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Guide to the
Poor family correspondence

1893-1903

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Summary

Creator: Poor family

Title: Poor family correspondence, 1893-1903

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Abstract: Henry William Poor (1844-1915) co-founded of the firm which became Standard & Poor's with his father, Henry Varnum Poor. He married Constance Brandon and raised five children in Manhattan and Tuxedo, New York. The Poor family correspondence consists mainly of letters written to Constance (Brandon) Poor from her children, with a few from other family members, and a few addressed to husband Henry William Poor.

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Creator history

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Scope and content note

The Poor family correspondence consists mainly of letters written to Constance (Brandon) Poor from her three eldest children: Henry Varnum Poor II (1880-1931), Roger Merrill Poor (1883-1926), and Edith Brandon Poor (1888-1963). Her other daughters, Constance and Pamela, are also represented. A few letters are addressed to her husband, Henry William Poor. Also included are six letters written by family matriarch Mary W. (Pierce) Poor (1820-1912), often discussing her son.

Key terms

Names

Poor family

Poor, Constance Brandon -- recipient

Places

New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs

Poor, Henry Varnum, 1887-1970
Poor, Henry W. (Henry William), 1844-1915 --
recipient
Poor, Mary Weld Pierce
Poor, Roger Merrill, 1883-1926