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Title James Francis Ruggles Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1849-1895

Date of receipt 1935 & 1936

Received from M. Harzof (1935)
Wormser's (purchase 1936)

Volume on arrival unknown

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 1 AB & 1 (½AB); 8 inches

Condition good

Restrictions none

Description

Biographical Note - James Francis Ruggles, attorney, was born in New York in 1827. He was the son of Samuel Bulkley Ruggles and Mary Rathbone Ruggles. Ruggles attended Columbia College and Harvard Law School and practiced law in New York City. In 1874 he married Grace Baldwin with whom he had two children: Burnet Rathbone Ruggles and Grace Rathbone Ruggles. James F. Ruggles died in 1895.

Scope & Content - The James Francis Ruggles Papers (1849-1895) consist of Correspondence, Accounts, Land Papers and Unsorted Papers.

The Correspondence (1849-1895) is for the most part business related. Ruggles's interests included the Blue Ophir Springs Mines in San Bernardino, California, real estate in New York City and Chittenango, New York and lands in Louisiana inherited by his wife, Grace Baldwin Ruggles. The earliest letters (1849) are letters of introduction, written by R. Tighe and apparently carried by Ruggles on a visit to London and Dublin in that year. Most notable among the correspondents is Washington Hunt (1811-1867), a governor of New York, for whom Ruggles served as secretary in 1851-1852.

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Hunt, Washington 1811-1867

Land titles - Louisiana - 19th century

Land titles - New York (N.Y.) - 19th century

New York (N.Y.)

Silver mines and mining - California - 19th century

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Accounts (1864-1885) include bills and receipts for office expenses, legal fees and miscellaneous business transactions.

Land Papers (1848-1891) include deeds, indentures, titles and maps. Many of these relate to the interests of the Vanden Heuvel family in properties in New York City near 93rd street and 9th avenue. One folder (Louisiana 1884-1886) concerns the lands of Henry Baldwin in Sabine and DeSoto Parishes. His daughter, Grace Baldwin Ruggles, inherited a share of these properties at the time of his death.

The Unsorted Papers include clippings, verse, printed matter, certificates, several notes to Burnet Ruggles and papers relating to the will of Philo T. Ruggles (1803?-1894). James Ruggles served as executor of the will. Philo T. Ruggles may have been his uncle.

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2	Accounts Land Papers Unsorted Papers