

George W. Van Syckel Collection

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Creator:

Title: George W. Van Syckel Collection

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Related Collections: Collection 34, Bartles Papers

Abstract: The collection consists of George W. Van Syckel's research on the Van Syckel family of Alexandria Township. It includes cemetery records, deeds, other family documents, news clippings, and photographs. The collection provides information on both the Van Syckel family and the Alexandria Township area, and would prove useful to anyone researching Hunterdon families in Alexandria Township.

Biographical Information: George W. Van Syckel was born in Dola WV near Clarksburg, on May 8, 1916 to Russell and Ada Pigott Van Syckel. He graduated from Fairmont State College and attended graduate school at West Virginia University and Akron University. He was a teacher in Harrison County WV and Canton Ohio. After he retired in 1976, he moved to Ellwood City, PA and researched the genealogies of the Van Syckel and Pigott families. He died on February 2, 2011 at age 94.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection comprises (i) 5 folders of original documents of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association from 1845 to 1950; (ii) 13 original deeds from 1817-1891 to real property owned by the Van Syckel and other families in Alexandria Township; (iii) a county militia commission, a diploma, and other family documentation; (iv) 10 folders of photographs; (v) a folder containing Van Syckel's genealogical research; and (vi) 3 folders of printed material. An index of names found in the

collection is also included at the end of this finding guide.

Box/Folder No.	No. Items	Time Period	Contents
1.1	10	1878-1852	Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association - Bequests and correspondence
1.2	3	1853-1891	Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association - Deeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Alexandria on the purchase of land from John H. Eckel, June 15, 1853 • Deeds from the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Alexandria to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whitfield H. Gaylord, May 23, 1863 ○ Ephraim Limerson June 5, 1891
1.3	9	1845-1891	Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association - Receipts and Financials 1852 - 1891
1.4	2	1891; 1950	Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association - Bylaws 1891 Questionnaire to Cemetery Companies of New Jersey 1950
1.5	1	1898	Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association - Notice to plot owners regarding care - May 26, 1898
1.6	4	1816-1822	Deeds - Peter Van Syckel, John Van Syckel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bonnel and Jemima Bonnel of Alexandria to Peter Van Syckel for 11 acres in Bethlehem Township - March 8, 1816 • Peter Van Syckel and Nelly Van Syckel to John Van Syckel and Mary Van Syckel - Deed of Partition of 153.59 acres in Alexandria Township, divided equally; May 4, 1822 • George Warne Van Syckel and Rachel Van Syckel to Peter Van Syckel Sr. - 91.5 acres in Alexandria and other property bequeathed to them by George Warne December 20, 1822 • John E. Forman to Peter and John Van Syckel for 521.75 acres of land in Alexandria Township dated May 2, 1817
1.7	1	1831	Division of real property of Nelly Van Syckel in Alexandria and Bethlehem townships to her children in exchange for an income of \$200 per year dated January 4, 1831
1.8	4	1853-1860	George Van Syckel Deeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed from George Van Syckel and Isabella Van Syckel to George W. Van Syckel Senior, dated March 31, 1857 for 3 lots totaling 156.10 acres in Alexandria Township • Deed from Hamilton Forman to George W.

			<p>Van Syckel Senior for house and lot on Main Street, Milford dated March 10, 1854</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner's Deed from Edward Hunt, Peter Alpaugh and William Tomson for the estate of Jacob Bunn, to George W. Van Syckel Senior for wood lot and parcel of land totaling 114.2 acres in Alexandria Township dated March 31, 1853 • Deed from Jonathan and Anne Vanderbelt to George W. Van Syckel Sr. for land in Alexandria - 2 lots totaling 20.55 acres, dated March 30, 1860
1.9	2	1814, 1825	<p>James Hamilton to Wm. Vanderbelt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of James Hamilton to Wm. Vanderbelt dated July 27, 1814 (recorded February 4, 1816) for real property in Alexandria Township, 11.17 acres • Mortgage dated May 1, 1825 --Anthony Hoff to John G. Forman for 53.25 acres in Alexandria Township
1.10	1	1805	Commission of Jacob Bunn as lieutenant in the 2 nd Company, 2 nd Battalion, 2 nd regiment, Hunterdon County militia - December 14, 1805
1.11	2	1856; 1882	Ribbon samples from 1856 with note from 1882 Crocheted lace samples
1.12	2	1874	Lydia Van Syckel teaching certificate and diploma 1874
1.13	1	1881	Letter from J. Waddell Van Syckel to Lydia Van Syckel regarding genealogical book dated February 15, 1881
1.13a			Px 6633*
1.14	1	1911	Letter from Woodrow Wilson to R. L. Van Syckel, August 15, 1911
1.15	18	1912-1956	<p>Newspaper clippings; includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos of Edna Van Syckel • Obituaries • Holland Society elections • Sermons of Reverend Henry Collin Minton
1.16	16	1876-1914	George W. Van Syckel II Family - Obituaries, Newspaper Clippings, Etc.
1.17a - j			Px 6634 - 6642
2.18			Typescript - Ancestors of George W. Van Syckel 19 pages of Van Syckel and Pigott family genealogy going back to the 15 th century
2.19			Hardcover Book - <i>Genealogical Record of the Descendants of Thomas Carhart of Cornwall, England,</i>

