

The Isaac Huntting Papers

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.3 linear feet or 50 files

Dates

Inclusive: 1815 – 1907

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No Restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

The collection primarily consists of personal correspondence, and also includes clippings, biographical material, minutes, and accounts. Some correspondence with members of the Van Wyck family is also here.

Historical Note

Isaac Huntting was a lawyer who owned 100 acres two and a half miles south of Pine Plains in Dutchess County. He was born to Edward Huntting and Amanda Winans near Chatham, New York in 1825. As a young man he worked for the New York City grocery of Bass, Clark and Dibble before traveling to inland Texas near Austin around 1849. After returning to Pine Plains for a period he settled in Michigan around 1853, taking part in the lumber business. Here he became a freemason and was connected to the Stissing Lodge in New York later in life. During the Civil War he served as a Major in the 21st Michigan regiment and fought at Perryville and Stone River before returning home due to chronic liver issues. He began studying Indian languages and became a historian. When he returned to Pine Plains in 1876 he began a study of Dutchess County missions to Indians. He wrote, the *History of Little Nine Partners: Of North East Precinct, and Pine Plains, New York, Dutchess County*, which was published by Charles Walsh & Co. in Amenia, New York in 1897. Excerpts from the book had been previously published in the *Amenia Times*, *Dutchess Farmer*, *Poughkeepsie Telegraph*, and the *Pine Plains Register*. Huntting also did extensive genealogical research on his family, although none of that work appears in this collection. A biography of Huntting was published in the *Pine Plains Register* on Friday Oct 1, 1909. His homestead is now a New York State Historic Site located at 119-129 Bethel Cross Road in Pine Plains, New York.

Provenance

The Collection was donated to the Dutchess County Historical Society by Mrs. N. J. Boice around 1924.

Subject Headings

Civil War; Genealogy; Missionaries; Nine Partners Patent; North American Indians; Personal correspondence

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