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The Dick family papers, focus on the careers of both Archibald L. Dick, engraver, and son James L. Dick, artist.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Archibald L. Dick, engraver, Brooklyn, N.Y., (c.1793- 1856), was once a resident of 66 Fulton Street whose last place of residency was 157 Gold Street. The materials pertaining to A.L. Dick are business transactions, 2 mortgages and 2 wills.

The items in the collection are: one article of agreement between A.L. Dick and Charles G. Ridgiby of Baltimore, August 18, 1840; one will by A.L. Dick will pertaining to the assurance of his family's financial provision, July 23, 1847; a second will (codicil), is more specific about provisions for his family, mentioning certain property that should be used for hire, March 11, 1856, (revised on April 1, 1856) one promissory note pertaining to the sum of \$307.00, owed to A.L. Dick by E.J. Ferrett & Co., through the bank of commerce Philadelphia, August 3, 1846.

Other personal papers concerning the life of A.L. Dick include 2 mortgages and 1 deed. The first mortgage pertains to Henry Sherwood's will and states that A.L. Dick and wife are indebted to the sum of \$1,600. Owen Bryne was executor of the Late Henry Sherwood's will, March 20, 1850. The second mortgage pertains to the A.L. Dick's indebtedness to Owen Bryne for the sum of \$2,000. Ann Dick, wife of A.L. Dick received land deed from Abram Larwell and wife October 29, 1850.

Included are 12 engravings by A.L. Dick, one of which is probably of A.L. Dick; and one unidentified chromolithograph.

James L. Dick (c.J.833—1868) artist, Brooklyn, N.Y., also resided at 157 Gold Street. Materials include: one personal letter he wrote to Samuel Allen, engraver, regarding the death of his father A.L. Dick, August 18, 1856; one military paper, September 15, 1862; photocopy of an obituary of James L. Dick which mentions his works “Cooling Off”, “Leap Frog”, and “At Mischief” (he was also one of the founding members of the Brooklyn Art School and Academy of Design); one photograph of James L. Dick in Civil War-era uniform; and two tintypes which were formerly in the same case (which was disposed of) ,which will be transferred to the photographic collections.

ITEM LISTING

- 1.) August 18, 1840, article of agreement.
- 2.) July 23, 1840, first will.
- 3.) March 11, 1856, second will.
- 4.) August 3, 1846, promissory note.
- 5.) March 20, 1850, first mortgage.
- 6.) March 2, 1856, second mortgage.
- 7.) October 29, 1850, deed.
- 8-20.) Engravings, 13 items.
- 21.) August 8, 1856, letter.
- 22.) September 15, 1862, military paper.
- 23.) January, 1868, obituary (photocopied).
- 24.) Photograph of James L. Dick.
- 25.) Tintype, c.1862, of James L. Dick.
- 26.) Tintype, c.1862, of unidentified lady.