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A Guide to the
Frank W. Rosell Papers

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Frank W. Rosell Papers

Call Number: MG 91

Creator: Jane E. Rosell

Inclusive Dates: 1853-1959

Bulk Dates: 1950s

Abstract: This majority of this collection includes the personal papers of Frank W. Rosell and his family. Correspondence and items regarding the works of Asher B. Durand are also present. Genealogies of several families are outlined.

Quantity: 1.9 lin. ft., 6 boxes (5 document and 1 OV)

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Donated by Jane E. Rosell, 18 August 1987.

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Organizations

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Subjects

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Stamp Collecting

Places

New York – Albany

Document Types

atlas
awards
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ephemera
letters
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newspaper clippings
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Titles

American Collector
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Signed Vignettes on Obsolete Bank Notes
Stamps and Paper Money

Biography of Frank W. Rosell and Asher B. Durand

Frank W. Rosell

Frank W. Rosell resided in Albany and was a partner in Mayhew and Rosell, Inc., a dental laboratory. Frank was a prominent stamp collector (philatelist) and president of the Fort Orange Stamp Club (1935-36). He is known for his collection of essays, proofs, and trial colors of the 1869 U.S. issue (pictorial stamps featuring scenes instead of portraits).

Asher B. Durand

Asher B. Durand (1796-1886) was born in South Orange, NJ. In his early life, he studied engraving and produced some of the most acknowledged work in this country. Two of his well-known plats are those after John Trumble's historical painting "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence" and "Airdne" after Vanderlyn.

In 1812, Durand was apprenticed to Peter Maverick, a steel-engraver. In 1817, his apprenticeship ended and he was taken into partnership by Maverick. In 1836, he abandoned engraving to pursue a profession in painting and is credited with the co-creation of the American school of landscape (with Thomas Cole). Durand was the second president of the National Academy of Design (1845-61).

From 1858 until his death, he devoted himself principally to landscape painting. He is one of the noteworthy *Hudson River School* painters. His "Mountain Forest" is in the Corcoran Gallery in Washington and the Metropolitan Museum of Art possesses four of his works, including "In the Woods."

Scope and Contents of the Papers

The Papers include correspondence, photographs, awards, certificates, publications, and engraving materials.

The majority of the materials focus on Frank W. Rosell and the Rosell family. The genealogy and history of Asher B. Durand and the Durand family are also prominent. Actual items from A.B. Durand, himself, are few.

Genealogies of several families are outlined in Series III.

Organization of the Papers

The Papers are organized into four (4) series:

Series I pertains to the Frank W. Rosell and other Rosell Family members

Series II pertains to Asher B. Durand and other Durand Family members
 Series III pertains to genealogies of other families
 Series IV contains two (2) items seemingly not relevant to either Rosell or Durand

Folders within each series are organized by subject or person, not chronologically.

Related Material

Available in the AIHA collection:

- 759.92 DUR ABD 1971. Exhibition: Montclair Art Museum, NJ.
- 759.92 DUR DUR 1970. The Life and Times of A.B. Durand.
- 759.92 DUR LAW 1977. Asher Bown Durand: His Art and Art Theory in Relation to His Times.
- 759.92 DUR LAW 1978. Asher B. Durand: A Documentary Catalogue of the Narrative and Landscape Paintings.
- 769.92 DUR 1983. Exhibition: Asher B. Durand: An Engraver's and a Farmer's Art. CV 553. Thomas Cole Papers
- SpC 759.92 DUR LIF 1894. The Life and Times of A.B. Durand.
- SpC 769.92 DUR GRO 1895. Catalogue of the Engraved Works of Asher B. Durand
- SpC 811.29 EAS YAM 1820. Yamoyden: A Tale of the Wars of King Philip

Separated Materials

The following books were removed and cataloged for the general library collection.

Both are duplicate copies of books in Series I.

1. Oct 1938 "Collectors Club Philatelist"
2. Jan 1939 "Collectors Club Philatelist"

Other Finding Aids

None

Detailed Description of the Papers

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

Series#: I **Series Title:** Frank W. Rosell

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
1	1	n.d. Frank and Florence; genealogies
1	2	1940-50. Frank; correspondence (including Fort Orange Stamp Club and National Geographic Society) and philatelic items, newspaper clippings
1	3	1938-57. Florence and Jane; correspondence including items regarding the National Society Daughters of the American

