

1980.013
1.25 linear feet (3 document boxes, 1 OS
folder, 4 custom boxes)
A0375-A0376, OS 25, 84, Daguerreotype
4, Tintype 1, Cabinet Cards 1, and Cartes de Visite 1
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Patterson Family Collection

1847-1956

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Abstract

The Patterson Family Collection is comprised of the papers and photographs saved by the Patterson Family between 1847 and 1956. The collection includes financial documents, legal documents, correspondence, scrapbooks, diaries, photographs, post cards, and cartes de visite. The family resided in Brooklyn Heights and its members worked in a variety of fields including construction, law, bookkeeping, and theater.

Provenance

The donor of the materials is not indicated in the accession files. The last accumulator appears to have been Annie L. Patterson Jones, suggesting that either she or her daughter Emily Louise Jones was the donor. If the accession number was assigned the year that the collection was donated, then the donor was most likely Emily Louise Jones as her mother was deceased.

Biographical History

This collection was accumulated by the Patterson Family of Brooklyn Heights. The most prominent figures within the collection are William Patterson (c.1821-1890/1891), his son Stephen G. Patterson (1855-1905), and Stephen's daughters May Patterson (c.1879-1925) and Annie Louise Patterson Jones (1883-1970). Other figures in the collection are William's wife Mary Anne Patterson (c.1826-1898), Stephen's wife Annie Louise Ames Patterson (1857-1931), and Annie's daughter Emily Louise Jones (1921-?). William Patterson worked in construction. Stephen and May were both lawyers and May was the first female Assistant District Attorney to argue a case in a United States court. Annie's husband Alexander Lassen Jones (c.1881-?) was a theater manager and producer.

Scope and Content

The Patterson Family Collection is comprised of two main sections: papers and photographs. Both portions of the collection cover a variety of materials created over the course of just over one hundred years. The content of the collections varies based on date as different generations saved different types of material.

Series 1: Patterson Family Papers, 1847-1956, undated

The earlier documents (bulk dates 1865-1890) are primarily related to the family house at 207 Congress Street and other properties. The later documents (bulk dates 1912-1932) revolve around the collected ephemera of May Patterson and Annie Louise Patterson Jones. These later documents comprise the diaries of Annie Louise Patterson Jones, the news-clippings scrapbook of May Patterson, the post card albums of Annie Louise Patterson Jones, a scrapbook and schoolwork of Emily Louise Jones, and correspondence. May's news-clipping scrapbook is fragile due to brittle and detached pages and should be handled with care. The clippings themselves predominately relate to legal cases and a number are on the subjects of suffrage or women's rights. The family correspondence is primarily that of Annie Louise Patterson Jones, although the first folder contains some correspondence of May and all three folders contain correspondence of other family members with Annie and her daughter Emily.

Series 2: Patterson Family Photographs, 1884-1956, undated

The Patterson Family Photographs contain not only photographs of the family members, but also those of their friends and acquaintances. Few of this latter portion are identified. They are mostly formal portraits, some of which are in Prospect Park, but there are a few candid photographs and the negatives

are all candid vacation photographs. One of the posed portraits is of May at her Law School Graduation. The photographs have been divided by format and physically placed with their respective format-based collections: daguerreotypes, tintypes, cartes de visite, cabinet cards, and photographic prints.

System of Arrangement

The collection is divided between papers and photographs. The subseries within photographs are divided by format. Within each series and subseries, the folders are arranged alphabetically.

Conditions of Access and Use

Brooklyn Historical Society archives and manuscripts must be examined on site. Appointments to examine archives and manuscript materials must be made in advance. As there is no record of how this collection came into our possession, restrictions regarding use of the collection have been made according to copyright. Within the papers, newspaper clippings and other published materials dated prior to 1923 and any unpublished materials dated prior to 1889 are within the public domain. All other materials are restricted by copyright. Within the photographs, the daguerreotypes, cartes de visite, cabinet cards, and tintypes are all in the public domain. The dated photographs have entered or will enter public domain 120 years after their creation, these dates range from 2004 to 2076. The undated photographs (including the negatives) appear to date to the 1920s and 1930s and so should enter the public domain in 2060 at the latest. However, each should be determined on a case by case basis. Please contact the Brooklyn Historical Society to learn of any additional conditions of access and use.

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Language of Materials

All materials are in English.