*See list of photos at the end of this index.

			<i>compiled from Official Records and Private MSS, with an Appendix of Notes</i> by Mary E. Carhart Dusenbury. Published by A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, Chicago and New Orleans, 1880.
2.20			De Halve Maen - the Holland Society of New York, January 1949
2.21			Polyglott Bible, presented to Catherine Carhart, 1849

Box/Folder	PX	Creator	Title	Date	Location	Physical Characteristics	Subject Keywords
1.13a	6633	Van Syckel Photography		Ca. 1880	Springfield, OH, 40-42 E. Main Street	10 x 15.5 cm, sepia toned, albumen print, good condition but somewhat dirty	Studio portrait of J. Waddell van Syckel
1.17a	6634	Stout's Photographic Studio		Ca. 1880	307 Northampton St., Easton, PA	16 x 10.5 cm albumen print, sepia toned, good condition	Paul Eckel (cousin of the van Syckels)
1.17b	6635	Louis N. Greenig		1893	1800 and 1802 North Front Street, Philadelphia, PA	16 x 10.5 cm albumen print, sepia toned, good condition	George W. Van Syckel II
1.17c	6636	Rhoads Photography		Ca. 1879	1800 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia, PA	16 x 10.5 cm albumen print, sepia toned, good condition	Jacob Van Syckel
1.17d	6637a	Ormsbee's First National Gallery		Ca. 1860-1870	NY, NY?	Ferro type 6 x 10 cm, good condition	John H. Griffith (gift to Lydia van Syckel; clipping of Griffith's obituary on the back)
1.17e	6637b	Ormsbee's First National Gallery		Ca. 1860-1870	NY, NY?	Ferro type 6 x 10 cm, good condition	John H. Griffith (gift to Lydia van Syckel; clipping of Griffith's death notice on the back)
1.17f	6638	AKP Trask Photography		Ca. 1885	1210 Chestnut Street,	16 x 10.5 cm albumen print,	G. W. Van Syckel, II

					Philadelphia, PA	sepia toned, good condition	
1.17g	6639	Freeland Photo		Ca. 1880	Milford, NJ	16 x 10.5 cm albumen print, sepia toned, good condition	G. W. Van Syckel, II and wife
1.17h	6640	Kirkland Photography		Ca 1885- 1895	Cheyenne, WY	20 x 10.5 cm albumen print, good condition	Written on back: To my cousin, Lil, compliments of her coz. John Toodle John van Buskirk
1.17i	6641			Ca. 1860?	Photographer's Studio	6 x 10 cm albumen print; fair condition, faded, dirty	G. W. Van Syckel, born 1797
1.17j	6642	Tyler Photography		Ca. 1870	Easton PA	6 x 10 cm albumen print; good condition	On back: Complements of Wm. Van Buskirk (half- brother of G. W. Van Syckel II)

