

# The Caverly – Ludington Papers

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## Creators

Henry B. Caverly and family  
Hazel Andrews

## Extent

0.15 linear ft.

## Dates

Inclusive: 1765 – 1869

Bulk: 1845 – 1865

## Conditions Governing Access

No Restrictions

## Languages

English

## Scope and Content

The collection consists of the personal papers of the Caverly family as well as material from their ancestors the Ludington family. Present are deeds, correspondence and receipts as well as

some miscellaneous documentation and a genealogical scrapbook that may have been created by Hazel Andrews.

## Biographical Note

Henry B. Caverly was born in what is now Highland, New York in 1821. As a young man he worked in the Poughkeepsie grocery store owned by George Van Kleek and Leonard Carpenter. Around 1844 he ran away from his Poughkeepsie home and joined a Nantucket whaling ship *Norman* bound for the Pacific Ocean in a voyage that ended by 1848. During the voyage he was employed as the “boat steerer.” His father was John I. Caverly, brothers John S. Caverly and likely Philip, and sister Sarah Ostrander. Henry B. Caverly’s grandfather Henry Ludington served in the French and Indian War and in the Revolution as a Colonel under George Washington. His older brother John S. Caverly was born in Highland in 1819 and also worked in the Poughkeepsie grocery business which became Odell, Caverly & Co, and later, Caverly & Meyer. He retired in 1876 and lived with his younger brother until his death in 1895.

Henry B. Caverly later became a successful produce merchant in New York City before retiring to Passaic, New Jersey in 1899. He died there in 1905 of pneumonia at the age of 84. He was survived by his wife, Helena M. Caverly and two children, John L. Caverly and Sophia E. Caverly. Helena lived from 1833 until 1912 and John L. Caverly died in 1923.

James Emott Andrews was born in LaGrangeville, New York in 1857 and died in 1943 at the age of 85. His parents were Philip Schuyler Andrews and Cornelia Krum Andrews. He started the J. E. Andrews Hardware company, was a mason and longtime member of the Poughkeepsie Chamber of Commerce. He was also the director of the Poughkeepsie Trust Company for over 40 years. His daughter, Hazel Andrews was the secretary of the J. E. Andrews Hardware Company whose Vice President was his son, Ernest Andrews. Perhaps J. E. Andrews was married to Sophia E. Caverly, which would complete the connection, but there is no documentation of that and Sophia was referred to as “Miss” at least until 1924.

## Provenance

The Collection was donated to the Dutchess County Historical Society by Hazel Andrews in 1948.

## Subject Headings

Civil War; Deeds; Genealogy; Local Business; Personal Correspondence

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## Container List

**Box 1**

<b>File</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
File 24 DC.0057	Deed from William Caverly to John I. Caverly	1804
File 25 DC.0058	Letters to Mrs. Jemima Krom from Lucas Krom	1838 April 19 & June 18
File 26 DC.0059	Telephone booklet containing clippings referring to Henry B. Caverly and family	undated
File 27 DC.0060	Letters to Henry B. Caverly from John S. Caverly and Sarah Ostrander	1845 May 25

**Box 2**

<b>File</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
File 1 DC.0061	Letter to John I. Caverly from Henry G. Caverly	1845 January 26
File 2 DC.0062	Letter from Henry B. Ludington to Henry Ludington	1796 July 29
File 3 DC.0063	Letter to John I. Caverly from Henry B. Caverly	1841 September 27
File 4 DC.0064	Deed between Lutting Caverly from Henry B. Caverly	1808 July 19
File 5 DC.0065	Two draft notices for Henry B. Caverly	1865 March 15
File 6 DC.0066	Two notes signed by Josh Billings, "Yours, without a struggle," and "Good for ninety days." May have been eight more that are missing.	undated
File 7 DC.0067	Six receipts	1765 – 1852
File 8 DC.0068	Recommendation of Henry B. Caverly from Richard Gardner for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Officer on a whaling ship	1848 July 20
File 9 DC.0069	Letter carriers' manual	1869