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Summary

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| Main entry: | Smyth, Joseph P. (Joseph Percy), 1907-2001 |
| Title: | Joseph P. Smyth family papers, 1793-1994 |
| Size: | 2.8 linear feet (7 boxes) |
| Source: | Gift of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2008 |
| Abstract: | Family papers and genealogical research files of Joseph Percy Smyth, Jr. (1907-2001) of Brooklyn and New York, New York. Includes correspondence and other documents of his parents, Rev. Joseph Percy Smith (1873-1954) of Brooklyn, New York, and Katharine Stoothoff Eldert Smyth (1877-1976) and their extended families. Documents include accounts, addresses, vital records, correspondence, family trees, photographs, printed ephemera, school records, and sermons. Related families include the Cameron, Colyer, Eldert, Kingsbury, Plumb, Seaman, Smyth, Stoothoff, and Weeds. |
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Biographical note

Joseph P. Smyth, Jr. (1907-2001) was an attorney. His father, Rev. Joseph Percy Smyth (1873-1954), an Episcopal priest served Christ Church in Brooklyn (2 locations), Grace Church in Monroe, NY, Christ Episcopal Church in Canaan, CT, and Church of Holy Trinity in Hicksville, Long Island, NY. He was the son of an Irish immigrant Joseph P. Smyth (1847-1903) and his wife Frances E. Plumb Smyth (1843-1900). In 1905 he married Katharine Stoothoff Eldert (1877-1976). Katharine was the daughter of Cornelius Eldert and Isabella K. Cameron, also of Brooklyn. Cornelius Eldert was President of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company and the Life Saving Benevolent Society. In his youth he played baseball for the Crescent Base Ball Club of Jamaica, New York.

Scope and content note

Correspondence of Joseph P. Smyth regarding his family history and genealogy and family papers he assembled. Includes papers of his parents, Joseph P. Smyth (1873-1954) and Katharine Eldert Smyth (1877-1976), his grandparents, Cornelius Eldert (1849-1930), Isabella Cameron, and Joseph P. Smyth (1847-1903) and their extended families. Related families include the Cameron, Colyer, Eldert, Kingsbury, Plumb, Seaman, Smyth, Stoothoff, and Weeds. The collection contains accounts, addresses, baptismal and marriage certificates, correspondence, ephemera, family trees and charts, invitations, photographs, printed matter, sermons, and school records. Included also is a scrapbook of clippings documenting games played by the Jamaica, New York baseball club, 1866-1870.

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