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Object Name	Manuscript	Source	Webb, Dale
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Title	Dora Alexander Genealogy and Family Research Collection	Year Range	1923-2010



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Description This collection consists of genealogical research materials and personal records compiled by Dora Barrett Alexander and her husband James, longtime residents of Readington, Hunterdon County. Research subjects include the Mitchell and associated families of Hunterdon County, as well as the Barrett and Sanderson families of New Castle County, Delaware, and the Alexander family of Harford County, Maryland.

The collection is organized as follows:

- Series 1: Genealogical research materials on the Mitchell and associated families of Hunterdon County, including Pittenger, Wakefield, and Bragg.
- Series 2: Personal records, correspondence, and general genealogical materials collected by Dora Alexander.
- Series 3: Genealogical research materials on families not from Hunterdon County: the Sanderson and associated families of England and New Castle County, Delaware; the Barrett, Atkinson, and associated families of Delaware; and the Alexander family of Harford County, Maryland.
- Series 4: Collection of photographs accumulated by Dora and James Alexander. This series consists of individual photographs, family photograph albums, slides, and negatives, including photos of their ancestors and collateral relatives, their property in Readington, and many of unidentified persons and locations.

The collection may be of interest to persons researching the Mitchell, Pittenger, Wakefield, or Bragg families of Hunterdon County, as well as to those interested in the Delaware and Maryland families included in this collection.

Identity Statement & Context

Name of Creator	Alexander, Dora	Reference Code	NJFLH15380
Other Creators	Alexander, James		
Creator Added Entry			
Dates of Creation		Administrative Biographical History	Dora Barrett Alexander (1918-2015) was born in Wilmington DE. She married James Alexander (1916-1983), of Elizabeth NJ, and they lived for many years in Readington

Township, NJ. James served in the U.S. Army during WWII and worked in instrument maintenance for RCA in Somerville NJ. Dora worked as a caregiver.

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Container List

Location	Container	Folder	Title	Description	Date
A17	1-1	01	Edward Mitchell Revolutionary Pension Application		ca. 1970
A17	1-1	02	William Mitchell SAR Application		ca. 1970
A17	1-1	03	Mitchell Family vital records		1975-1983
A17	1-1	04	Descendants of Edward Mitchell Ancestral Chart and Family Group Sheets		n.d.
A17	1-1	05	Descendants of Edward Mitchell - Family Group Sheets		n.d.
A17	1-1	06	Cornelius Mitchell Family - Family Group Sheets and notes		1979
A17	1-1	07	Mitchell family wills and petitions		ca. 1970

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A17	1-1	08	Mitchell and related families - Family Group Sheets (1)		n.d.
A17	1-1	09	Mitchell and related families - Family Group Sheets (2)		n.d.
A17	1-1	10	Mitchell Family references in published works		n.d.
A17	1-1	11	Pittenger wills and related notes		ca. 1970
A17	1-1	12	Pittenger deeds and related notes		ca. 1970
A17	1-1	13	Pittenger death records		1980
A17	1-1	14	Pittenger family - Family Group Sheets (1)		n.d.
A17	1-1	15	Pittenger family - Family Group Sheets (2)		n.d.
A17	1-1	16	Pittenger family - Family Group Sheets (3)		n.d.
A17	1-2	01	Pittenger family - Family Group Sheets (4)		n.d.
A17	1-2	02	Pittenger family - Family Group Sheets (5)		n.d.
A17	1-2	03	Mitchell and Pittenger research notes		n.d.
A17	1-2	04	Pittenger military notes		n.d.
A17	1-2	05	Pittenger U.S. Census worksheets -1880		1983
A17	1-2	06	Pittenger U.S. Census worksheets - 1900		1983
A17	1-2	07	Richard Pittenger Family unpublished manuscript (1)		n.d.
A17	1-3	01	Richard Pittenger Family unpublished manuscript (2)		n.d.
A17	1-3	02	"The Pittenger Family in America" - unpublished manuscript by F. Hiner Dale		n.d.
A17	1-3	03	"Our Family History" completed by Odelle Pittenger		n.d.
A17	1-3	04	Pittenger family notes from Barbara Eggum		1971
A17	1-3	05	Pittenger Family Group Sheets from Wes Pittenger		n.d.
A17	1-3	06	Pittenger lineage and notes from Wes Pittenger		1984
A17	1-3	07	Pittenger family miscellaneous correspondence		ca. 1980- 1997
A17	1-3	08	Pittenger family genealogical notes (1)		n.d.
A17	1-3	09	Pittenger family genealogical notes (2)		n.d.
A17	1-4	01	Genealogical notes on Pittenger, Wakefield and Bragg families		n.d.
A17	1-4	02	Correspondence re: McVey and Buskirk families		n.d.
A17	1-4	03	Bragg surname - Family Group Sheets		n.d.
A17	1-4	04	Applebaugh surname - Family Group Sheets and Ancestral Charts		n.d.
A17	1-4	05	Wakefield surname - correspondence and notes		n.d.
A17	1-4	06	Selover surname - genealogical notes		1968
A17	1-4	07	Mattis and Hoffman surnames - Family Group Sheets		n.d.
A17	1-4	08	Bowne surname - genealogical notes		n.d.
A17	1-4	09	Mitchell and related families - genealogical notes		n.d.
A17	1-4	10	Mitchell grave marker photographs		n.d.
A17	1-4	11	Pittenger grave marker photographs		n.d.
A17	2-1	01	Dora Alexander personal records		1931- 2001
A17	2-1	02	James Alexander personal records		1928- 1983

