

Locust Grove Archives

Finding Aid

Series J: Young Family Collection Subseries: William H. Young

Finding Aid Completed by Jennifer Plick

2/23/99

Updated 7/17/2005

Volume: 14 cubic feet in 28 boxes

Acquisition: Bequest of Annette Innis Young.

Access: Monday through Friday, by appointment with the Curator.
845-454-4500, or www.lgny.org

Copyright: See Curator for details.

Biographical Sketch

William Hopkins Young (1855-1909) was born in Poughkeepsie, New York to Henry Lathrop Young and Mary Eliot Dwight. His early education took place at the Riverview Military Academy in Poughkeepsie and the Holbrook Military School in Sing Sing, (Ossining) New York. In 1881, William Hopkins Young was graduated from Columbia College Law School. After marrying Martha Innis in 1883, William H. Young established the law firm of Young & Phinney (later to become Young, VerPlanck & Prince). He was an active participant in both New York City and Poughkeepsie society. In 1895, William H. Young, his wife, and two children moved to Locust Grove which was purchased in 1901. William Hopkins Young died in 1909.

Collection Description

The papers belonging to William Hopkins Young (1855-1909) deal primarily with his business interests and financial holdings. Legal papers proposing the creation of the Poughkeepsie Light, Heat and Power Company as well as statements from the Poughkeepsie Gas Light Company are included. Also quite interesting are papers documenting William Young's interests in several mining companies in the west. The collection also contains documents pertaining to the acquisition of Locust Grove as well as repairs and/or improvements made to the house and estate.

The papers are organized into two series: 1.) Correspondence 1869-1909; 2.) Personal Papers. The papers are arranged in chronological order when possible. The series descriptions will provide more detailed information.

The general condition of this collection is good. The larger documents such as deeds and investment papers, contain numerous pages that have been folded and may be fragile as a result. Bound items such as account books or school notebooks appear to be in relatively good condition. Letters and other handwritten documents are for the most part quite clear and easy to read.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence (1869-1909)

This series is divided into three categories: 1.) Correspondence-Dated, 2.) Correspondence-Undated, 3.) Empty Envelopes. The correspondence in this series includes letters both to and from William H. Young. All dated letters are filed chronologically, undated correspondence and empty envelopes follow.

Series 2: Personal Papers

William Hopkins Young's personal papers, like his correspondence, were part of Annette Innis Young's 1975 bequest to found the museum at Locust Grove. They consist of bills, receipts, and business papers. In general, because these papers were dispersed throughout the Locust Grove mansion and were not arranged by their creator, unless otherwise noted subject categories have been artificially created to improve access.

This series is divided into five categories: 1.) Estate, 2.) Finance, 3.) Miscellaneous, 4.) School, 5.) Travel. Estate includes information on the maintenance of Locust Grove, deeds, as well as the dispersal of William H. Young's estate. Finance includes stocks, bonds, business interests, and bills. Due to the original organization, many bills for Martha Innis Young are among those for William H. Young. Bills which are filed chronologically and then alphabetically (1899-1900, 1903-1904, 1905-1907, 1908-1909) were removed from the damaged expanding files where they were filed by the Young family and placed, in the same order, in these folders. Miscellaneous contains items that were not able to fit into the more specific categories. The School category consists of all items pertaining to the Riverview and Holbrook Academy, as well as Columbia College Law School. Travel contains invoices, brochures and travel schedules.

Box and Folder Lists

Box 1

Series 1: Correspondence 1867-1885

- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1867
- *Correspondence from William H. Young-1868
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1869
- *Correspondence from William H. Young-1869
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1870
- *Correspondence from William H. Young-1870
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1871
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1872
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1873-1874 (Invitations)
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1876
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1877
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1879
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1882
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1883
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1884
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1885
- *Correspondence from William H. Young-1885

Box 2

Series 1: Correspondence 1886-1895

- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1886
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1887
- *Correspondence from William H. Young-1887
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1888
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1889
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1890
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1891
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1892
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1894
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1895