List of Names in the Collection

Name	Folder	Case, Levi	1
Able, Harry J.	1	Case, Mary C.	1
Able, Peter	1	Case, Nathaniel W. (Mrs.)	1
Adams, John	9	Case, Sarah C.	1
Alpaugh, Peter	8	Case, William B.	1
Alpaugh, Spencer	1, 2	Case, Wm. Voorhis	2
Alpaugh, William C.	8	Chamberlain, John	6
Alpaugh, Wm. B.	2	Cole, John	1
Alpoch, Matthias	6	Cole, Wm. H. (Mrs.)	1
Anthony, Steward	1	Cooley, A. R.	1
Apgar, Alice E.	1	Cooley, Samuel Sr.	8
Apgar, Cornelius	1	Cosby, Samuel	7
Apgar, Elizabeth	1	Cougle, Charity	7
Apgar, Frederick	6	Cougle, Peter	7
Apgar, H. Stanford	1	Cratsley, Jacob	7
Apgar, James	1	Creveling, J. L.	1
Apgar, Levi	9	Creveling, J.P.	1
Apgar, Lewis B.	1	Davis, John C.	1
Apgar, Mahlon	1	Dilley, H.	1
Apgar, Sylvanus	1	Dilly, Mirietta	1
Apgar, Theodore B.	1	Duckow, Isaac	9
Apgar, William	1	Duckworth, Edwin (Mrs.)	1
Apgar, William Mettler	1	Duckworth, John	8
Besson, Harlan	1	Duckworth, L.M.	2
Besson, Roberta	1	Duckworth, Mary	1
Bird, Howard E.	1	Duckworth, S. D. (Mrs.)	1
Bird, Jennie	1	Duckworth, William M.	3
Bird, Robert F.	1	Duckworth, Wm. J.	2
Bloom, George H.	1	Duff, George D.	1
Bloom, Mary Ellen	1	Durling, William (Mrs.)	1
Bloom, Pauline C.	1	Eckel, Aaron	1
Bloom, Peter C.	1	Eckel, Caroline Virginia	1
Bloom, William V.	1	Eckel, Eliza A.	1
Bloomfield, Joseph	10	Eckel, Elizabeth	1
Bonnell, Charles	6	Eckel, Elizabeth F.	1, 3
Bonnell, Jemima	6	Eckel, G. W.	3
Bonnell, John	1, 6	Eckel, George	1
Bonnell, George	1	Eckel, George W.	2
Bunn, Henry	8	Eckel, Henry	6, 7
Bunn, Jacob	1, 8, 9, 10	Eckel, Jacob	1
Bunn, John	1	Eckel, John	1
Bunn, Lydia	1	Eckel, John H.	2
Bunn, Paul Henry	1	Eckel, Lydia	1
Carpenter, George	7	Eckel, Mary Belle	1
Case, Godfrey	1	Eckel, Peter	1

Eckel, S. C.	3	Huff, Theodore J.	1
Eckel, Samuel C.	1	Huff, William	8
Eckel, Samuel V	1	Hunt, E. W.	3
Egbert, William	1	Hunt, Edward	2, 3, 8
Evans, Thomas M.	6	Hunt, Philip F.	1
Ewald, Evelyn Opdyke	1	King, William L.	8
Fishbock, Peter	7	Kinney, Anna	1
Fleming, Frederick B. (Mrs.)	1	Kinney, Henry	1
Fleming, Richard	1	Kremer, Martin	1
Fleming, William	1	Kuphart, Frederick	3
Forman, Hamilton	8	Laire, G. F.	1
Forman, John E.	6, 9	Lambert, Wm. (Mrs.)	1
Forman, Mary	8	LaRue, John	3
Forman, Mary Ann	9	LaRue, Jonathan S.	1
Gaylord, Whitfield H.	2	Limerson, Ephrim	2
Gordon, Frederick Newton	1	Manning, Isaac B.	1
Gordon, Thomas	9	Manning, Nelson H.	1
Griffith, Laura Eckel	1	Maxwell, William	6
Hagaman, Albert S.	1	Mettlar, Jonathan	6
Hagaman, Joseph	1	Mettlar, William	6
Halsey, Joseph R.	1	Mills, Robert (Mrs.)	1
Halsey, Mary Jane	1	Niece, William W.	1
Halsey, Orville	1	Opdyke, Catherine	1
Hamilton, James	9	Opdyke, Frank	1
Harrison, Edward	8	Opdyke, Luther	3
Hartpence, Paul (Mrs.)	1	Opdyke, Rachel J.	1
Hawk, Godfrey	1	Opdyke, William J.	1
Hawk, Jacob B.	3	Philkill, Hannah	1
Hawk, John M.	1, 2	Philkill, John B.	1
Hawk, Mame	1	Pickel, B.	2
Hawk, Silas	1, 2	Pickel, Baltus	2
Hightower, Joseph (Mrs.)	1	Pittinger, Sylvester	1
Hoagland, Charity	7	Porter, Gertrude	7
Hoagland, Derrick	7	Porter, James	7
Hoff, Anthony	7, 9	Prall, Josiah	1
Hoff, Elizabeth	7	Probasco, George	6
Hoff, Jeremiah	7	Probasco, Jacob	6
Hoff, Susanna	7	Queen, John	3
Hoppock, Charles	1	Queen, John W.	3
Hoppock, Floyd	1	Queen, Jon T.	3
Hoppock, Joseph	1	Queen, Louis Apgar	3
Hoppock, Lizzie	1	Queen, Paul	3
Housel, Jacob	6	Race, Andrew	1
Housel, William	7	Race, C.F.	1
Housel, Wilson	9	Race, George	1
Huff, Carrie	1	Race, Lizzie R.	1
Huff, Edward	1	Race, O.W.	1