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A17	2-1	03	James Alexander military records		1935-1946
A17	2-1	04	James and Dora Alexander marriage records		1944
A17	2-1	05	Dora Alexander trip to Lynn Massachusetts		ca. 1967
A17	2-1	06	Dora Alexander first trip to England		1969
A17	2-1	07	Dora Alexander Visiting Homemaker Service		1967-1972
A17	2-1	08	Dora and James Alexander trip to England		1974
A17	2-1	09	James Alexander death records		1983
A17	2-1	10	James and Dora Alexander school certificates		1923-1933
A17	2-2	01	Correspondence from Janet Atkinson Strauss (1)		1979-1981
A17	2-2	02	Correspondence from Janet Atkinson Strauss (2)		1982
A17	2-2	03	Correspondence from Janet Atkinson Strauss (3)		1983-1986
A17	2-2	04	Correspondence from Janet Atkinson Strauss (4)		1991-1994
A17	2-2	05	Assorted correspondence (1)		1960-1975
A17	2-2	06	Assorted correspondence (2)		1967-1975
A17	2-2	07	Assorted correspondence (3)		1967-1975
A17	2-2	08	Assorted correspondence (4)		1960-1992
A17	2-3	01	James and Dora Alexander ancestor charts		n.d.
A17	2-3	02	Dora Alexander Personal History book		n.d.
A17	2-3	03	Census worksheets for multiple surnames		n.d.
A17	2-3	04	Genealogical notes (1)		n.d.
A17	2-3	05	Genealogical notes (2)		n.d.
A17	2-3	06	Genealogical notes (3)		n.d.
A17	2-3	07	Genealogical notes (4)		n.d.
A17	2-3	08	Ancestral Record book for Dora Mary Barrett Alexander		n.d.
A17	3-1		Alexander and related surnames: family group sheets, copies of vital records, deeds, wills, charts and notesgenealogical materials		ca. 1970-1990
A17	3-2		Barrett and related surnames: family group sheets, copies of deeds and genealogical notes		ca. 1970-1990
A17	3-3		Barrett and related surnames: copies of deeds and maps of Cecil County MD		ca. 1970-1990
A17	3-4		Barrett and related surnames: genealogical notes and photos relating to Barrett, Atkinson, Mahoney, Ramsey, McVey and others		ca. 1970-1990
A17	3-5		Sanderson and related surnames: Sanderson family in England, Massachusetts, Delaware		ca. 1970-1990

