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Guide to the

Astor family papers

1792-1916

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Summary

Creator: Astor family

Title: Astor family papers

Date: 1792-1916

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Abstract: John Jacob Astor (1763-1848) was an American merchant, fur trader and capitalist. John Jacob Astor, III (1822-1890), financier and philanthropist, was his grandson; and William Waldorf Astor (1848-1929), who became Viscount Astor after moving to England in 1890, was his great-grandson. Collection consists of papers of John Jacob Astor and his grandson and great-grandson. Papers of John Jacob Astor, 1792-1849, include correspondence (some photostats) concerning real estate and other business transactions, legal affairs and family matters; financial records; and 1849 report by executors of Astor's estate. Papers of John Jacob Astor III and William Waldorf Astor, ca. 1800-1916, chiefly relate to genealogical matters, William Astor's life in England after 1890 and his efforts to obtain a peerage. Also, Astor family album of photographs and drawings, William Astor album of sketches, and Daniel Nebel ledger, 1805-1862.

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Key Terms

Occupations

Capitalists and financiers

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Drawings

Photographic prints

Sketches

Geographic Names

England -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

New York (State) -- Commerce

Subjects

Nobility -- Great Britain

Railroads -- New York (State)

Real property -- New York (State)

Names

Astor family

Astor, John Jacob, 1763-1848

Astor, John Jacob, 1822-1890

Astor, William Waldorf Astor, Viscount, 1848-1919

Morris family

Nebel, Daniel

Smith, Gerrit, 1797-1874

Smith, Peter

Gibbs family