

# Locust Grove Archives

## Finding Aid

Series:       **Locust Lawn Collection**  
Subseries:   **Josiah Hasbrouck (1828 – 1884)**

**Completed by Angela Stultz**  
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**Volume:**     10 cubic feet in 11 boxes

**Acquisition:** Bequest of Annette Innis Young.

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

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## Biographical Sketch

Josiah Hasbrouck was born in 1828 to Levi and Hylah Hasbrouck at Locust Lawn. Levi and Hylah had four daughters and Josiah, who was their only surviving son. He attended Academy Hill in Newburgh.

Upon his father's death in 1861, Josiah inherited the family farm and much of his father's real estate in New Paltz area. Josiah supervised the farm at Locust Lawn and lived with his mother and his two unmarried sisters there. In the fall of 1868, Josiah's health began to fail, and according to family accounts he "suffered from a severe fit of illness from which he was a long time in recovering." In search of a more moderate climate and perhaps a different lifestyle, Josiah began spending winters away from Locust Lawn. Eventually, he spent more and more time away from Ulster County and in fact, "purchased a large tract of land in California and in 1871 he often posted his letters with the return address as "On the Ranch." Josiah returned periodically to Locust Lawn.

On June 1, 1881, Josiah married 29-year-old Margaret (Maggie) DeKay, whom he had know since at least 1880 and the wedding ceremony was held in Warwick, New York. Maggie and Josiah became the parents of one daughter born in 1882, named Hylah, after her late grandmother Hylah Hasbrouck.

His last years, Josiah again fell ill and had to have his leg amputated. Just after his daughter's second birthday, Josiah died on August 11, 1884. An obituary in the New Paltz newspaper stated that he had passed away "suddenly in the night". According to this account, Josiah was "looked upon as a New Paltz man, and his face was familiar to everyone here." He had "attended church at New Paltz, owned a great deal of real estate in this immediate vicinity, received his mail matter at the post office and very frequently rode out to the village, even after the amputation of his leg a couple of years ago rendered it difficult for him to get around." The obituary said that like his father, Levi, Josiah was "a plain, unostentatious man, rather conservative in his views, exactly honest in his dealings and he had a warm grasp of friendship for his acquaintances."

Josiah died intestate and was survived by his widow, Maggie and daughter, Hylah. In order to settle the estate Hylah's guardian instituted a partition suit with her father's sister, Laura Varick since the estate was found to be insufficient for the payment of Josiah's debts. This lawsuit brought about a sale of all the property, most of which was purchased by Laura Varick who rented the house and farm to various tenants until her death in 1926.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Josiah Hasbrouck are section of the larger Locust Lawn Archives, which are in turn a component of the primary museum collection at Locust Grove. Josiah's niece, Annette Innis Young, inherited both the house at Locust Lawn and the personal possessions and archives of several generations of the Hasbrouck family. In 1958 Miss Young transferred Locust Lawn and its contents to the Huguenot Historical Society to operate as a museum. Her family papers were scattered throughout the house, and between the 1970s and 1990s an attempt was made by staff and volunteers to organize part of the Locust Lawn Archives. In 2010 the Huguenot Historical Society transferred the house, grounds, and collections at Locust Lawn to Locust Grove, reuniting the Hasbrouck family papers for the first time in fifty years. Re-organization of the archives was completed in 2011.

Josiah Hasbrouck's papers include correspondence, bills and receipts, legal documents, insurance papers, tax records, and ephemera.

While this collection is remarkable in its own right for its completeness, it is also significant for its connection to the art and artifact collections at Locust Lawn, many of which were purchased and used by Josiah and his family.

In general, artificial series and arrangement groupings have been created, since no discernable order from the creator was evident. See the arrangement note for more information about arrangement by series.

## **Series Description**

### **Series 1: Correspondence (1799-1873)**

#### **1 Box**

Spanning the years from 1847 to 1884, Josiah Hasbrouck's correspondence consists mainly of letters written to and from family members and business acquaintances. This correspondence is filed chronologically and is followed by one folder of undated correspondence to and from Josiah and a folder of empty envelopes.

### **Series 2: Personal Papers**

#### **11 Boxes**

This series consists of a variety of material arranged alphabetically by subject. Because these papers were not arranged by their creator, subject categories have been artificially created to improve access. These folders contain Temperance Society and American Bible Society Certificates, diaries, papers of Josiah Hasbrouck's wife and daughter, legal and real estate documents, receipts as well as stocks and bonds certificates and ledger.

## **Arrangement Note**

In general, artificial categories have been created for the Locust Lawn Archives in general and the Josiah Hasbrouck Papers in particular. However, some overall trends present in the Young Archives were used as the basis for these categories.

### **Correspondence**

Letters in the Young Family Archives were often grouped chronologically and so this arrangement protocol has been applied to the entire collection. Correspondence is not divided other than by year, and letters continue to be housed in their original envelopes (if they survive).

### **Personal Papers**

All categories in the Personal Papers sub-category have been artificially created.

## Box and Folder Lists

### Box 1

#### Series 1:

#### Correspondence 1847 - 1884

- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-1847
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-1848
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-1862
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1867
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1868
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1869
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-1870
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1870
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-1871
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1871
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-1872
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- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1873
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1874
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- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1876
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1877
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1878
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-1880
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1880
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-1881
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-1884
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-1884
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-Undated
- \*Correspondence from Josiah Hasbrouck-Undated
- \*Correspondence to Josiah Hasbrouck-Empty Envelopes

**Box #2**

**Series 2:**

**Personal Papers "A-L"**

- \*Bond and Mortgage Lists
- \*Bonds
- \*Calling Cards
- \*Certificates
- \*Currency
- \*Diaries-1880-1881
- \*Diaries-1882-1883
- \*Estate of Josiah Hasbrouck
- \*Farmers' Almanac
- \*Fortune Teller Self-Test
- \*Handwriting Tutor
- \*Hylah Hasbrouck-Daughter of Josiah Hasbrouck
- \*Legal Documents

**Box #3**

**Series 2:**

**Personal Papers "M-Z"**

- \*Maggie Hasbrouck-Wife of Josiah Hasbrouck
- \*Menu-1866
- \*Merchant Cards
- \*Notes and Lists
- \*Real Estate Documents
- \*Receipts-1859-1884
- \*Stocks and Bond Ledger
- \*Wedding Guest List-1881

**Box #4**  
**Series 2:**

**Personal Papers**                      **“Newspapers”**

- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 11, 1866
- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 25, 1866
- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – February 1, 1866
- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – February 15, 1866
- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – February 22, 1866
- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – March 8, 1866
- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – March 15, 1866
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**Box #4 continued**

**Series 2:      Personal Papers                      “Newspapers”**

The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 3, 1867  
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**Box #5**  
**Series 2:****Personal Papers**                      **“Newspapers”**

The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 2, 1868  
The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 9, 1868  
The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 16, 1868  
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**Box #6**  
**Series 2:**

**Personal Papers**                      **“Newspapers”**

- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 6, 1870
- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 13, 1870
- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 20, 1870
- The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 27, 1870
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**Box #7 Series 2:      Personal Papers                      “Newspapers”**

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The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – January 8, 1880  
The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – May 6, 1880  
The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – August 12, 1880  
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**Box #8**  
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**Personal Papers**                      **“Newspapers”**

The Cultivator & Country Gentleman – March 29, 1883  
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**Box #9**  
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**Personal Papers**                      **“Newspapers”**

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The American Cultivator – January 19, 1878  
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**Box #10**  
**Series 2:****Personal Papers**                      **“Newspapers”**

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The American Cultivator – January 3, 1880  
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