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A17	3-6		Sanderson and related surnames: genealogical notebooks, notes and photos		ca. 1970- 1990
A17	3-7		Index cards with family information for Barrett, Atkinson, and Sanderson families		ca. 1970- 1990
A17	4-1	01	Dora Alexander 8x10 color photograph		ca. 1950
A17	4-1	02	Snapshots of Dora Alexander outdoors		ca. 1940
A17	4-1	03	Snapshots of Dora Alexander at beach		ca. 1945
A17	4-1	04	Photos of Dora Alexander and others at a monument		ca. 1940
A17	4-1	04	Photos of Dora Alexander and others at a monument		ca. 1940
A17	4-1	05	Photos of Dora Alexander with others		ca. 1985
A17	4-1	06	Photos of Dora Alexander and others		ca. 1940
A17	4-1	07	James Alexander in uniform		ca. 1935
A17	4-1	08	Dora Barrett and brother LeRoy as children		ca. 1924
A17	4-1	09	Unidentified children at Oak Grove School		ca. 1930
A17	4-1	10	James Alexander and others at tropical location		ca. 1940
A17	4-1	11	James Alexander and LeRoy Barrett		ca. 1945
A17	4-1	12	James and Dora Alexander		ca. 1944
A17	4-1	13	James Alexander automobiles		ca. 1940
A17	4-1	14	Wedding of James Alexander and Dora Barrett		1944
A17	4-1	15	Dora and James Alexander at Jack Dempsey's, NYC		1946
A17	4-1	16	James and Dora Alexander at home in Readington		ca. 1980s
A17	4-1	17	Dora Alexander at home wearing red heart necklace		1992
A17	4-1	18	Dora Alexander mowing lawn at Readington		1979- 1982
A17	4-1	19	Dora Alexander and her new car		1990
A17	4-1	20	Dora Alexander birthday celebration		1991
A17	4-1	21	James Alexander at home in Readington		ca. 1969
A17	4-1	22	Dora Alexander birthdays		1992- 1998
A17	4-1	23	Dora Alexander 90th birthday party		2008
A17	4-1	24	Dora Alexander 92nd birthday party		2010
A17	4-1	25	Dora Alexander at home with others		ca. 1990s

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A17	4-1	26	Home of James and Dora Alexander in Readington		1966-1995
A17	4-1	27	Readington home - flowering shrubs and flowers		1975-1983
A17	4-1	28	Readington home - flowering shrubs and flowers		n.d.
A17	4-1	29	Readington home - vegetable gardens		1981
A17	4-1	30	Readington home - trees		1970-1981
A17	4-1	31	Readington home - snow covered grounds		n.d.
A17	4-1	32	Readington home - grounds with deer		1981-1990
A17	4-1	33	Readington home - outdoor photos		n.d.
A17	4-1	34	Pequest Trout Hatchery, Hackettstown NJ		1992
A17	4-1	35	Delaware Water Gap		1992
A17	4-1	36	Alexander names on Roselle, Union County Honor Roll		1944
A17	4-1	37	Folk Finders, Clinton, NJ		1998
A17	4-2		4 panoramic photographs of soldiers		n.d.
A17	4-3	01	LeRoy Barrett, brother of Dora		n.d.
A17	4-3	02	Bob Barrett (Dora's nephew) and family		n.d.
A17	4-3	03	Bob and Bill Barrett (Dora's nephews) as children (1 of 3)		ca. 1950s
A17	4-3	04	Bob and Bill Barrett (Dora's nephews) as children (2 of 3)		ca. 1950s
A17	4-3	05	Bob and Bill Barrett (Dora's nephews) as children (3 of 3)		ca. 1950s
A17	4-3	06	Barrett family members		n.d.
A17	4-3	07	Firth family members and home construction		2007
A17	4-3	08	Carly Haddick, Dora's grand-niece (1 of 4)		1991-1992
A17	4-3	09	Carly Haddick, Dora's grand-niece (2 of 4)		1991-1992
A17	4-3	10	Carly Haddick, Dora's grand-niece (3 of 4)		1992
A17	4-3	11	Carly Haddick, Dora's grand-niece (4 of 4)		1993-1995
A17	4-3	12	Sent to Dora by her grand-niece Carly Haddick		n.d.
A17	4-3	13	Lessey family members		n.d.
A17	4-3	14	Greenhalgh family members		n.d.
A17	4-3	15	Wisthoff family, Olive Alexander garden, Dora		n.d.
A17	4-3	16	Reppert family members		n.d.
A17	4-4	01	James Alexander and others in Aruba for military training		n.d.
A17	4-4	02	James Alexander and others in Aruba for military training		n.d.
A17	4-4	03	Scenes from Aruba		n.d.
A17	4-4	04	Scenes from Aruba		n.d.

