

Albany Institute of History and Art
A Guide to the
Burdick Family Collection

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Burdick Family Collection

Call Number: MG 233

Creator: Joel Burdick

Inclusive Dates: Mid 1800's – 1995

Bulk Dates: 1890's – 1920's

Abstract: A collection of materials relating to Joel Burdick, at one time a resident of Albany, and his family, mainly in the form of pictures of their house in Albany as well as photographs of various family members and close friends of Joel Burdick.

Quantity: 3 boxes in total, 1 oversize box

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Donated by William B. Evans, April 5, 2012.

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Index Term

Persons

Charles Jay Taylor
Elizabeth Winsor Burdick
Ella Pixley Bartlett
Esther Farnsworth Burdick
Francis Bartlett
Frederic Remington
Halbert K. Hitchcock
Joel Wakeman Burdick
Julian Winsor Burdick
Marion Burdick

Organizations

Delaware and Hudson Railroad
West Pennsylvania Steel Company

Subjects

Architecture
Art
Genealogy
Travel
World War I

Places

Albany, New York
Bermuda
Camp Pine Knot, New York
Cody, Wyoming
Delhi, India
Newfoundland, Canada
Paris, France
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Document Types

Books
Correspondence
Letters
Newspaper clippings
Photographs

Titles

Bartlett-Winsor-Williams and Other Allied Families, Part I, II, and III
Christian Life, by Morgan Dix
Our World Tour 1922-1923, by Joel Burdick
Trailing the Sun Around the Earth, by Halbert K. Hitchcock

Biography of Joel Burdick

In 1879, Joel W. Burdick took a job as a clerk with the D & H (Delaware and Hudson) Railroad at their Albany office. He and his second wife Ella, whom he married in the previous year, moved from their home in central New York to the capital city. Burdick rose rapidly in the company, becoming manager of the railroad's telegraph system and then general passenger agent in 1885. As passenger agent, Burdick was responsible for all of the railroad's passenger services, a position that allowed him to purchase a large house in the Pine Hills neighborhood of west Albany.

The Burdicks traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada, probably as a result of Joel's position with the D & H Railroad. In addition to destinations in the United States and Canada, the family also toured abroad. In 1922 and 1923, Joel and Ella traveled aboard the ship *Franconia*, the first passenger cruise ship to circumnavigate the globe. Joel Burdick later documented this trip around the world in his book Our World Tour 1922-23.

Scope and Contents of the Records

The documents contained in this collection mainly revolve around Joel Burdick's personal life. The two largest portions of his personal life that are focused upon are his houses and his family. The primary formats of documentation are photographs, newspaper clippings, and correspondence. Most of this material focuses on the time period between the 1890's and the 1920's.

Organization of the Records

The documents in this collection are organized into 3 boxes, the last of which is an oversize box.

The first box contains 19 folders, each surrounding a particular subject that relates to the Burdick family. The first two folders relate to friends of Joel Burdick, namely Charles Jay Taylor and Frederic Remington. Folder 3 contains a collection of letters sent from Joel Burdick to his wife and children while he served in the Red Cross during World War I. Folder 4 consists of pictures of Joel Burdick throughout various stages of his life. Folder 5 has a wide variety of documents, including newspaper clippings, photographs, and copies of written documents. Folders 6, 7, and 8 consist of photographs of Joel Burdick's wife, their children, and the family members that came before them. Folders 9, 10, and 11 contain photographs of the Burdick

family's houses in Pittsburgh and New York. Folder 12 has a marriage form from the marriage of Lewis Parsons Evans and Marion Burdick. Folder 13 contains a book titled Christian Life, which was owned by Marion Burdick. Folders 14 and 15 consist of two books, which were written about a trip around the world aboard the *Franconia*, written by Joel Burdick and Halbert Hitchcock, respectively. Folders 16, 17, and 18 have three books of genealogy relating to the family of Ella Pixley Bartlett, the wife of Joel Burdick. Folder 19 contains a videocassette about an exhibition done at Ithaca College on Joel Burdick's Native American basket collection.

The second box contains 1 folder, which has a photo album containing pictures of the children of the Burdick and Evans family.

The third box contains two folders, the first of which has a family photograph of Joel Burdick and his wife with their children and grandchildren in front of one of their houses. The second folder in this box contains a photo album consisting of pictures of the Burdick family and their house in Albany.

