

# Locust Grove Archives

## Finding Aid

Series: **Locust Lawn Collection**  
Subseries: **Louisa Hasbrouck**

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**Volume:** 1 cubic foot in 3 boxes

**Acquisition:** Bequest of Annette Innis Young

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

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## **Biographical Sketch**

Louisa Hasbrouck was born at Locust Lawn in 1831 to Hylah Bevier Hasbrouck and Levi Hasbrouck. Unfortunately, there is very little documentation covering her life. All that survive are a few letters from her family and scrap books and notebooks containing poems and prints. She did not marry and appears to have spent her life at Locust Lawn. Louisa died in 1867.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Louisa Hasbrouck are section of the larger Locust Lawn Archives, which are in turn a component of the primary museum collection at Locust Grove. Louisa's descendent, 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.

Louisa 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 also significant for its connection to the art and artifact collections at Locust Lawn, many of which were purchased and used by Louisa and her 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 & 2: Correspondence (1842-1867) and Personal Papers**

#### **1 Box**

Spanning the years from 1842 to 1867, the few letters written to Louisa Hasbrouck were from her sisters and her aunt, Elizabeth Bevier. This correspondence is contained in one folder. Also contained in Box #1 are folders containing booklets, poems, prints and a property deed, arranged in alphabetical order.

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

#### **1 Box**

Box #2 contains two scrapbooks each in its own folder.

## **Arrangement Note**

In general, artificial categories have been created for the Locust Lawn Archives in general and the Louisa 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 - 1842-1850;**  
**Personal Papers – A-Z**

\*Correspondence to Louisa Hasbrouck-1842-1850; Undated

\*Booklets

\*Clippings

\*Notes

\*Poems

\*Prints

\*Real Estate

### Box 2

Series 2: **Personal Papers** **Scrap Books**

\*Scrap Book

\*Scrap Book

### Box 3

Series 3: **Personal Papers** **Oversized Papers**

\*Prints