

Guide to the Lobdell Collection

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Introduction

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The Lobdell Collection contains an assortment of items relevant to the North Country and several local families from 1801 into the 20th century. These items include correspondence, business papers, genealogies, miscellaneous materials and old magazines and books.

Frank P. Lobdell (1852-1916), a native of Schuyler Falls, New York, became a member of Plattsburgh's first family in 1876 when he married Mary M. Platt (1853-?), daughter of Peter M. M. and Charlotte (Morgan) Platt, and great-granddaughter of Zephaniah Platt (the founder of Plattsburgh). Lobdell worked for several retail merchants and eventually purchased his own store in Plattsburgh. He remained in Plattsburgh until his death. His son, Ross Platt Lobdell (1879-1944), succeeded him in the business.

The collection is not only concerned with the Lobdells. The correspondence and genealogies are from the Deming, Lobdell, Morgan, Platt, and Smith families, all of whom were interrelated by marriage. Of particular interest are the genealogies that trace the roots of some of these families as far back as the 17th century. One segment of the Platt genealogy may be a rough draft of the story of Zephaniah Platt, which appears in G. Lewis Platt's *The Platt Lineage: A Genealogical Research and Record*, published in 1891.

In addition to the genealogies, there is a series of photographs (ca 1895-1930) of Plattsburgh landmarks, including the Hotel Champlain, the Old Normal School, "Gunboat Rock," and others. In addition, photographs of an early balloon ascension and F. P. Lobdell's Store are in the collection. Other memorabilia include an 1893

edition of *Donahoe's Magazine*, a guidebook to the 1893 Colombian Exposition in Chicago, a book entitled *Old Plattsburgh* by Marjorie Lansing Porter. This collection will be useful to anyone tracing histories of these North Country families and to researchers of Plattsburgh's history.

Background Sources in Special Collections

Lobdell, Julia Harrison. *The Lobdell Genealogy*. Chicago: Windermere Press, 1907.

Platt, Charles Jr. *Platt Genealogy, 1638-1962*. New Nope, Pennsylvania: Charles Platt Jr., 1963.

Platt, G. Lewis. *The Platt Lineage: A Genealogical Research and Record*, New York: Thomas Whittaker, 1891.

Contents

The collection is housed in three Hollinger boxes and further sub-divided by consecutively numbered folders. Box 1 contains correspondence, business papers, and family genealogies. Box 2 contains miscellaneous materials. Box 3 contains secondary literature.

Box 1

Correspondence 1801-1893

- 1/1: Feb. 13, 1801-Aug. 1817 (7 items)
- 1/2: April 13, 1819-Sept. 25, 1828 (7 items)
- 1/3: May 30, 1830-Jan. 19, 1835 (7 items)
- 1/4: May 11, 1835-June 5, 1836 (7 items)
- 1/5: Aug. 3, 1836-Oct. 3, 1842 (7 items)
- 1/6: Dec. 7, 1843-April 25, 1848 (7 items)
- 1/7: July 17, 1848-Jan. 3, 1858 (7 items)
- 1/8: Feb. 13, 1860-March 15, 1868 (7 items)
- 1/9: July 4, 1869-April 4, 1876 (7 items)
- 1/10: Jan. 9, 1884-Sept. 26, 1893 (5 items)

1/11: Undated Correspondence(6 items)

Accounts, Bills, and Receipts, 1904-1922

1/12: Oct. 11, 1904-Nov. 29, 1922 (2 items)

Business Contracts, 1872-1907

1/13: Oct. 17, 1872-Nov. 1, 1884 (12 items)

1/14: May 7, 1886-April 14, 1890 (11 items)

1/15: Feb. 21, 1893-Feb. 23, 1907 (12 items)

Genealogies

1/16: DEMING (8 items)

1/17: LOBDELL (8 items)

1/18: MORGAN (2 items)

1/19: PLATT (7 items)

1/20: SMITH (2 items)

Box 2

Miscellaneous Materials

2/21: Address - 50th wedding anniversary (3 items)

2/22: Calling cards and envelopes (15 items)

2/23: Citations - Judicial settlement (2 items)

2/24: Commencement invitation (2 items)

2/25: Elegies (2 items)

2/26: Estate papers - William A. Morgan (1 item)

2/27: Estate papers - Levi Platt (1 item)

2/28: Folder, cardboard (1 item)

2/29: Historical sketches, houses in (1 item)

Plattsburgh - address

2/30: Maps, real estate (7 items)

2/31: Meeting summons (1 item)

2/32: Newspaper - The Morning Telegram, (1 item)
Aug. 27, 1552

2/33: Newspaper clippings, North Country (3 items)

2/34: Newspaper clippings, Platt-Lobdell (5 items)

2/35: Newspaper clippings, Plattsburgh (10 items)

2/36: Newspaper clippings, Plattsburgh (6 items)

pageant

2/37: Newspaper clippings, Revolution (5 items)

World War I

2/38: Newspaper clippings, Rudyard Kipling (16 items)

2/39: Newspaper clippings, unrelated (25 items)

2/40: Obituaries 3 ITEMS

2/41: Photograph - Balloon ascension (1 item)

2/42: Photograph - Fort Montgomery (1 item)

("Blunder")

2/43: Photograph - "Gunboat Rock" (1 item)

2/44: Photographs - Hotel Champlain (2 items)

2/45: Photograph - Delord House (1 item)

2/46: Photographs - F. P. Lobdell & Co. (2 items)

2/47: Photograph - F. P. Lobdell & Co. (1 item)

2/48: Photograph - P. P. Lobdell L Co. (1 item)

2/49: Photograph - P. P. Lobdell L Co. (1 item)

2/50: Photographs - F. P. Lobdell L Co. (2 items)

2/51: Photograph - Ross Platt Lobdell (1 item)

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2/52: Photograph - "old" Methodist (1 item)

Church

2/53: Photograph - Miller Homestead (1 items)

2/54: Photograph - W. R. Morgan House (1 item)

2/55: Photographs - "old" Normal School (2 items)

2/56: Photographs - "old" Plattsburgh (2 items)

High School

2/57: Photographs - Unidentified (2 items)

2/58: Plattsburgh assemblies - Invitation (1 item)

2/59: Prayers (2 items)

2/60: Sketches - copies (10 items)

2/61: Sketches - originals (5 items)

2/62: UNRELATED MATERIALS - WRAPPING PAPER (4 items)

Box 3

Secondary Literature

3/63: Abstracts - Real estate (1 item)

3/64: *Donahoe's Magazine*, May 1593 (1 item)

- 3/65: Guide - Columbia exposition of 1893 (1 item)
- 3/66: Historical sketch - old Plattsburgh (1 item)
- 3/67: Historical sketch - Plattsburgh, N.Y. (1 item)
- 3/68: Historical sketches - Local notables (1 item)
- 3/69: The little folks paper, Sept. 1891 (1 item)
- 3/70: *McClure's Magazine*, March 1901 (1 item)
- 3/71: Notebook, history (1 item)
- 3/72: Scrapbook 91 ITEM
- 3/73: *The Sunbeam*, Oct. 23, 1904 (1 item)
- 3/74: Wedding book (1 item)
- 3/75: Westminster lesson leaf, May 5, 12, (1 item)

19, 26, 1595