		Revolution
1	4	1947. Charles; correspondence
1	5	1943-50. Family gravestones; correspondence and photos Albany Rural and Evergreen Cemeteries
1	6	1929-51. Mayhew and Rosell, Inc.
1	7	1925-52. First Lutheran Church
1	8	1925-26. 291 Myrtle Avenue, Albany; construction documents
1	9	n.d. 291 Myrtle Avenue, Albany; photographs
1	10	1899, n.d. 227 Second Avenue, Albany; specifications and blueprints
1	11	1938 Oct. "Collectors Club Philatelist" (duplicate copy pulled and cataloged)
1	12	1939 Jan. "Collectors Club Philatelist" (duplicate copy pulled and cataloged)
1	13	1938 Oct. "The American Philatelist" 1944 Jul/Oct. "Stamps and Paper Money" 1945 May. "American Collector"
1	14	Calendars: 1932 from the Albany Evening News 1933 from the Albany Evening News 1940 from the National Savings Bank
1	15	n.d. Greeting cards
2	1	n.d. Unidentified photographs
2	2	n.d. Unidentified photographs
2	3	1943 Dec. Set of 10 pictures of Old Albany (mounted on cardboard)
2	4	1943 Dec. Set of 10 pictures of Old Albany (mounted on cardboard)
2	5	1943 Dec. Set of 10 pictures of Old Albany (mounted on cardboard)
2	6	n.d. Trade cards (small) (separated by subject)
2	7	n.d. Trade cards (small) (separated by subject)
2	8	n.d. Trade card (large)
2	9	n.d. Trade card (large)
2	10	n.d. Trade card (large)
2	11	n.d. Prayer cards, postcards, and cutouts
3	1	1948-51, n.d. Instruction manuals and guarantees (appliances, train set)
3	2	1909, n.d. Memorabilia regarding Abraham Lincoln and George Washington
3	3	1938-44. Newspaper clippings and pages
3	4	n.d. Miscellaneous: Book Club thank you card Prescription Lined order book Pocket Atlas

		7 Price lists
		2 printed hymns
		Unidentified art depictions
		Unidentified specification
		Empty envelopes
6 (OV)	1	1947. Christmas card with stamps to Frank
		1925. Picture "Christ Blessing Little Children" to Florence
		1936. Dongan Charter Commemoration from National Bank
6 (OV)	2	1959. Times Union insert: "Hudson-Champlain Celebration"
6 (OV)	3	1941-48. Stamp and philatelic awards
6 (OV)	4	1945 Sep 10. <u>Life</u> Magazine
6 (OV)	5	1913 May 9. Sunday School certificate of attendance for Florence
		n.d. Stars and stripes artwork by Florence
6 (OV)	6	n.d. 3 drawings
6 (OV)	7	n.d. Lined ledger book

Series#: II Series Title: Asher B. Durand

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
4	1	n.d. Durand History
4	2	1842 Jan 16. Letter from A.B. Durand to Thomas Cole n.d. Transcribed letter to A.B. Durand from unknown party 1886. Abstract of A.B. Durand's will n.d. Poem
4	3	1944-53. Correspondence to/from Frank Rosell regarding acquiring A.B. Durand works (with 2 photos of paintings)
4	4	n.d. List of engravers
4	5	n.d. Engraving materials
4	6	n.d. Engraving materials
4	7	n.d. Engraving materials
4	8	1945 Apr/Jul. "Signed Vignettes on Obsolete Bank Notes" (2 copies)
4	9	n.d. "Asher B. Durand: the Engraver of the 1847 Stamp Franklin Portrait"
4	10	1950 Apr/Jul & 1951 Jan. "The Durand Engraving Companies"
4	11	1943. Exhibition memorabilia
4	12	1895. "Engraved work of Asher B. Durand"
4	13	n.d. Keepsake album (mainly poetry)
4	14	n.d. Lafayette Button (collector's item)
4	15	Miscellaneous: 1943-49, n.d. Newspaper clippings n.d. "Obsolete Bank Notes of Philatelic Interest" n.d. Durand & Moarohn (manufacturers) advertisement
4	16	Alfred M. Durand 1886. Marriage certificate

		1883-89. Correspondence
		1898. Letter from Frederic D. Beach
		1918. Newspaper obituary notices
		1934, n.d. Letter and <i>Alphabet Song</i> lyrics
4	17	Cyrus Durand
		1853, n.d. Photocopies of articles
4	18	Miscellaneous:
		n.d. Postcard from George Durand
		n.d. Short review of Francis E. Spinner and his signature
		n.d. Miscellaneous genealogy notes
		n.d. Photos of Irene Durand, Albert Durand, and Phebe Wade
6 (OV)	8	n.d. Engraving materials

Series#: III Series Title: Family Genealogies

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
5	1	Bressie Family
5	2	Coons (Kuntz) Family
5	3	Dederick (Dietrich) Family
5	4	Fraleigh (Frolich) Family
5	5	Haker Family
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5	15	Tremper (Trimper) Family
5	16	Van der Poel Family
5	17	Van Dyck Family
5	18	Ver Planck Family
5	19	Vigne (Vinge) Family
5	20	Wendell Family

Series #: IV Series Title: Other

5	21	1910. Morris L. Ryder will
6 (OV)	5	n.d. American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Association certificate for John S. Naufmann

Colophon

There was no original order established.

The following steps were taken during processing:

- *Discarded items:*
 - Metal staples, clasps, and paperclips*
 - 3-hole punched blank cardboard*
 - 3-hole punched blank file folder*
 - blank, empty envelope*
 - blank, black photograph album paper*
 - blank expandable file folder*
 - 7x11 box and cover*
 - 2 empty picture frames*

- *Removed and cataloged for general collection:*
 - “Collectors Club Philatelist” October 1938 (duplicate copy)*
 - “Collectors Club Philatelist” January 1939 (duplicate copy)*

- *Photocopied smaller newspaper clippings, put copies in the Papers, and discarded originals.*

- *Left undisturbed the items originally affixed to backing board.*