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A17	4-4	05	Adults identified by full name		ca. 2006-2013
A17	4-4	06	Children identified by full name		n.d.
A17	4-4	07	Family groupings: Mertz, Wisthoff, Sharpe, Mason families		n.d.
A17	4-4	08	Scenes from Maryland: Harford Co., Cumberland, North East, Colora		ca. 1978
A17	4-4	09	Buildings and grave markers in Rising Sun, MD		n.d.
A17	4-4	10	Delaware: Ft. Dupont, Wilmington, Bridgeville		n.d.
A17	4-4	11	Evening Shade, Arkansas		n.d.
A17	4-4	12	Paris		n.d.
A17	4-4	13	Boy Scouts		n.d.
A17	4-4	14	President Eisenhower congratulating unidentified woman		n.d.
A17	4-4	15	Adults identified by first name		n.d.
A17	4-4	16	Adults - no identification		n.d.
A17	4-4	17	Adults - no identification		n.d.
A17	4-4	18	Babies - no identification		n.d.
A17	4-4	19	Children identified by first name		n.d.
A17	4-5	01	Unidentified children at amusement park		ca. 1960
A17	4-5	02	Unidentified children - black & white photos		n.d.
A17	4-5	03	Unidentified children - color photos		n.d.
A17	4-5	04	Family groupings with first names only		n.d.
A17	4-5	05	Family groupings with no identification		n.d.
A17	4-5	06	Unidentified dogs and cats		n.d.
A17	4-5	07	Unidentified houses, churches, grave markers		n.d.
A17	4-5	08	Outdoor plants		n.d.
A17	4-5	09	Vegetable gardens		n.d.
A17	4-5	10	Outdoor scenes of unknown locations - black & white		n.d.
A17	4-5	11	Outdoor winter scenes of unknown locations		n.d.
A17	4-5	12	Outdoor construction at unknown locations		n.d.
A17	4-5	13	Outdoor scenes, location unknown - color and polaroids		n.d.
A17	4-5	14	Unidentified people and places - black & white photos		ca: 1900-1920
A17	4-5	15	Stephen's car		2005
A17	4-5	16	Interior photos - location unknown		n.d.
A17	4-5	17	Outdoor photos - location unknown		n.d.
A17	4-5	18	Formal gardens and outdoor scenes		n.d.
A17	4-5	19	Photographic negative strips		1959-1979
A17	4-5	20	Slides - mostly unidentified		1959-1979
A17	4-5	21	Unidentified 3x4" film negatives		n.d.
A17	4-5	22	Unidentified 3x4" film negatives		n.d.

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A17	4-6	17	Unidentified 3x4" film negatives		n.d.
A17	4-6	18	Unidentified 3x4" film negatives		n.d.
A17	4-7	01	9 photo albums of Dora and James Alexander		ca. 1880- 1960
A17	4-7	02	Photo album - James Alexander as young man		ca. 1930s
A17	4-7	03	Photo album - Dora and James Alexander		ca. 1940s
A17	4-7	04	Photo album - Dora and James Alexander		ca. 1940s
A17	4-7	05	Photo album - Unidentified persons and locations		ca. 1940's
A17	4-7	06	Photo album - Sanderson family members		ca. 1870- 1890
A17	4-7	07	Photo album - Dora Alexander and relatives		1927- 1969
A17	4-8		Photo album: Dora and James Alexander home, cemeteries		ca. 1960
AMC7.5	Map drawer	OV1	James and Dora Alexander school certificates		1923- 1933
AMC7.5	Map drawer	OV2	Ancestral Record book for Dora Mary Barrett Alexander		n.d.

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Object Name	Manuscript		
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Wall	17	Container	
Cabinet		Other	
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People, Subjects, Classification, Search Terms

People	Alexander, James; Alexander, Dora	Classification	No Data
Subjects	Amusement parks; Birthday parties; Cemeteries; Churches; Construction; Family history; Gardens; Genealogy; Houses; Letters; Outdoor scenes; Photograph albums; Photographs; Weddings	Search Terms	Readington Township, NJ

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