

**Guide to the Barber Family Research Files of Katharine Bagg Hastings,  
1920 – 1934 and undated**

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Barber Family Research Files of Katharine Bagg Hastings</b>
<b>Collection ID:</b>	<b>NYGB Coll 129</b>
<b>Creator:</b>	<b>Hastings, Katharine Bagg</b>
<b>Extent:</b>	<b>1 linear foot (2 boxes)</b>
<b>Repository:</b>	<b>The Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy</b>

**Abstract:** The Barber Family Research Files of Katharine Bagg Hastings consist of correspondence, notebooks, notes, worksheets, and ephemera tracing the genealogy of the Barber family. Also included are a partial manuscript, as well as several illustrations, and galleys, probably for an article published in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* in 1931.

### Administrative Information

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#### Provenance

The Barber Family Research Files of Katharine Bagg Hastings files were donated to the Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy in 2008 by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

#### Processing Information

The collection was processed and cataloged in 2008.

## Biographical Note

Writer and genealogist Katharine Bagg (Mrs. John Russel) Hastings was born in California on October 30, 1877 to Mrs. and Mrs. Stanley Chipman Bagg. Living in Tombstone, Arizona in 1891, she began a (short-lived) nature publication for children titled *Bug-Hunter*. She married newspaperman John Russel Hastings in 1904 at Christ Church, Catskill-on-Hudson, New York.

Hastings' publications include *William James of Albany, N. Y. (1771-1832) and His Descendants* [1924] and at least one article on the Barber family for *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, probably published in 1931. She died in Santa Barbara, California on June 2, 1955.

## Sources

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### Scope and Content Note

The papers contain a number of handwritten notebooks, loose pages of handwritten notes, and numerous genealogical worksheets relating to Hastings' research on the Barber family (descended from Patrick Barber of Ireland). Also included among the papers are galleys for notes on an article by Hastings published in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Volume LXII (1931), "The Barbers of Orange County, N.Y., as well as illustrations, and a portion of a manuscript titled "The Barbers of Orange and Albany Counties, N.Y. and Elizabethtown, N.J." A small amount of correspondence, one photograph, and several booklets and clippings can also be found among the papers.

Novelist Henry James and psychologist William James were descendants of the Barber family through their grandmother Catherine Barber James. A few of the allied family names are Burnet (Burnett), Chetwood, Dill, Elliot, Levis, Mancius, and Yates.

Box/Folder	Description
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**Box 1**

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| F. 1     | Correspondence, 1923 – 1934 (Includes correspondence mostly related to family history.)<br>“The Barbers of Orange County, N.Y.” and “The Barbers of Orange and Albany Counties, N.Y. and Elizabethtown, N.J.,” (Articles by Mrs. Russel Hastings), [ca. 1931] (Includes partial manuscript, galleys, and illustrations probably for article or articles published in <i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i> , v. 62.) |
| F. 2     | Galleys for Notes, [ca. 1931].  |
| F. 3     | Illustrations, ca. 1931 (Includes several printed pages of illustrations.)  |
| F. 4     | Manuscript (Partial), [ca. 1931] (Includes portion of manuscript with title “The Barbers of Orange and Albany Counties, N.Y., and Elizabethtown, N.J.”)   |
|          | Notebooks, undated  |
| F. 5     | “II – Gen.,” undated (Includes some handwritten loose notes.)   |
| F. 6     | “III – Gen.,” undated (Includes some handwritten loose notes.)  |
| F. 7     | “IV – Gen.,” undated  |
| F. 8     | “V – Arthur – 17 Collateral,” undated   |
| F. 9     | “Biographies – Francis Barber,” undated (Includes some handwritten loose notes.)  |
| F. 10-11 | Untitled, undated (Includes some handwritten loose notes.)  |

**Box 2**

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| F. 1  | Notes, undated (Includes handwritten notes re: family history; also includes notes re: Hiram Palmer on verso of typed note to “My Dear Eugene” from Henry H. Noble, Apr. 25, 1925.)<br>Worksheets, undated (Includes genealogical worksheets for several generations with handwritten information.) |
| F. 2  | Barber, undated   |
| F. 3  | B, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Beatty, Bispham, Bobbit, Briggs, Broom, Bull, Burnet, and Burnett.)   |
| F. 4  | C, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Carter, Chester, Chetwood, Cleland, Clinton, Coursen, and Crooke.)  |
| F. 5  | D, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Davidson, Dill, and Duff.)  |
| F. 6  | E, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Edwards and Elliot.)  |
| F. 7  | G – J, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Graham, Guest, Hawkins, Hunter, and James.)   |
| F. 8  | K – L, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Kain, Levis, Lewis, and Livingston.)  |
| F. 9  | M, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as McClaghry, McIntyre, Macomb, Mancius, and Miller.)  |
| F. 10 | N – O, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Nash, Nixon, and Ogden.)  |
| F. 11 | R, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Rea, Rhea, Robert, and Rose.)   |
| F. 12 | S – T, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Shiras, Sly, Smith, Southwick, Spencer, Stewart, and Trimble.)  |
| F. 13 | V – W, undated (Includes worksheets for such names as Van Wyck, Walbridge, Wetmore, and Woodruff.)  |
| F. 14 | Yates, undated  |

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F. 15	Ephemera, 1920 – 1931 and undated (Includes <i>American Worthies</i> booklet published by Brooks Brothers, 1920; photo of house belonging to Col. Barber's family ("On road to Elizabethport..."); <i>Proceedings of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland</i> , Feb. 1921 – May 1925 listing Mrs. Hastings' donation of work on the genealogy of the James family; several clippings re: family members, and a segment of a copy of signatures of Robert Barber, John Barber, and Patrick Barber.)