

The Mrs. William D. Rees Collection

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Creators

Mrs. William D. Rees
Maria Van Wyck
Cornelius Storm
Theodore Storm
Abraham G. Storm

Extent

.4 linear feet, or 11 files

Dates

Inclusive: 1807 - 1908

Conditions Governing Access

No Restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

This collection consists of scrapbooks, genealogies, correspondence, and other documents concerning the Can Allen, Van Wyck, Storm, and Rees families. The material seems to have been gathered by Theodore Storm in San Jose, California circa 1905.

Historical Note

Isaac Adriance owned land in Hopewell, Dutchess County in the mid-18th century. He married Laetitia Van Wyck, the daughter of Theodorus Van Wyck, Jr., in 1836. He later remarried to Ida Schenck—daughter of revolutionary Whig Ralph Schenck of Long Island—and the two gave birth to Laetitia Adriance on February 5th, 1766. During the British occupation of New York, Laetitia Adriance was cut off from her grandfather, Schenck, and only obtained “her patrimony” in secret under a flag of truce. At 21 Laetitia married Cornelius C. Van Wyck in 1786 and moved to his estate at Fishkill after it was vacated by occupying American forces during the war. The estate was originally purchased by the grandfather of Cornelius C. Van Wyck in 1733 from Madame Catharina Brett. Laetitia Van Wyck died on May 22nd, 1858.

William Knickerbocker Van Allen was born in Rensselaer County in January of 1818. He became a New York City clerk then merchant and married Emma Lousie Van Wyck, the daughter of Isaac C. Van Wyck. Van Allen set off with the California Gold Rush via Panama. He arrived in San Francisco in October 1849 and invested in real estate, gaining considerable wealth. Emma Lousie Van Allen died “on sojourn” in Italy in 1870. Their only daughter died in 1883 in Naples from injuries received during the 1883 Casamicciola earthquake. William Van Allen died in San Francisco in 1903 at the age of 85.

Provenance

The Collection was donated to the Dutchess County Historical Society by Mrs. William D. Rees of Philadelphia in 1969.

Subject Headings

Freemasonry; Genealogy

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Container List

File	Contents	Date
DC.0273	Scrapbook made by Maria Van Wyck	1880
DC.0274	Genealogy of the Van Allen Family	ND

DC.0275	Scrapbook belonging to Mrs. Cornelius Storm containing data on families of Hewitt, Van Wyck, and Storm	ND
DC.0276	Primer, purchased in England	1888
DC.0277	Book, "Sister Mary Stories" given to Mary Hewitt Storm	1854
DC.0278	Passport of Cornelius Storm	1849
DC.0279	Scrapbook of Theodor Storm, contains his writings and poetry	6/1903
DC.0280	Copy of letter written by Robert Hunter re: Col. Aaron Burr	ND
DC.0281	Address delivered at funeral of Mrs. Susan Van Wyck Storm by Reverend J. Elmendorf	1877
DC.0282	4 old family letter re: Genealogy	1807, 1823, 1859, 1878
DC.0284	Bill to Abraham G. Storm	1810
DC.0285	Telegram sent to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davis on the occasion of their marriage	9/13/1876
DC.0286. A	Family coat of arms in sealing wax	ND
DC.0286. B	Essay - "Van Wyck Family" by Theodor Storm	1903
DC.0286. C	Certificate - Cornelius Storm - Occidental Lodge #22 Ancient Free and accepted Masons. AL 5877, Sept. 3	9/3/1877