

Locust Grove Archives

Finding Aid

Series: Young Collection
Subseries: Henry Lathrop Young

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Volume: 4.5 cubic feet
9 boxes

Acquisition: Bequest of Annette Innis Young.

Access: Monday thru Friday, by appointment with the Curator.

Copyright: See Curator for details.

Biographical Sketch

Henry Lathrop Young (1818-1900) was born in New York City to Henry and Mary Hyde Young. Although becoming a partner in his father's military and hardware store, Henry L. Young decided not to go into the merchandising business. Instead, he purchased a farm in Avon Springs, New York near Rochester in 1841. In June 1842, he married Mary Eliot Dwight of Geneva, New York. Henry and Mary remained on the farm at Avon Springs until 1853 when they and their five children moved to Poughkeepsie for a better climate and education for the children. Henry L. Young was also involved with the Sing Sing Gas Manufacturing Company located in Sing Sing (Ossining), New York. Henry died in 1900.

Collection Description

The collection of papers belonging to Henry Lathrop Young (1818-1900) are an interesting combination of correspondence between family members and business dealings with the Sing Sing Gas Manufacturing Company.

The documents are separated into two series: 1.) Correspondence 1831-1899; 2.) Personal Papers. The collection is organized in chronological order when possible. The series descriptions will further explain the categories and their contents.

The condition of the collection is relatively good. Most of the letters are fairly legible and in good condition. The ledgers in the collection are also in reasonably good condition. However, the letter book created by Henry L. Young contains copies of letters written on very thin paper and should be handled very carefully.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence (1831-1899)

This series is divided into three sections: 1.) Correspondence-Dated, 2.) Correspondence-Undated, 3.) Empty Envelopes. The correspondence consists of letters written both to and from Henry L. Young. These items are filed chronologically when possible.

Series 2: Personal Papers

This series consists of a variety of materials arranged alphabetically by subject. 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. The Personal Papers series includes the following major subseries: Bills are arranged chronologically, expense ledgers and papers regarding the Sing Sing Gas Manufacturing Company.

Box and Folder Lists

Box 1

Series 1: Correspondence 1831-1846

- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1831
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1832
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1834
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1835
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1838
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1840
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1841
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1842
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1842
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1843
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1844
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1845
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1846
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1846

Box 2

Series 1: Correspondence 1847-1899, Undated, Empty Envelopes

- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1847
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1847
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1848
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1848
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1849
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1852
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1856
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1872
- *Correspondence from Henry L. Young-1896
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1897
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-1899
- *Correspondence to Henry L. Young-Undated
- *Correspondence-Empty Envelopes

Box 3

Series 1: Correspondence Letter Book 1886-1891

- *Correspondence-Letter Book

Box 4

Series 2: Personal Papers "A-B"

- *Auction Poster-1853
- *Autobiography
- *Autobiography-Typewritten
- *Bills-1899
- *Bills-1899
- *Bills-1899
- *Bills-1900
- *Biography of Henry D. Young

Box 5

Series 2: Personal Papers "C-La"

- *Calling Cards
- *Cedarwood History
- *Deeds
- *Expense Book-1837-1841
- *Genealogy
- *Horticulture Journal
- *Horticulture Club Poster-181863
- *Investment Information
- *Invitations
- *Last Will and Testament of Henry L. Young

Box 6

Series 2: Personal Papers Ledgers-1841-1859

- *Ledger-1841-1849
- *Ledger-1850-1859

Box 7

Series 2: Personal Papers Ledgers-1860-1872

*Ledger-1860-1865

*Ledger-1866-1872

Box 8

Series 2: Personal Papers Ledgers-1873-1886

*Ledger-1873-1880

*Ledger-1880-1886

Box 9

Series 2 Personal Papers "M-S"

*Magazine of American History-1885

*Newspaper Clippings

*Notes and Lists

*Obituary

*Pamphlets

*Papers of Henry Young

*Papers of Mary Hyde Young

*Receipts and Expenses-1843

*Sing Sing Gas and Manufacturing Company

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