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Guide to the

H. R. Newton's Oyster House ledger and photographs

1890-1894

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Summary

Creator: H. R. Newton's Oyster House

Title: H. R. Newton's Oyster House ledger and photographs

Date: 1890-1894

Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Purchased from Rabelais, Inc., 2013

Abstract: Hannah R. Newton (1840-1905) ran an oyster house at 268 Sixth Avenue, corner of 17th Street, New York City, from approximately the late 1870s to the mid-1890s, as listed in City street directories. Her husband, Richard W. Newton (1834-1907), an oyster dealer, also farmed in Ronkonkoma, Long Island. The collection consists of a ledger recording accounts with suppliers of clams, oysters, meat and other provisions in Manhattan and on Long Island; customers' tabs for meals; and cash expenditures. Brief journal entries on the end fly-leaf note the weather, crops farmed, life events of neighbors, and news items, mostly at Ronkonkoma. The volume includes a name index with addresses. Also present are two undated albumen photographs mounted on boards, one showing the exterior of H. R. Newton's Oyster House, the other showing the front of an oyster supplier's store, each with two men standing in front. A loose letter from M. A. Metzner of Brooklyn to Richard Newton at Ronkonkoma dated November 6, 1894 asks Newton to look after some pasture land for him.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Account books

Photographs

Subjects

Oysters

Restaurants -- New York (State) -- New York

Occupations

Restaurateurs

Names

Newton, H. R. (Hannah R.), 1840-1905

Newton, Richard W., 1834-1907 -- recipient

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