Box 3

Series 1: Correspondence 1896-1902

- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1896
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1897
- *Correspondence from William H. Young-1897
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1898
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1899
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1900
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1901
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1902
- *Correspondence from William H. Young-1902

Box 4

Series 1: Correspondence 1903-1909

- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1903
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1904
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1905
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1906
- *Correspondence from William H. Young-1906
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1907
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1908
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-1909

Box 5

Series 1: Correspondence Undated/Empty Envelopes

- *Correspondence to William H. Young-Undated
- *Correspondence to William H. Young-Undated
- *Correspondence-Birthday Cards-Undated
- *Correspondence from William H. Young-Undated
- *Correspondence-Empty Envelopes

Box 6

Series 2: Personal Papers A - Columbia College Examination

- *Abstract of Title to Locus Grove-1901
- *Account/Bank Books
- *Brochures/Schedule
- *Club Memberships
- *Columbia College
- *Columbia College Examination-1819

Box 7

Series 2: Personal Papers Bills-1882-1900(A-K)

- *Bills-1882-1887
- *Bills-1892-1898
- *Bills Due-1899
- *Bills Due-1900
- *Bills-1899-1900(A)
- *Bills-1899-1900(B)
- *Bills-1899-1900(C)
- *Bills-1899-1900(D)
- *Bills-1899-1900(F)
- *Bills-1899-1900(G)
- *Bills-1899-1900(H)
- *Bills-1899-1900(J)
- *Bills-1899-1900(K)

Box 8

Series 2: Personal Papers Bills-1899-1900(M-Y)

- *Bills-1899-1900(M)
- *Bills-1899-1900(N)
- *Bills-1899-1900(P)
- *Bills-1899-1900(R)
- *Bills-1899-1900(S)
- *Bills-1899-1900(T)
- *Bills-1899-1900(V)
- *Bills-1899-1900(W)
- *Bills-1899-1900(Y)

Box 9

Series 2: Personal Papers Bills-1901-1904(A-G)

- *Bills Due-1901
- *Bills Due-1902
- *Bills Due-1903
- *Bills Due-1904
- *Bills-1903-1904(A)
- *Bills-1903-1904(B)
- *Bills-1903-1904(C)
- *Bills-1903-1904(D)
- *Bills-1903-1904(E)
- *Bills-1903-1904(F)
- *Bills-1903-1904(G)

Box 10

Series 2:

Personal Papers Bills-1903-1904(H-Z)

- *Bills-1903-1904(H)
- *Bills-1903-1904(J)
- *Bills-1903-1904(K)
- *Bills-1903-1904(L)
- *Bills-1903-1904(M)
- *Bills-1903-1904(N)
- *Bills-1903-1904(O)
- *Bills-1903-1904(P)
- *Bills-1903-1904(R)
- *Bills-1903-1904(S)
- *Bills-1903-1904(T)
- *Bills-1903-1904(V)
- *Bills-1903-1904(W)
- *Bills-1903-1904(Z)

Box 11

Series 2:

Personal Papers Bills-1905-1907(A-J)

- *Bills Due-1905
- *Bills Due-1906
- *Bills Due-1907
- *Bills-1905-1907(A)
- *Bills-1905-1907(B)
- *Bills-1905-1907(C)
- *Bills-1905-1907(D)
- *Bills-1905-1907(E)
- *Bills-1905-1907(F)
- *Bills-1905-1907(G)
- *Bills-1905-1907(H)
- *Bills-1905-1907(J)

Box 12

Series 2: Personal Papers Bills-1905-1907(K-W)

- *Bills-1905-1907(K)
- *Bills-1905-1907(L)
- *Bills-1905-1907(M)
- *Bills-1905-1907(N)
- *Bills-1905-1907(O)
- *Bills-1905-1907(P)
- *Bills-1905-1907(R)
- *Bills-1905-1907(S)
- *Bills-1905-1907(T)
- *Bills-1905-1907(V)
- *Bills-1905-1907(W)

Box 13

Series 2: Personal Papers Bills-1908-1909(A-J)