Related Material

JE 82-10 The Loree Collection

JD 82-09 Papers, by the Delaware and Hudson Company

HP 81-05 Records, some on Frederic Remington

- Painting: *Miniature of Joel Wakeman Burdick*, J.B. Davis, in a leather case, Joel was Supervisor for customer relations on Delaware & Hudson **2012.15.1**
- Painting: *Ella Burdick*, by George Hughes, oil on canvas, c. 1900 **2012.15.2**
- Painting: *Untitled*, painting claimed to be by Charles-Francois Daubigny, landscape, wood panel, c. 1860's **2012.15.3**
- Painting: *Untitled*, J.C. Taylor, watercolor, English landscape **2012.15.4**
- Sketches: (5) original ink sketches by J.C. Taylor **2012.15.5.1-.5**
- Statue: Gold statue of Hindu goddess, possibly Durga, has (6) arms sitting cross-legged **2012.15.6**
- Pouches: 1- Brown Tiffany & Co. pouch **2012.15.7**
- 2 - Maroon Alvin Mfg. Co. Silversmiths pouch **2012.15.8**
- Ceramic: Ceramic bust of Samuel Champlain, 5.5" high, looking towards the left wearing green **2012.15.9**

- Glass: 1 - (2) D&H Glasses, 4.5” high, clear glass, “The D&H” inscribed on front, rimmed bottom **2012.15.10**
- 2 - 3” high, clear glass, “The D&H” inscribed on front, top rim puffs out creating a thicker top and thinner base **2012.15.11**
- Ceramic: D&H cup and saucer, saucer 4.5” wide, blue and red flowers with “The D&H” white with red background, cup 2” deep, blue and red flowers with “The D&H” on front in white with red background **2012.15.12 A & B**
- Box: Copper Box with Hindu goddess possibly Durga 5 X 6.75” and 2.25” depth **2012.15.13**
- Medals: College of Physicians and Surgeons Harsen copper medal from 1859 **2012.15.14**
- Painting: Color photograph of “the twins” on porcelain, large horizontal crack on the glass of the gold frame and a copy not in a frame **2012.15.15**
- Spoon: 4.25” Canada base engraved image of Banff top Canadian crest **2012.15.16**
- Spoon: 4.25” Jacksonville Florida base engraved “Jacksonville Fla.” top is an alligator **2012.15.17**
- Spoon: 4.5” possibly Greece base has a male figure in a drape **2012.15.18**
- Spoon: 5.25” “officially approved 250th Anniversary Committee Benjamin Franklin” **2012.15.19**
- Spoon: “SHINGTON” engraved on handle base has engraving of unknown dome neo-classical building **2012.15.20**
- Spoon: 3.75” base engraved with “A.F.A. 1814 M.B.” top is neo-classical building **2012.15.21**
- Spoon: 6” “NEWARK” engraved along the handle, base 1891 Victorian building, top has 1808 one room colonial building **2012.15.22**
- Spoon: 6” base engraved “Block Island RI” **2012.15.23**
- Spoon: 5” unknown location, base has an unknown crest, top has a male figure with a windmill with moveable blades **2012.15.24**
- Spoon: 4.25” British Columbia, Base Glacier House Selkirk Mountains B.C., top has crest of British Columbia **2012.15.25**

- Spoon: 4.25" "H.C. Andersen" engraved on handle, top bust of Andersen **2012.15.26**
- Spoon: 4.25" Albany, N.Y., base is heart shape, top is intricate weave design **2012.15.27**
- Spoon: 4.25" Columbian Exposition, base is engraving of Woman's Building, top is neo-classical female figure **2012.15.28**
- Spoon: 4.75" Base engraved "AΘHNAI," top Roman male figure holding a sword **2012.15.29**
- Spoon: 5" possibly Greece, top is griffin **2012.15.30**
- Spoon: 4.25" location unknown, base engraved "E.P.B." top is "Old City Gate" **2012.15.31**
- Spoon: 4.25", base engraved "E.P.B.," top Montreal Crest **2012.15.32**
- Spoon: 4.75" location unknown, top mythical creature with an arrow tongue and arrow tale and the body of a horse with wings **2012.15.33**
- Spoon: 4" base engraved "Provincial Building Halifax N.S." with neo-classical building, top is Halifax crest **2012.15.34**
- Medal: Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society Lancaster 1875 D.L. Lantz Rigged Windmill Medal **2012.15.35**
- Medal: The Tercentenary of the Discovery of Lake Champlain Medal **2012.15.36**
- Medal: Boone and Crockett Club Big Game Competition 1951 Medal **2012.15.37**
- Medal: Covrace Loyalty Honor J. Luspko Dan Beard Medal **2012.15.38**
- Medal: Abraham Lincoln Feb, 12 1809-April 14, 1865 Medal **2012.15.39**
- Medal: American Malleable Nickel St. Louis Exposition First Production in 1865 Joseph Wharton 1904 Medal **2012.15.40**

