

Albert James Hoyt Family Papers

A finding aid to the Hoyt Family Papers at the Oyster Bay Historical Society
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Collection Summary

Title: Albert James Hoyt Family Papers

Span Dates: 1864-1933

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1900-1910)

ID No.: 10.353 nyu

Creator: Hoyt Family

Extent: 2 containers; including photographs, documents and handwritten materials

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Oyster Bay Historical Society, Oyster Bay, New York

Abstract: Photographs, deeds, scrapbooks and notebooks of businessman Albert James Hoyt of W.H. Hoyt and Son, and other family members.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Historical Society's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, organization, or places and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Hoyt family.

Hoyt, Albert J.

Hoyt, Albert James, 1864-1905.

Hoyt, Anna F Stanton, 1862-1930.

Hoyt, Annie S. Remmington

Hoyt, Martha

Hoyt, Mildred

Hoyt, William H., b. 1901.

Hoyt, William H.

Organizations

Elmcrest Estate

Royal Arcanum

Sherman Council Corporation

South Norwalk Club (Norwalk, Connecticut)

State Oystermen's Association of Connecticut

W. H. Hoyt and Son Corporation

Places

Norwalk, Connecticut

Oyster Bay, New York

South Norwalk, Connecticut

Historical Information:

Albert James Hoyt was born in Norwalk, Connecticut on October 6, 1864. Per granddaughter Anne Hoyt Sutter, the family has roots in American history, both Josiah Hoyt (1736-1811) and Asa Bull, who fought in the Revolutionary War, were Albert James' ancestors. He is a descendent of two Mayflower passengers, James Chilton and Richard Warren. His ancestor Thomas Bull founded Hartford, Connecticut.

In Connecticut he attended local schools, married Annie S. Remmington, and had three children Mildred, Martha, and Albert J. After the death of his first wife he married Anna S. Stanton on December 20, 1898, and moved to Oyster Bay, New York. Per Anne Hoyt Sutter, her father William H. Hoyt was born in Oyster Bay on July 7, 1901.

In 1889 Albert worked with his father William H. Hoyt of South Norwalk. The firm's name was W.H. Hoyt and Son and it operated in South Norwalk, Connecticut and Oyster Bay, New York. According to the Oyster Bay Guardian they owned "about 2600 acres of the best oyster ground of this section and in Connecticut."

Albert James Hoyt died March 28, 1905. The funeral took place at his father's home, Elmcrest, in Norwalk Connecticut. He is buried in Riverside Cemetery. [The above information was provided by Anne Hoyt Sutter in a document dated June 27, 2010.]

W.H. Hoyt and Son was a prosperous oyster planting and merchant company for which Albert James Hoyt designed the models for oyster boats in addition to being partner in the business. Per one obituary "the business became known everywhere in this country and Europe...[and] the firm probably handled more oyster seed than any other in the world." The company managed four oyster steamers including the Mildred which was the largest oyster steamer in the world.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The Albert James Hoyt family papers were gifted to the Oyster Bay Historical Society by Anne Hoyt Sutter on July 9, 2010.

Processing History:

The Albert James Hoyt Family papers were processed in September 2010. The arrangement and finding aid were created in 2010.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished records of the Albert James Hoyt Family papers is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C).

Access and Restrictions:

The Albert James Hoyt Family papers are open to research.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Albert James Hoyt Family papers, Oyster Bay Historical Society, Oyster Bay, New York.

Scope and Content

This collection documents a few items and personal effects of oysterman Albert James Hoyt and his family. The bulk of the collection spans the dates 1900-1910, especially the year of his death. Most noteworthy is the daybook of Albert James Hoyt which contains engineering sketches, plans, addresses, notations, prices, coordinates, weather results, and directions. The collection also contains three sketchbooks with drawings from Hoyt as a child, photographs of his home and family, deeds documenting property exchanges, obituary clippings, and academic diplomas issued to his youngest son who was the father of the collection donor.

Arrangement of the Records

This collection is arranged in original order per donor within type of material.

Description of Series

Container	Contents
Box 1	Photographs (6 folders) Deeds and Release of Dower Sketchbooks, Albert James Hoyt Yale Business College Course Certification, Albert James Hoyt Notebook, Albert James Hoyt Scrapbook, Anna Hoyt, 1905 Notice of Hoyt Estate Value, 1908, print-out Photocopied images of Hoyt headstones
Box 2	Diploma, William Henry Hoyt, 1915 (loose) Diploma, William Henry Hoyt, 1922 (loose) Commencement Program, Oyster Bay High School, 1915 (loose)