

Locust Grove Archives

Finding Aid

Series: Young Collection
Suberies: Laura T. Hasbrouck Varick

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Volume: 6 cubic feet
11 boxes

Acquisition: Bequest of Annette Innis Young.

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

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Biographical Sketch

Laura Tallmadge Hasbrouck Varick (1834-1925) was one of two daughters of Levi and Hylah Bevier Hasbrouck. Laura's sister, Anne Bevier Hasbrouck was the mother of Martha Innis Young. Martha's daughter, Annette Young, bequeathed these family papers to Locust Grove at her death in 1975. She resided at Locust Lawn in New Paltz, New York until she married Abraham Varick on January 15, 1873 and moved with him to 50 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie. Laura collected religious literature, such as pamphlets and sermons, and was a member of the Young Women's Christian Association. In 1886, in order to keep the property from passing out the family, she purchased the 400-acre Locust Lawn farm from her brother Josiah Hasbrouck's widow and rented the farm and house to tenants. Much of the rest of her life was spent in activities relating to the operation and maintenance of the Locust lawn farms. After Abraham's death on March 18, 1894 Laura lived with her sister and brother-in-law Anne and George Innis, at Rosewood, #40 Main Street, Poughkeepsie. After their deaths, she continued lived at the house with her nephew, Hasbrouck Innis until her own death on March 22, 1925.

Collection Description

The papers of Laura Tallmadge Hasbrouck Varick (1834-1925) vary from financial documents to personal mementos. They span from her early adulthood to the last year of her life. The bulk of the correspondence in the collection is dated from 1876 to 1894, and the numbers seemingly diminish after her husband's death. The series of personal papers reveals the details of Laura's business transactions as well as her personal interests, including a collection of photographs.

The papers are separated into two series: 1.) Correspondence 1853-1925; 2.) Personal Papers. The papers are arranged in chronological order when possible and primarily follow their original organization. The last three boxes (box 9, 10, and 11) contain miscellaneous items, arranged by theme. See the Series Descriptions for further details on contents.

The general condition of the collection is good. Most of the handwritten documents are clear and legible. Many of the envelopes and newspaper clippings are discolored. Bound items such as journals and scrapbooks are also in fairly stable condition. The photographs are in excellent condition. As with previous collections, many of the documents have an ingrained layer of dust.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence (1853-1925)

This series consists of three categories: 1.) Correspondence-Dated, 2.) Correspondence-Undated, 3.) Empty Envelopes. All correspondence is organized in chronological order when possible. Undated material is filed after the dated correspondence. Correspondence is to Laura T. Hasbrouck Varick, with the exception of a few letters written by her. Correspondents include: Martha Innis Young, Annette Innis Young, Innis Young and Levi Hasbrouck.

Series 2: Personal Papers

Laura Varick's personal papers, like her correspondence, were part of Annette Innis Young's 1975 bequest to found the museum at Locust Grove. They consist of a wide 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, as are **Diaries**.

Box and Folder Lists

Box 1

Series 1: Correspondence 1853-1886

- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1853
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1865
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1866
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1870
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1875
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1876
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1877
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1878
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1879
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1880
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1881
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1882
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1883
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1884
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1885
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1886

Box 2

Series 1: Correspondence 1887-1896

- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1887
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1888
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1889
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1890
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1891
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1892
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1893
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1894
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1895
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1896

Box 3
Series 1:

Correspondence 1897- 1931

- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1897
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- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1912
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1914
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1915
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1915
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1916
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1918
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1918
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1919
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1922
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1923
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1924
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1925
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – 1927
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - 1931

Box 4
Series 1:

Correspondence Undated - Empty Envelopes

- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - Undated
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - Undated
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick – Undated
- *Correspondence from Laura T.H. Varick - Undated
- *Correspondence to Laura T. H. Varick - Empty Envelopes

Box 5

Series 2: Personal Papers A – Bill/Receipts (1896)

- *Address Books
- *Agreements/Contracts
- *Bank Book
- *Bills/Receipts-1867
- *Bills/Receipts-1868
- *Bills/Receipts-1869
- *Bills/Receipts-1876
- *Bills/Receipts-1883
- *Bills/Receipts-1884
- *Bills/Receipts-1885
- *Bills/Receipts-1886
- *Bills/Receipts-1887
- *Bills/Receipts-1889
- *Bills/Receipts-1890
- *Bills/Receipts-1893
- *Bills/Receipts-1894
- *Bills/Receipts-1895
- *Bills/Receipts-1896

Box 6

Series 2: Personal Papers Bills/Receipts 1897-1903

- *Bills and Receipts - 1897
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- *Bills and Receipts - 1900
- *Bills and Receipts – 1901
- *Bills and Receipts - 1902
- *Bills and Receipts - 1903

Box 7

Series 2: Personal Papers Bills/Receipts 1904 - Undated

- *Bills and Receipts - 1904
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- *Bills and Receipts - 1906
- *Bills and Receipts - 1907
- *Bills and Receipts - 1908
- *Bills and Receipts - 1909
- *Bills and Receipts - 1914
- *Bills and Receipts - 1915
- *Bills and Receipts - 1918
- *Bills and Receipts - Undated

Box 8

Series 2: Personal Papers Calendars - Catalogues

- *Calendars and Date Books
- *Cancelled Checks 1894
- *Cancelled Checks 1896
- *Cancelled Checks 1897
- *Cancelled Checks 1898
- *Cancelled Checks 1899
- *Cancelled Checks 1900
- *Cancelled Checks 1901
- *Cancelled Checks 1902
- *Cancelled Checks 1903
- *Cards
- *Catalogues

Box 9

Series 2: Personal Papers Check Book - Inventory

- *Check Book- 1862
- *Commonplace Book
- *Copy of Sermon
- *Deeds
- *Diaries
- *Dried Flowers
- *Expense Book
- *Fabric Samples
- *Geneology: Varick Family
- *Inventory of Laura T.H. Varick

Box 10

Series 2: Personal Papers Journals - Miscellaneous Items

- *Journals
- *Keepsakes
- *Last Will and Testament of Hylah Hasbrouck
- *Last Will and Testament of Laura T. H. Hasbrouck Varick
- *Lists
- *Membership Cards
- *Miscellaneous Items

Box 11

Series 2: Personal Papers Newspaper Clipping - Photographs

- *Newspaper Clippings
- *Pamphlets
- *Photographs
- *Photographs

Box 12

Series 2: Personal Papers Programs-War Bond

- *Programs
- *Rental of Lvon and Decker Farms
- *Scrapbooks
- *Stock Certificate
- *War Bond