembly Tickets, 1786-1800, 1853
2	10	Place cards "Cassagrain"
3	1	Notes and Currency: Albany 1755-1864; Cohoes, Schenectady, Troy, 1807-1862; New York City, New York State, 1709-1865; United States, 1838-1865; International, Japan.
3	2	Schools: Albany Academy, 1846-1948; State Normal School, 1848-1938; Union University, 1878-1969; Miscellaneous, 1842-1968.
3	3	Tickets: Transportation-Railroad, Steamship, Turnpike; Miscellaneous-auctions, dedications, exhibits, fairs, lectures, lottery, picnics, public bath, sporting events.
3	4	Freight Receipts
3	5	Cards: Greeting—Birthday, Christmas, New Years, Easter
3	6	Cards: Personal Calling
3	7	Cards: Table Settings; Commemorative Envelopes
3	8	Invitations and Notices: Political, 1886-1957
3	9	Photocopies of Folders 4 and 5