- *Bills Due-1908
- *Bills Due-1909
- *Bills-1908-1909(A)
- *Bills-1908-1909(B)
- *Bills-1908-1909(C)
- *Bills-1908-1909(D)
- *Bills-1908-1909(E)
- *Bills-1908-1909(F)
- *Bills-1908-1909(G)
- *Bills-1908-1909(H)
- *Bills-1908-1909(I)
- *Bills-1908-1909(J)

Box 14

Series 2: Personal Papers Bills 1908-1909(K-Y)-Undated

- *Bills-1908-1909(K)
- *Bills-1908-1909(L)
- *Bills-1908-1909(M)
- *Bills-1908-1909(N)
- *Bills-1908-1909(O)
- *Bills-1908-1909(P)
- *Bills-1908-1909(R)
- *Bills-1908-1909(S)
- *Bills-1908-1909(T)
- *Bills-1908-1909(U)
- *Bills-1908-1909(V)
- *Bills-1908-1909(W)
- *Bills-1908-1909(Y)
- *Bills-Undated

Box 15

Series 2: Personal Papers Cancelled Checks 1884-1901

- *Cancelled Checks-1884
- *Cancelled Checks-1898
- *Cancelled Checks-1899
- *Cancelled Checks-1899
- *Cancelled Checks-1900
- *Cancelled Checks-1901
- *Cancelled Checks-1901

Box 16

Series 2: Personal Papers Cancelled Checks 1902-1904

- *Cancelled Checks-1902
- *Cancelled Checks-1902
- *Cancelled Checks-1903
- *Cancelled Checks-1903
- *Cancelled Checks-1904

Box 17

Series 2: Personal Papers Cancelled Checks 1905-1909

- *Cancelled Checks-1905
- *Cancelled Checks-1905
- *Cancelled Checks-1906
- *Cancelled Checks-1906
- *Cancelled Checks-1909

Box 18

Series 2: Personal Papers Check Registers/Books 1887-1900

- *Check Book-1896 (Partially Used)
- *Check Register-1887-1891
- *Check Register-1891-1895
- *Check Register-1895-1896
- *Check Register-1896-1900

Box 19

Series 2: Personal Papers Check Registers 1900-1904

- *Check Register-1900-1902
- *Check Register-1902-1904

Box 20

Series 2: Personal Papers Columbia College - Diaries

- *Columbia College Law School
- *Columbia College Law School
- *Diaries (1885-1901; Notebook
- *Diaries (1901-1908)

Box 21

Series 2: Personal Papers Deeds - Examination of Books/Accounts

- *Deed-1889
- *Deed-1901
- *Estate of William H. Young
- *Estate of Henry L. Young
- *Estate of William H. Young
- *Examination of Books and Accounts (1903)

Box 22

Series 2: Personal Papers F - Inventory Ledger

- *Funeral Info. For William H. Young (1909)
- *Genealogy of Hopkins/Young
- *Holbrook's Military School
- *Info. On Mining Companies/Properties
- *Inventory Ledger

Box 23

Series 2: Personal Papers Invoices - Miscellaneous

- *Invoices
- *Leases
- *Medical
- *Memorial Book
- *Metropolitan Trust Co.
- *Misc.
- *Miscellaneous

Box 24

Series 2: Personal Papers Miscellaneous - Passport (1883)

- *Miscellaneous
- *Miscellaneous
- *Monogram
- *Newspaper Article on Death of William H. Young (Copy)
- *The New York Marine Paint Co.
- *Passport-1883

Box 25

Series 2: Personal Papers Policy - Riverview Military Academy

- *Policy of Title Insurance
- *Poughkeepsie Gas, Light Co.
- *Poughkeepsie Institute
- *Poughkeepsie Light, Heat & Power Co.
- *Repairs/Improvements
- *Riverview Military Academy

Box 26

Series 2: Personal Papers Sketch Books - Stocks

- *Sketch Books
- *Stock/Investment Info.

Box 27

Series 2: Personal Papers School

- *Law Degree From Columbia College (In metal canister)

Box 28

Series 2: Personal Papers Stocks - Title Search (1910)

- *Stock/Investment Info.
- *Stock Info.
- *Title Search (1910)