

PIERPONT FAMILY PAPERS
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BRIEF COLLECTION INFORMATION

Collection title and dates

Pierpont Family Papers, 1811–1941

Creator

Pierpont family

Accession number

ARC 1289

Quantity/extent

.90 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Collection overview

A brief overview of this collection is available in the Morgan's online catalog, CORSAIR. The collection-level record includes hyperlinks to names and subjects represented in the collection; descriptions of related material may be found by following these links.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Processing information

Processed by Janet Kandel, January 2003

Provenance

The materials in this collection given to the Morgan Library in 1955 by Mrs. Edward W. McGlenen at the same time she donated the materials that now make up the John Pierpont Papers.

Accessibility

The collection is open for research by appointment. The following page provides information on conducting research in the Morgan's Reading Room:

<http://www.themorgan.org/research/reading.asp>

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DETAILED COLLECTION INFORMATION

Historical note

The Pierpont family traces its history in the United States back to 1640, when the Hon. John Pierpont and his wife, Thankful Stowe, settled in Massachusetts. There they purchased three hundred acres in Roxbury in 1656. Their son, James, attended Harvard, and later went on to become one of the founders of Yale College, where he lectured to the students as a Professor of Moral Philosophy. His great grandson, the Rev. John Pierpont, was born in 1785 in Litchfield, Connecticut. Educated at Yale, John Pierpont received his call to the ministry later in life after two failed careers—one as a lawyer and the other as a retail dry-goods businessman—were behind him. He was ordained minister of the Hollis Street Church in 1819 and served in that position for more than twenty-five years. During that time, he became well-known as a poet and an author of a popular series of school textbooks. His daughter, Juliet Pierpont, married Junius Spencer Morgan in 1836. His son-in-law and grandson, John Pierpont Morgan, formed a financial dynasty that surpassed any other of its day.

The descendents of the Rev. John Pierpont include members of the Boardman, Crosby, and McGlenen families. Caroline Augusta Pierpont, daughter of the Rev. John Pierpont and Mary Sheldon Lord, became the second wife of Joseph Boardman in 1848. Mary Lord Pierpont, daughter of William Alston Pierpont and Maria Celia Ridgeway, married James Crosby; their daughter, Mary Pierpont Crosby, married Edward Webster McGlenen.

Scope and content

The Pierpont Family Papers contains materials from the Boardman, Crosby, McGlenen and Pierpont families ranging in date from 1811 to 1941. The collection consists of clippings, letters, genealogical notes, journals, manuscript poems, printed materials, account books, receipts, and a family record book.

Of note are items once belonging to John Pierpont, Jr., and William Alston Pierpont, both sons of the Rev. John Pierpont, including account books, catalogues of books, a journal, a scrapbook, and a theological school notebook. The remainder of this small collection documents the efforts made by various family members to record the history of the Pierpont family through memoirs and genealogies.

Arrangement note

Items are organized by family: Boardman, Crosby, McGlenen, Pierpont, and arranged alphabetically therein.

Preservation note

Many of the newspaper clippings in this collection were judged to be in fragile condition. In order to preserve the originals, these clippings were photocopied onto acid-free paper and the copies filed in their place. The originals have been retained and are filed at the end of the collection. Researchers should consult the copies first before requesting access to the originals.

Related materials

In addition to the Pierpont family materials found in this collection, the Morgan Library also holds the personal papers of John Pierpont, 1785-1866 (ARC 726) and a collection of sermons by John Pierpont, Jr.,

1819-1879 (ARC 1434). Descriptions of additional materials related to the Pierpont family are available in CORSAIR. For related material on specific family members, search CORSAIR for the relevant names.

Photographs

Because the storage needs of photographs differ from those of paper and books, photos that are found in the collections of personal papers are removed and stored with the Archives Photograph Collection. Each image is first photocopied and these copies remain with the collection in order to preserve both its intellectual content and its provenance.

The Pierpont Family Papers contains ca. 100 photographs depicting images of members of the Boardman, Crosby, McGlenen, and Pierpont families, many of which are unidentified. The bulk of the photographs date from the late nineteenth century to the early twentieth century. The images capture scenes of family life and of family homes in Litchfield, Connecticut, West Medford and Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, and Georgia.

