

Guide to the D. Whitney Adgate Papers

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Introduction

The D. Whitney Adgate Papers are of special interest to researchers studying local history, land acquisition and redistribution, and/or the time period that these items represent. These papers primarily concern Mr. D. Whitney Adgate of AuSable Chasm, New York. Born on June 4, 1882 to Asashel and Ella Adgate of AuSable Chasm, he was a descendant of the area's original settler, Mr. Matthew Adgate.

D. Whitney Adgate attended the Business College at Albany, New York and worked approximately ten years as an accountant at the pulp mill in Alice Falls, AuSable Chasm. Soon after his father's death, Adgate quit his job at the mill, and took over his father's holdings as a farmer. He married Effie Haselton in 1916 and Haselton died in 1918. Adgate did not remarry and had no children. He died on September 15, 1965 and was survived by his sister, Mrs. Carolyn Schemerhorn and her two sons, Henry and Adgate Schemerhorn.

This collection consists primarily of personal and professional correspondence. Several letters to Adgate from William G. Distin, an old friend and architect from Saranac Lake, and Adgate's wife Effie remain well-preserved as part of the collection. These letters are of utmost interest due to the intimate details they give concerning land affairs of the time. All the letters in the collection are either undated or dated between 1902 and 1919.

The remaining documents consist of bills, receipts, and other miscellaneous items. One is a copy of a letter concerning Asa Adgate (son of Mathew Adgate), dated July 14, 1824, and autographed by the then Secretary of State of New York, John Van Ness Yates. Asa Adgate, also one of D. Whitney Adgate's forefathers, won prominence through being a representative of Clinton County in the State Legislature (1798-1799), a

member of the national Congress (1815-1817), and a representative of Essex County in the State Legislature (1823). He died in 1832.

The D. Whitney Adgate Papers were donated by R. Ward and Mrs. Mary Long and deposited in Feinberg Library's Special Collections by the Clinton County Historical Association.

**See also: Collection 67.3, Asa Adgate Family Papers
Collection 81.3, Adgate Family Papers**

The Descendants of Thomas Adgate of Saybrook and Norwich, CT

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<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hal/Adgate/index.html>