

The Davies Family Papers

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William Davies
Thomas L. Davies
William A. Davies
Augustus Davies

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2.5 linear feet

Dates

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Languages

English

Scope and Content

The collection consists of the personal, business, and legal records of the Davies family, including William Davies, his sons Thomas L. Davies and William A. Davies, and the latter's son Augustus Davies. The family personal records include probate records, cemetery deeds and records, trusts, wills, military appointments, correspondence, marriage contracts, religious records, photographs, poetry and other ephemera.

The business records consist of financial statements, accounts, promissory notes, receipts, surveys, stock certificates, assessment notices and utility bills for 27 Cherry Street in New York City, connected to the Hubert Van Wagner estate.

The legal contracts include a large volume of indentures, bonds, mortgages, releases, agreements, warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, and foreclosure deeds. The collection also features records of William A. Davies's administration of the estates of Solomon Sutherland, Albert Lower, George B. Evertson, Hubert Van Wagner, Mary Van Wagner. Some of the William Davies indentures were signed by Gilbert and Henry Livingston as they served as Dutchess County Clerk.

Historical Note

William Davies was born on March 21st, 1763 in New Milford, Connecticut where his father, Rev. Thomas Davies was the rector of the Episcopal Church. He and his mother moved to Amenia, New York at a young age and William appears to have been a captain in the New York State Militia. He amassed a large fortune as a merchant and married Polly Leach on January 23rd, 1787 and died in Amenia on February 7th, 1857 at the age of 93. Polly lived until April 23rd, 1814 when she died in Poughkeepsie at age 42.

William A. Davies was born in Poughkeepsie on May 10th, 1808 as the younger brother of Thomas L. Davies and Charlotte Davies. He was aide-de-camp to the Brigadier General of the 20th Brigade of the New York Militia, and later became Inspector of the militia's 7th Division. Davies married Sarah Van Wagner, the daughter of Hubert Van Wagner, in 1842. Sarah Davies before 1860 and as a memorial William constructed the Church of the Holy Comforter on Davies Place in Poughkeepsie. Davies was a practicing lawyer and was president of Farmers and Manufacturers' National Bank of Poughkeepsie in 1859. He married his second wife Frances Burritt on June 4th, 1861. He passed away on August 6th, 1896 at age 88.

Augustus Davies was born on August 15th, 1857 and married May Elton Morrow on June 18, 1906. He became a painter. Augustus and May sold 300 acres of the family's land holdings in 1911 to Vassar College. The land became the southern portion of the Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve. Augustus and May moved to Pasadena, California where May opened the Aria Montessori School.

Provenance

The provenance of this collection is unknown.

Subject Headings

Accounting; Business records; Commerce; Correspondence; Deeds; Economic history; Education; Land titles; Legal documents; Personal correspondence; Will and testament

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