Separated Material

Four children's journals published by the American Baptist Publication Society and four school Journals from The Brooklyn Polytechnic Preparatory Institute, Brooklyn Friends, and The Packer Collegiate Institute have been removed. The children's journals, "Girl's World", "Junior World", "Young People", and "Youth's World", have been given to the American Baptist Historical Society to be added to their collection. The school journals have been added to the Brooklyn Historical Society vertical files of their respective institutions.

Access Points

600 – Names - Personal

Elwell, Emily L. Jones (1921-?)

Jones, Annie L. Patterson (1883-1970)

Jones, Emily L. (1921-?)

Patterson, Annie L. Ames (1857-1931)

Patterson, Mary Anne (c.1826-1898)

Patterson, May (c.1879-1925)
 Patterson, Stephen G. (1855-1905)
 Patterson, William (c.1821-1890)

650 – Subject Headings

District Attorney
 Women’s Rights
 Women—Suffrage
 Women lawyers

651 – Geographical Headings

Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)
 Brooklyn Heights (New York, N.Y.)

655 – Forms and Genre

Carte de visite Photographs
 Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
 Correspondence
 Daguerreotype
 Deeds
 Photographs
 Photography—Negatives
 Postcards
 Tintype

Container List

Series 1: Patterson Family Papers, 1847-1956, undated

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
A0375	1	Diaries, Annie Louise Patterson Jones, [1865], 1927, 1929	[1865]-1929
	2	Family Correspondence	1888-1929
	3	Family Correspondence	1930-1956
	4	Family Correspondence	undated
	5	Financial: Bills and Property Records	1865-1888
	6	Financial: Checks and Insurance Records	1900-1903
A0376	7	Financial: Congress Street Property	1847-1924
	8	Greenwood Cemetery Plot and Internments	1865-1925
	9	Jones, Annie Louise Patterson	1915-1932, undated
	10	Jones, Emily Louise	1927-1931, undated
	11	Keepsakes and Ephemera	1901-1937, undated
	12	Newspaper Clippings	1916-1949, undated

	13	Patterson, May	1912-1925
	14	Patterson, Stephen G. and Patterson, William	1851-1891
	15	Post Card Album	1904, undated
	16	Post Card Album	1904-1908, undated
	17	Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, May Patterson	1912-1916, undated
OS25	18	Certificate of Graduation from Board of Education, May Patterson	1894
	19	May Patterson, "Animo et Fido" caricature	undated

Series 2: Patterson Family Photographs, 1884-1956, undated

Subseries 1: Cabinet Cards, undated

1	Jones, Annie Louise Patterson	undated
	Patterson, Annie Louise Ames	undated
	Patterson, Stephen G.	undated
	Unidentified	undated

Subseries 2: Cartes de Visite, 1886, undated

1	Allen, M. W.	undated
	Clingan, Ella	undated
	Engraved Cartes de Visite	undated
	Ferguson, R. W.	undated
	Grant, U. S.	undated
	Gussie, Philopena	undated
	Lincoln, Abraham	undated
	McIntyre, Molly	undated
	Mesa, J. A.	undated
	Miller, George A.	undated
	Patterson, Mary Ann	undated
	Patterson, Stephen G.	undated
	Patterson, William	undated
	Unidentified Children	undated
	Unidentified Men	undated
	Unidentified Women	1886, undated

Subseries 3: Daguerreotypes, undated

4	Unidentified Baby	undated
	Unidentified, faded	undated

Subseries 4: Prints, Snapshots, and Negatives, 1884-1956, undated

84	1	Hunora (?), Charles E.	1884
	2	Jones, Annie Louise Patterson	1906-1956, undated
	3	Jones, Emily Louise	1925, undated
	4	Liddle, Ruth	1909
	5	Mittenberger, George and Katherine with Jones, Emily	1924-1925, undated
	6	Paintings by Dutch Masters	1929
	7	Patterson, Annie Louise Ames	undated
	8	Patterson, May	1907, undated
	9	Patterson, May and Jones, Annie Lousie Patterson	undated
	10	Patterson Family Negatives	undated
	11	Unidentified Brooklynites	1898, undated
	12	Unidentified Family Photos	undated

Subseries 5: Tintypes, undated

1	Patterson, Stephen G.	undated
	Unidentified	undated
	Unidentified	undated