

Collection: Quackenbush

Accession Number: B735.001

Finding Aid

Date Range: 1874-1952

Bulk Date: 1889-1918

Creator: John D Quackenbush Jr.

Containers: 2 flip top document boxes (legal)

Storage Location: Library/Archives

Aid Created By: Elena Shipley Knoll, intern and Heather Cunningham, Curator

Biographical Information:

John D Quackenbush Jr. was a genealogist associated with the Passaic County Historical Society in the late 1960s. His interest in genealogy, and particularly the early Dutch settlers of the Passaic Valley, led to the creation of a series of family sheets, known as the Jack Quackenbush Collection of Dutch Family Sheets. Perhaps some of his interest in genealogy sprang from his own family's long history in the Paterson area.

John Jr. was born to John D. Quackenbush and Elizabeth Zabriskie on August 6th, 1906. He was one of three sons. Besides genealogy, he was a scoutmaster for Troop No. 3 of the Boy scouts of America and a member of the Eastside Presbyterian church. He resided at 608 Lincoln Ave, Hawthorne with his mother until her death in 1960. He seems to have remained at the residence after her death. John Quackenbush Jr. died in February of 1976.

Scope Note and Content:

The collection encompasses a large variety of archival material, including deeds, programs, pamphlets, newspaper clippings and books. Military memorabilia seems to be a common theme within the collection, with material relating to the American Civil War, WWI and WWII. However, this theme does not cover all material. Much of the archival material is simply linked by its relation to the City of Paterson.

Also included on the list below are the accompanying objects, which are located in museum storage. These objects include a large quantity of pins, on a variety of topics/causes. There is also some ammunition of different sizes. Please note that this collection is also associated with the Jack Quackenbush Collection of Dutch Family Sheets, genealogical notes, which are located in a series of binders in the library.

Series:

Originally this collection was boxed together, but there was no organization or series applied to the contents. The archival and book portions of the collection were put in new folders and boxed based on the order they were in upon being found. The objects were assigned object id numbers.