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A Guide to the
Livingston Family Papers

Collection Summary

Collection Title: The Livingston Family Papers

Call Number: MG 115

Creator: Unknown

Inclusive Dates: 1853-1920's

Bulk Dates: 1880's

Abstract: The collection consists primarily of family photographs and notes on Livingston genealogy.

Quantity: 1 document box; 5 linear inches.

Administrative Information

Custodial History: The collection was gifted to the Albany Institute by Mr. and Mrs. Roland P. Carreker in October, 1986.

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Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: None.

Restrictions on Use: Permission to publish material must be obtained in writing prior to publication from the Chief Librarian & Archivist, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210.

Index Term

Persons:

Herrick, Livingston Morse
Livingston, Henry Gilbert, Rev.
Livingston, Julia Raymond
Livingston, Robert
Morse, Gilbert Livingston
Morse, May
Morse, Percy Livingston
Morse, Sidney Edwards
Schuyler, Montgomery
Wheeler, Anne Lorraine

Places:

Albany, NY
Ridgefield, NY

Material Types:

Notebook
Photographs
Passports
Painting - watercolor

Subjects:

Genealogy -- Livingston family
Genealogy -- Burrill family
Genealogy -- Dudley family
Genealogy -- Farrington family
Genealogy -- Kane family
Genealogy -- Ruckman family
Genealogy -- Russell family
Genealogy -- Moss family
New York (State) -- History

History of the Livingstons

Reverend Gilbert Henry Livingston (February 3, 1821- January 27, 1855) was the son of Reverend Gilbert R. Livingston and Eliza Burrill Livingston. He was a direct descendant of Robert Livingston, the first Lord of Livingston Manor. On June 8, 1847 he married Sarah Raymond. They had two sons, John and Gilbert.

Robert Livingston (December 13, 1654- August, 1728) was the first Lord of Livingston Manor and the American founder of the influential family of statesmen, politicians and businessmen. He came to New York from England in 1674. In 1686 he was granted by royal patent 250 acres of land between the Hudson River and the Massachusetts border which he held in a system reminiscent of feudal lordship. He was married to Alida Schuyler with whom he had four sons and one daughter. He died in August of 1728 and was buried on his lands.

Montgomery Schuyler worked as a diplomat and an intelligence officer for the State Department from 1902 into the 1920's. During WWII he served as the head of the Army

Intelligence Services in Siberia. He was appointed to be Minister to El Salvador by President Harding.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The Livingston Family Collection contains bound journals, a passport, and various photographs and a watercolor painting. The bulk of the dated material comes from the mid to late 19th century. The collection is divided into two series; Manuscripts; and Images.

Series I, Manuscripts, includes a notebook detailing the genealogy of the Livingston family, especially as it pertains to ancestry of Henry Gilbert Livingston, including the various distaff branches. Also contained within this series is the journal of a young woman written in 1882. The journal recounts daily activities and contains musings on bible passages and church activities.

Series II, Images, consists primarily of portrait photographs, but also includes a watercolor rendering of the Livingston family coat-of-arms and an image of an unidentified house. One image of an unidentified young man is framed. Most of the people within the photographs are unnamed. Of the nine that are labeled, all but three include the birth date as well as date of the sitting.

Organization of the Collection

The Livingston Family Collection is divided into two series; Manuscripts and Images.

Related Material

- VF Biography Livingston Family. Includes some genealogy and history of the Livingston family, as well as biographies of some of its more famous members.
- VF Biography Livingston Family Genealogy. Includes information on the death of Robert Livingston as featured in the Radcliff family bible.
- AS 191 Papers, 1742-1962. Contains the papers of Bayard Livingston including the genealogical notebooks he compiled and several collections of family correspondence, which he edited.

Other Finding Aids

A list of the items donated by the Carrekers is in the unnumbered folder at the front of the collection.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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

Series I, Manuscripts

Box #	Folder #	Title / Description
1	1	Henry Gilbert Livingston's 1853 Passport
1	2	Notebooks <i>contains a book of notes on Livingston genealogy and Anne Lorainne Wheeler's journal from 1882</i>

Series II, Images

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
1	3	Framed Images <i>contains the framed images of a young man and of a house.</i>
1	4	Watercolor of Livingston coat-of-arms
1	5	Assorted photographs