

# The Vassar Warner Home Collection

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## Creators

Warner Home  
Old Ladies Home  
Vassar Home for Elderly Men  
Vassar-Warner Home

## Extent

1.5 linear feet, or 3 letter document cases

## Dates

Inclusive: 1835 – 1999  
Bulk: 1959 – 1989

## Conditions Governing Access

No Restrictions

## Languages

English

## Scope and Content

The collection consists of administrative records and collected ephemera from the Vassar-Warner Home and their preceding institutions. Material includes annual reports, board

reports directories, residence lists, cemetery records, and some administrative correspondence. There are also some relevant newspaper clippings, ephemera, and photographic prints in the collection.

## Historical Note

In 1871, the goal of Alice Warner came true. Roland Warner (or Jonathan R. Warner?) bought the old Dutchess Academy building that had been displaced with the establishment of the modern high school system in the 1840s. There he endowed the Warner Home for elderly women. Soon after, the Vassar brothers, Matthew (the younger) and John Guy donated their home on the corner of Main Street and Vassar Street and funded a three story brick building at that location. The new building opened in 1881 as the Vassar home for elderly men. The Vassar Home continued its mission on Main and Vassar continuously before moving to Church Street in 1974. In 1975 the two institutions merged, becoming the Vassar-Warner Home. In 1986 the two divisions moved into the same building – the newly renovated South Hamilton Street Residence. Charles A. Butts was treasurer of the Warner Home during the early 1960s.

## Provenance

The Collection was donated to the Dutchess County Historical Society by Carole McKelvey, former director of the Vassar-Warner Home in 2001.

## Subject Headings

Civic organizations; Charities; Domestic life; Elderly care; Older people; Vassar Brothers

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## Container List

### Box 1

File	Contents	Date
File 0	Handwritten inventory of original gift	2001 March 30
File 1	Annual Reports	1896, 1973 – 1989
File 2	Directories (five years missing)	1975 – 1999
File 3	Minutes, budgets, and related correspondence	1985 – 1989
File 4	Member records (1948-1996), board reports, insurance letters, constitution & by-laws	1961 – 1987
File 5	Cemetery and internment records	1869 – 1987

### Box 2

<b>File</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
File 6	125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party	1996
File 7	Miscellany	undated
File 8	Vassar Brothers Home for Aged Men	1847 – 1975
File 9	Warner Home Constitution and opening address, documents relating to incorporation	1871
File 10	Annual Reports, constitution & by-laws	1872, 1875, 1954, 1969
File 11	Warner Home, lists of Board of Trustees and Board of Lady Managers	1871 – 1977
File 12	Warner Home 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	circa 1971
File 13	Lists of residents and miscellaneous articles	circa 1976
File 14	Clippings	1840 – 1973
File 15	Warner Home Fair Reports	1953 – 1963

### **Box 3**

<b>File</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
File 16	Ephemera and correspondence	1835 – 1909
File 17	Photographic prints	undated
File 18	Clippings, affecting the elderly	1972 – 1973
File 19	Clippings, local news	1851 – 1982
File 20	Dutchess County History – Town of LaGrange, Roosevelt and Vanderbilt estates	1959 – circa 1975
File 21	City of Poughkeepsie history, maps and guides	1878 – circa 1975
File 22	Travel brochures	undated
File 23	Travel brochures	undated
File 24	Postcards	undated