

Collection: Johnston Papers

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Finding aid

Date Range: 1893-1996

Bulk Date: 1982-1991

Creator: Mary Louise Johnston

Containers: 1 Flip-top box, 10.25 x 12.25 x 5

Size (cubic inches): 627.81 inches³

Storage Location: Library and Archives

Aid Created By: Elisheva Alexander, Intern

Biographical Information:

The donor of this collection is a great granddaughter of Catholina Lambert's younger half-sister. Roberta (sometimes Robertha) Lambert (1858-1936) came from England to America to visit her brother in the summer of 1880. The family spent some of the time in Hawley PA, where Lambert had some silk mills. At that time Roberta met and later married Asher Atkinson.

Catholina Lambert (1834-1923) emigrated from Yorkshire England to the United States at the age of seventeen. He worked and owned mills in the textile trade, first in Boston MA, then in New York NY, Paterson NJ and Holly PA. By the time Catholina settled in Paterson he was the head of Dexter, Lambert & Co. a silk manufacturing firm. In the 1890s Catholina had a mansion built on Garret Mountain in Paterson, in the style of a Castle. This building is now owned by Passaic County and home to the Passaic County Historical Society.

Scope, Note, and Content:

All of the material in this collection relates to Catholina Lambert and his home, Belle Vista (later known as Lambert Castle). The types of items in this connection are varied, but most appear to be memorabilia, including newspaper clippings, pamphlets and books. The collection also includes several photocopies of original books/newspapers. Some of the material is from Lambert's time, while other material is more modern.

Topics covered in this material include Lambert's life, his death, his involvement in the silk industry, and his art collection.

Series:

Upon receipt of this collection, the items in this collection were stored in three sections of an accordion file. On closer inspection, the papers were not arranged in any order. Therefore, in the course of creating this finding aid, documents were removed and separated into folders and all placed in a single box.

Original newspaper clippings were photocopied, and the original articles discarded. Mailing envelopes with notes were also photocopied, the originals discarded.

One whole paper, from 1925 was retained, due to its complete state.