INVENTORY

Box	Folder/Vol.	Contents
1	1	Boardman, Arthur: clippings, 1928-1930 Includes an art review and obituary.
1	2	Boardman, Arthur: genealogical notes, [n.d.]
1	3	Boardman, Juliet: typescript, [ca. 1875] Describing the wedding day of Juliet Boardman and Harney T. Powell.
1	4	Boardman, Maria: poem, [n.d.]
1	5	Crosby family: clippings, 1888-1914
1	6-8	Crosby family: family record book, 1811-1907 Contains birth, marriage, and death dates with clippings and notes.
1	9	Crosby family: genealogical notes, 1863-1896
1	10	Crosby family: manuscript notebooks, [n.d.] Two copies of an essay entitled "The Crosbys in England."
1	11-12	Crosby family: printed materials, 1833-1911 Includes pamphlets, sermons, and a biographical sketch.
1	13	Crosby family: Society of Colonial Wars, 1904, [n.d.] Includes programs and supplement applications to the society.

1	14	Crosby family: stationery, [n.d.]
1	15	Crosby family: wills, 1876-1880 Copies of last will and testament of Elizabeth A. Crosby and Clara C. Gilchrist.
1	16-17	Crosby, James: incoming letters, 1860-1885 Includes an autograph letter signed from John Pierpont, several receipts, bills and a resolution proposal.
1	18	Crosby, Mary: manuscripts, [ca. 1880] Includes poems, journal entries and notes.
1	19-20	Crosby, Mary: incoming letters, 1858-1912, [n.d.]
3	vol. 5	Church minutes, 1874 Recording the Sunday school and church minutes for a parish in Massachusetts, with manuscript and printed poems.
1	21	Directory, 1822 Listing inhabitants of the town of Boston.
2	1	Index, [n.d.] Possibly an alphabetical listing of topics of newspaper clippings.
2	2	McGlenen family: clippings, [ca. 1925]
2	3-4	McGlenen family: correspondence and invitations, 1896-1939
2	5	McGlenen family: documents, 1902-1917 Includes employment information with the Registry Department of the City of Boston for E.W. McGlenen.
2	6	McGlenen family: programs, 1826-1868
2	7	McGlenen Mary: typescript, 1930 Annotated typed report written for the Second Church, Boston Branch of the General Alliance.
2	8	Pierpont family: advertisements, 1853
2	9	Pierpont family: business cards, 1850-1900
2	10	Pierpont family: church floor plan, [n.d.]
2	11	Pierpont family: clippings, 1885-1941
2	12	Pierpont family: clippings, 1885
2	13	Pierpont family: correspondence, 1862-1890, [n.d.]

Includes a letter dated Aug. 5, 1877, addressed to John Pierpont, Jr. from his cousin "Pierpont" congratulating him on his upcoming marriage.

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| 2 | 14-15 | Pierpont family: pen and ink sketches, [ca. 1850-1900]
Sketches of geometric designs—some resembling snowflakes—for an unidentified project. Items are numbered and include an indication of the scale of the completed design. |
| 2 | 16 | Pierpont family: photographs, [ca. 1850-1900]
Consists of images of England, including Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace; some of the photographs are unmounted albumen prints. |
| 2 | 17 | Pierpont family: poems, [n.d.] |
| 2 | 18 | Pierpont family: printed materials, 1870-1922
Includes sermons, programs, biographical sketches and an address. |
| 2 | 19 | Pierpont family: receipts, 1885, [n.d.] |
| 2 | 20 | Pierpont family: San Francisco fire, 1850 May 4 |
| 2 | 21 | Pierpont family: Veterans of the Mexican War, [ca. 1850-1900]
Ribbons commemorating the Massachusetts Veterans of the Mexican War, 1846-1848. |
| 2 | 22 | Pierpont, John Jr.: account book, 1856-1866 |
| 3 | vol. 3 | Pierpont, John Jr.: autograph manuscript poem, 1855
Entitled "Past & Present," includes dates and location of delivery. |
| 3 | vol. 1-2 | Pierpont John Jr. catalogue of books, 1844-1852 |
| 2 | 23 | Pierpont, John Jr.: journal, 1854
Recording the events of his trip to England. |
| 4 | vol. 1 | Pierpont, John Jr.: scrapbook, [ca. 1851]-1853, 1942
Containing clippings with an autograph music manuscript signed by John Pierpont Jr., an engraving, and clippings laid in. |
| 3 | vol. 4 | Pierpont, John Jr.: theological school notebook, 1842 |
| 2 | 24 | Pierpont, William A.: account book, 1844-1845 |