

LAND PAPERS

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ARRANGEMENT NOTE: 41.Ld LAND PAPERS

PROVENANCE:

Storage group 43.Ld is designated to house Land Papers donated to the Institute by historical researchers or by descendants of Staten Island families. A list of accession numbers between 1917-1969 is found on the Collection Cover Sheet.

Materials identified as "Land Papers" include conveyances, abstracts of mortgages, title searches, property inventories, leases, surveys, public notices of sales, publications by and about the S.L. Mershon "Lancaster Symes Foundation," records of the Duncan Kendall property.

During collection inventories of the 1960s, these and other materials housed in the Historic Documents files of the Institute were assigned inventory numbers in the U-series. These numbers are noted on the box lists. The present Storage Group was established during the Collections Identification Project of 1978-1979, in which basic archival controls were applied to certain previously unsorted materials.

BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL NOTES:

Not applicable to storage group. Principal donors to this Storage Group include Edward C. Delavan, Jr. (1858-1939), lawyer, who donated his extensive collection of title searches, deed transcripts, and Photostats of early conveyances; and Charles G. Hine (1859-1931), historian and editor, who donated his research materials.

SCOPE & CONTENT:

The arrangement of these materials distinguishes materials pertaining to Staten Island from those of other localities. The Staten Island materials are further sorted into groupings as described below:

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| Non-Staten Island: | N.I.: English deeds & conveyances  |
|                    | N.II.: All other areas (including Dutch; New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania)                 |
| Staten Island:     | SI I: 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Conveyances   |
|                    | SI II: 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Conveyances  |
|                    | SI III: 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Conveyances   |
|                    | SI IV: 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Conveyances  |
|                    | SI V: Catalogs (lists of patents, mortgages; chronological)                                  |
|                    | SI VI: Edward C. Delavan, Jr. papers (title searches; abstracts of deeds; etc. alphabetical) |

SI VII: Inventories (chronological)

SI VIII: Leases (chronological)

SI IX: Serial Title Records (Alphabetical; includes abstracts of title;  
partial title searches)

SI X: Surveys (chronological)

SI XI: Supplementary Materials: secondary reports on land papers  
and their interpretations by S.I. lawyer A.A. Michell;  
chronological)

SI XII: Public Notices of Sales: clippings, auction notices;  
Chronological

SI XIII: S.L. Mershon Papers (chronological) publications by and  
about the "Lancaster Symes Foundation" and the "American  
Title and Trust Co." syndicates of Mr. Merson

SI XIV: Duncan/Kendall Property: tax records, insurance records,  
sewer assessments (chronological)

This collection contains seven- and one-half-cubic-feet of material housed in three one-cubic-foot boxes, two 6'x20' print boxes and one map case drawer.

Inclusive dates for this collection are 1670-1939; title searches by Edward C. Delavan include data back to 1621.

#### RELATED MATERIALS:

This collection is cross-referenced to various map and atlases and to the Davis Collection.

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Box Inventories:

Box 1/3

Folders		
1-2	Dutch conveyances	n.d.
1-6a	Staten Island conveyances: 17 <sup>th</sup> century	1675-1694
1-9	Staten Island conveyances: 18 <sup>th</sup> century	1713-1798
1-8	Staten Island conveyances: 19 <sup>th</sup> century	1807-1890
1	Staten Island conveyances: 20 <sup>th</sup> century	1664-1832
1-3	Staten Island catalogs	1664-1832

Box 2/3

Folders		
1-8	Edward C. Delavan, Jr. Papers	1621-1841
1-2	Patents & Deeds; Title Searches	1816, 1841
1-2	S.I. Inventories	1777, 1797
1-2	S.I. Leases	1777, 1797
1-9	Serial Title Records, S.I.	1677-1885

Box 3/3

Folders		
1-7	Staten Island Surveys	1680-1840
1-2	Supplementary Materials, S.I. Land	1916, 1930
1-4	Sale Notices	1838-1939
1-12	S.L. Mershon Papers	1915-1936
1-3	Duncan-Kendall Property	1865-1902

Print box I

Folders		
1-4	Staten Island Conveyances: Guyon, et al	1670-1696
1-26	Staten Island Conveyances: DePeyster, Bodine, Poillon, Perler, Morgan, Bogert, Billeau, Winent, Britten, Van Name, Rezeau, Larzelere, Guyon, Coursen, Villopp, Vanderbilt, Simonson, Jenner, Morgan, Rezeau, et al	1707-1786

Print box II

Folders		
1-28	S.I. Conveyances: Blake, Houseman, Poillon, LaForge, VanDyke, Tompkins, Winent, Ward, Staples, Biddle, Tysen,	1804-1889

		Duncan, et al	
	1	S.I. Catalog	1803-1832
	1	S.I. Survey: Verker: Antill	1739
	1, 2	Non-S.I. Conveyances	1798, 1891
	1, 2	Sale Notices, Staten Island	1824, 1839
Map case			
	Folders		
	1, 2	English land papers	1696, 1735
	1, 2	Pennsylvanian land papers	1829, 1841
	1	S.I. Conveyances: Dongan to Douglas	1685
	1, 2	S.I. Conveyances: Garrison, Lake, Guyon	1781, 1791
	1-4	S.I. Conveyances: Simonson, Morgan, Butler	1809-1814
	1-3	Accretions: Bigg, Praal, Dongan	1697, 1721, 1750
Print box III			
	Folders		
	1-10	LaFordge-Bedell-Wood-Decker Land Papers (accretion): deeds, bonds, mortgages	1842-1881