Other Finding Aids

None

Detailed Description of the Collection

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

Box #	Folder #	Item #	Title / Description
1	1	1	Photograph of artist Charles Jay Taylor
1	1	2	Biographical information on Charles Jay Taylor
1	2	1	Photograph of artist Frederic Remington, Mrs. Remington, Marion Burdick, and Ella Pixley Burdick standing outside of a railroad car, 1904
1	2	2	Photograph of Frederic Remington, Mrs. Remington, and Marion Burdick at George Lane's Lodge, 1904
1	2	3	Photograph of Frederic Remington sitting outside of a tent at Buffalo Bill Ranch in Cody, Wyoming, 1900
1	2	4	Portrait photograph of Frederic Remington
1	2	5	Copy of sketch by Frederic Remington
1	2	6	September 1970 issue of Adirondack Life magazine featuring letters from Frederic Remington to Joel Burdick on pages 8-11
1	2	7-9	Collection of copied letters from Frederic Remington to his close friend Joel Burdick
1	3	1-29	Copies of letters from Joel Burdick to his wife Ella Pixley Burdick during his service in the Red Cross during World War I
1	4	1	Photograph of Joel Burdick at camp between Elizabethtown and Keene Valley, NY, 1920's
1	4	2	Photograph of Joel Burdick on tennis court in Bermuda with his daughters Esther, Elizabeth, and Marion
1	4	3	Portrait photograph of Joel Burdick
1	4	4	Photograph of Joel Burdick with Marion Burdick, Collis P. Huntington, W.W. Durant, and N.E. Huntington at Camp Pine Knot, September 1899
1	4	5	Photograph of Joel Burdick in Red Cross officers' uniform
1	4	6	Photograph of Joel Burdick reading to his wife Ella Pixley, his daughter Marion, and his son Julian in their Albany home, 1887
1	4	7	Photograph of Joel Burdick on his world tour at the Iron Pillar of Delhi, 1922/23
1	4	8	Portrait photograph of Joel Burdick, around 1869
1	5	1	Photograph of unidentified woman, signed Bachrach – 25-
1	5	2	Portrait photograph of Joel Burdick
1	5	3	Photograph of unidentified woman, with copy

1	5	4	Document containing information on Joel Burdick's ancestors in America, dating back to 1651
1	5	5	Family tree starting with Joel Burdick and his two wives, Francis E. Bartlett (his first wife) and Ella Pixley Bartlett (his second wife)
1	5	6	Cartoon caricature of Joel Burdick in Albany newspaper, dated April 9, 1906, with copy
1	5	7	Postcard with portrait photograph of Joel Burdick on front
1	5	8	Obituary of Joel Burdick, with copy
1	5	9	Copy of photograph of Joel Burdick in Red Cross officers' uniform
1	5	10	Copy of email from Philippe Grunhec to William B. Evans (in French), dated January 10, 1997
1	5	11	Newspaper clipping of article about the grandsons of Joel Burdick, John P. Knable, II and G. Elkins Knable, Jr. examining at Joel Burdick's collection of Native American baskets at a museum
1	5	12	Newspaper clipping from the Newburgh Daily Journal of article about the marriage of Marion Burdick, daughter of Joel Burdick, to Lewis Parsons Evans at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany
1	5	13	Copy of photograph of Joel Burdick on tennis court in Bermuda with his daughters Esther, Elizabeth, and Marion
1	5	14	Copy of Burdick family photograph of Joel Burdick, his wife Ella Pixley, their son Julian and his wife Helene Baldwin with three of their children, their daughters Elizabeth, Esther, and Marion with her husband Lewis Evans and their children Jane and Lewis, as well as Joel's daughter from his past marriage, Sarah Francis and her husband Harry Cross and their child Harriet
1	5	15	Document signed by Senior United States Circuit Judge Jos. Buffington to certify Joel Burdick as "one of the leading citizens of Pittsburgh"
1	5	16	Christmas and New Years' card from Mrs. Ella Pixley Burdick with picture of her Pittsburgh home on the front
1	5	17	Portrait photograph of Joel Burdick by Pirie MacDonald
1	5	18	Photograph of Joel Burdick at his daughter Marion's and his son-in-law Lewis Evans' camp on Rt 9N between Elizabethtown and Keene, NY
1	5	19	Letters sent between Marion Burdick and Daniel Boone Evans, spanning from September 15, 1906 to December 15, 1915
1	5	20	Copy of photograph of Joel Burdick on his world tour at the Iron Pillar of Delhi, 1922/23