Race, S.B.	1	Van Syckel, Jemima	6
Race, W. Lambert	1	Van Syckel, John	6, 7
Rhodenbaugh, Henry	1	Van Syckel, Lewis	7
Rittenhouse, Emma	1	Van Syckel, Lydia	12, 13
Rittenhouse, Eva	1	Van Syckel, Mary	6
Rittenhouse, Piety	1	Van Syckel, Matthias	7
Roberts, William	1	Van Syckel, Nelly	6, 7
Rockafellow, Elizabeth	6	Van Syckel, Peter	6, 7
Rockafellow, Peter	6	Van Syckel, Peter Sr.	6
Rouse, Moses	7	Van Syckel, R. L.	14
Rouse, Rebecca	7	Van Syckel, Rachel	6
Runyon, Oakley	1, 2	Van Syckel, Richard	6
Schultz, Nita H.	1	Van Syckel, Samuel	7
Sebold, Sarah	1	Van Syckel, Spencer	7
Severs, Levi	1, 3	Vanderbelt, Anne	8
Severs, Manuel H.	1	Vanderbelt, Annie	1
Shafer, David	3	Vanderbelt, Florence E.	1
Shaw, Augustus	1	Vanderbelt, John	1
Sinclair, Eliza Jane	1	Vanderbelt, Jonathan	8
Sinclair, Sarah C.	1	Vanderbelt, Spencer	1
Snyder, Paul H.	1	Vanderbelt, William	9
Stern, William R.	1	Vanness, Frederick	9
Stewart, Samuel	1, 2	Warford, Elisha	9
Stiger, Adam	6	Warne, George	6
Stiger, Balthus	6	Warne, Samuel	2
Stintsman, Christiana	1	Wean, Eliza	1
Stintsman, George	1	Wean, Matthias	1
Stout, G. W.	2	Wean, Oakley	1
Stout, Jennie	1	Welsted, Edw.	6
Stout, Sutphin	8	White, Anthony	6
Stover, Henry	2	White, Eliza Mary	6
Stover, Rachel	1	White, Euphemia	6
Stull, Charles	1	White, Isabella	6
Stull, Hugh G.	1	White, Johanna	6
Taylor, Rachel	1	Williamson, Charles R. (Mrs.)	1
Thatcher, Moses	9	Williamson, Raymond	1
Tinsman, Daniel A.	1	Williamson, Reuben A.	1
Tomson, William	8	Wilson, Cora B.	1
Trowel, Charles E.	3	Wilson, John M.	1
Van Syckel, Eleanor	7	Wilson, Margaret Ann	1
Van Syckel, George	7	Wilson, Woodrow	14
Van Syckel, George W. Jr.	8	Woolf, Mary B.	1
Van Syckel, George W. Sr.	8	Woolverton, Mahala	1
Van Syckel, George Warne	6	Wright, Benjamin	6
Van Syckel, Isabella	7	Wright, Cornelia A.	1
Van Syckel, Isabella D.	8	Wright, H. K. (Mrs.)	1
Van Syckel, J. W.	13	Wright, Sylvester H.	1

Young, Mary A	1
Young, Valentine	1