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**Identity Statement:**

Title: Lambertville City Clerk Records  
Dates of creation: 1778-2003  
Extent of the unit of description: 3 boxes, 1.5 linear ft.

**Scope & Content / Abstract:**

This collection is made up of two series, the Lambertville City Clerk Records, dated 1883 to 2003; and photostats of the Revolutionary War diaries of Col. Israel Angell of Rhode Island, dated 1778 to 1781.

Series 1, folders 1 to 72, consist primarily of records of the Lambertville City Clerk's Office. According to the Lambertville City Clerk & Registrar's Office, "the City Clerk acts as the... administrative officer and chief election official of the City and is the liaison between the governing body and taxpayers and often is a resident's initial point of contact in municipal matters. The Clerk also serves as the custodian of official municipal records and is recording secretary to the governing body, . . .".

Materials in this series include militia lists, property tax records including certificates of sale for property tax past due, declarations of sale and tax sale receipts, claims against Lambertville residents, petitions and studies for city sewer system, municipal consents for public transportation services, financial statements, documents related to the sesquicentennial celebration of George Washington's visit to Lambertville in 1778, agreements between Lambertville and commercial entities, search warrants, quarantine releases, City of Lambertville correspondence with residents and other entities, financial documents, Lambertville Master Plan publications, and other city documents, publications, programs and ephemera. Also included is a bound account book for the Union League No. 89 of New Jersey, dates 1864 to 1867.

Series 1 would be of interest to researchers interested in the day to day operations of the Lambertville government and the issues that residents of Lambertville, NJ dealt with in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Series 2 are photostats of the Revolutionary War diaries of Col. Israel Angell of Rhode Island, dated 20 August 1778 to April 1781. There is no known connection between the City of Lambertville and Col. Angell. The full set of nine diaries (1778-1805) of Col. Angell are held by the Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscript Division as part of the Israel Angell Papers. Prior to donation to the R.I.H.S., the diaries were in possession of Malcolm H. Angell and Harry Angell, descendants of Col. Angell. The six diaries from the Revolutionary period were published as *Diary of Colonel Israel Angell Commanding the Second Rhode Island Continental Regiment During the American Revolution, 1778-1781*, Edward Field, ed. (Providence: Preston & Rounds, 1899).

Series 2 would be of interest to researchers interested in the history of Lambertville and its citizens or institutions, researchers of transportation system development in Hunterdon County as well as U.S. Revolution historians and enthusiasts.

**Context:**

Name of Creator: City of Lambertville, N.J.

Administrative / Biographical history: Neilson Rittenhouse (1886-1962) was the City Clerk and Tax Receiver for the City of Lambertville, N.J., from 1929 until his retirement in 1948. It is possible that he is the donor of this collection as the materials were originally accessioned as the Neilson Rittenhouse Papers. Although the records included in the collection range from 1778 to 2003, the correspondence ranges from 1925 to 1953, which primarily falls into the years Neilson Rittenhouse was City Clerk.

Neilson Rittenhouse, born 21 Sep 1886 in Lambertville, was the son of Cornelius W. Rittenhouse and Alice C. Cooley. He married Grace J. Cooley in 1913 and they had two daughters: Mary E. Rittenhouse Smith and Alice Cooley Rittenhouse Jones. Before becoming City Clerk, Mr. Rittenhouse operated a dry goods store. Neilson Rittenhouse died on 31 May 1962, at home in Lambertville.

Israel Angell [Sr.] (1740-1832) was a colonel in the Second Rhode Island Regiment of the Continental Army during the American Revolution. In 1777, Angell took command of the regiment as colonel and led the regiment at the battles of Brandywine, Red Bank, Rhode Island and Springfield. Col. Angell retired from service in March of 1781.

Sources:

**Structure:**

System of Arrangement: Arranged by subject and then chronologically within each general subject.

**Disposition:**

**Disposition date:**

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Language of material: English

Physical characteristics:

Finding Aids: In Vertical file

**Allied Materials:**

Related units of description in this repository: Collection No. 90: Mary Sheridan Papers

Collection No. 181: Edward Cohen Papers

Collection No. 204: Mary E. Sheppard Papers

**Collection** Lambertville City Clerk Records

**Event**

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<b>Search terms</b>	Almy Paper Mill American Revolution, 1775-1783. Angell, Col. Israel Diaries, 1778-1781. Flemington, NJ Hobson Flatware Company Lambertville Chamber of Commerce Lambertville Civil Defense Organization Lambertville Master Plan Program Lambertville Water Company Lambertville, NJ Mercer County, NJ New Jersey Highway Department Pennsylvania General Transit Company Pennsylvania Railroad Company Raritan Valley Bus Line Second Regiment, Rhode Island (Revolutionary War) State of New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissions Union League No. 89 of N.J. United States Revolution, 1775-1783 Wm. Mann Paper & Pulp Co.	<b>People</b>	Alexander, Claude Angell, Col. Israel Arnett, Kate Ely, Caroline H. Hart, Wm. H. Holcombe, George W., Jr. Hoppock, Samuel C. Kurachimsky, Andreas. Moonan, Mayor E.J. Rittenhouse, Neilson Scarborough, A.J. Twomey, Mary Twomey, Nora Van Horn, Lloyd A. Van Horn, Mrs. S.S. Van Natta, Arthur. Voorhees, Peter. Warner, Mary Welch, Ashbel
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