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1	5	21	Copy of pages 73, 81, 100, 101, 112, and 115 from Joel Burdick's book <u>Our World Tour: 1922-1923</u>
1	5	22	Photograph of Ella Pixley Burdick on her world tour with Joel Burdick
1	6	1	Photograph of unidentified woman with a child in front of the Burdick home, dated December 25, 1900
1	6	2	Photograph of Ella Pixley Burdick sitting with her infant daughter Esther
1	6	3	Photograph of Ella Pixley Burdick standing with her infant daughter Marion, dated December 25, 1892
1	6	4	Photograph of Ella Burdick sitting in a chair at a camp with various other relatives, 1933
1	6	5	Portrait photograph of Ella Burdick
1	6	6	Photograph of Ella Pixley Burdick
1	7	1	Portrait photograph of Marion Burdick
1	7	2	Photograph of Marion Burdick and Mabel Martiu
1	7	3	Photograph of Marion Burdick, August 1891
1	7	4	Portrait photograph of Marion Burdick
1	7	5	Photograph of unidentified girls sitting in park, 1892
1	7	6	Photograph of Julian Burdick by Pirie MacDonald
1	7	7	Photograph of Esther Burdick
1	7	8	Photograph of Esther Burdick with husband Charles Magrane in their home at Marblehead, Massachusetts
1	8	1	Reproduction photograph of Sarah Elizabeth Burdick, Joel Burdick's mother
1	8	2	Reproduction of photograph of Mr. W.W. Bartlett, relative of Francis and Ella Pixley Bartlett Burdick
1	8	3	Copy of picture of Bartlett twins, one of which was the mother of Ella Pixley Bartlett, with envelope
1	9	1	Collection of photographs of the Burdick house
1	10	1-6	Pictures of the Burdicks' home in Pittsburgh, with envelope
1	10	7	Picture of Joel Burdick's Native American baskets
1	10	8-10	Pictures of the Evans house at Lawrence Park in Bronxville, NY dating between November 18, 1900 and January 12, 1901
1	10	11	Picture of the parlor of the Burdick house in Albany, dated December 25, 1900
1	11	1	Photobook which belonged to Marion Evans, consisting of photographs of the Evans house at 1017 Madison Avenue in Albany, NY as it was in 1911
1	12	1	Form used in the marriage of Lewis Parsons Evans and Marion Burdick, dated December 1, 1906

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1	13	1	Book written by Morgan Dix titled <u>Christian Life</u> , owned by Marion Burdick
1	14	1	Book written by Joel Burdick titled <u>Our World Tour 1922-23</u> , covering his and his wife's travels around the world aboard the <i>Franconia</i>
1	15	1	Book written by Halbert K. Hitchcock titled <u>Trailing the Sun Around the Earth</u> , covering his travels aboard the <i>Franconia</i> with the Burdicks and other people
1	16	1	Records of the Bartlett family genealogy, titled <u>Bartlett-Winsor-Williams and Allied Families: Part I</u> , covering the Winsor family
1	17	1	Records of the Bartlett family genealogy, titled <u>Bartlett-Winsor-Williams and Allied Families: Part II</u> , covering the Bartlett family
1	18	1	Records of the Bartlett family genealogy, titled <u>Bartlett-Winsor-Williams and Allied Families: Part III</u> , covering the Pixley, Townsend, and Gardinier families
1	19	1	Video cassette containing a 1995 exhibition of Joel Burdick's Native American baskets at Ithaca College
2	1	1	Photobook containing the photographs of the children of the Burdick and Evans family
3OV	1	1	Photograph of Joel Burdick, his wife Ella Pixley, their son Julian and his wife Helene Baldwin with three of their children, their daughters Elizabeth, Esther, and Marion with her husband Lewis Evans and their children Jane and Lewis, as well as Joel's daughter from his past marriage, Sarah Francis and her husband Harry Cross and their child Harriet, with folder
3OV	2	1	Photobook containing photographs of the Burdick family and their house in Albany