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**Rufus King Genealogical Research Papers
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Summary

Main entry:	King, Rufus
Title:	Rufus King Genealogical Research Papers, 1720-1920
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Abstract:	Rufus King (1838-1924) was a banker by profession as well as a respected genealogist. The son of Rufus Sylvester and Phoebe Odell King, his New England ancestors included the revolutionary war veteran and New York State Senator Rufus King, after whom he was named. The Rufus King genealogical research papers consist primarily of the notes and correspondence generated and collected by King in the course of tracing his family's lineage, as well as an assortment of family papers dating from 1720 to 1866.
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Special formats	Account books, Diaries, Genealogies, Photographs.

Biographical note

Rufus King (1838-1924) was a banker by profession as well as a respected genealogist. The son of Rufus Sylvester and Phoebe Odell King, his New England ancestors included the revolutionary war veteran and New York State Senator Rufus King, after whom he was named. King was a founder of the Yonkers Historical and Library Association, a member of the Anthropological Society and a life member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. His ancestor William King sailed from Weymouth, England in 1635 with his wife Dorothy and settled in Salem, Massachusetts. His earliest ancestor in his mother's line to emigrate to America was William Odell who settled in Concord, Massachusetts in 1639.

Scope and content note

The Rufus King genealogical research papers consist primarily of the notes and correspondence generated and collected by King in the course of tracing his family's lineage, as well as an assortment of family papers dating from 1720 to 1866. King was aided in this project by contributions of materials from fellow genealogist and distant relations Frank E. Randall and George A. Morrison. Much of the research is arranged by geographic regions and offers an accounting of the King clan's English heritage and marks the family's spread throughout America, with particular emphasis given to Massachusetts and New York. The family papers contain an assortment of account books, deeds and a diary as well as correspondence, including letters from John King (1825-1840) and a 1785 letter from Rufus King regarding the arrest in Spain of Jonas Hartwell.

Arrangement note

The Rufus King Genealogical Research Papers are organized in the following series:

Series I: Genealogical Research

Series II: Family Papers

Series descriptions and container list

Series I: Genealogical Research

This series consists primarily of notes and correspondence, organized into general research, geographic location or family line. The correspondence reflects King's communications with distant relations, archives, historical societies and other record holders. The locations represented most heavily in the research are England, Massachusetts and New York. The notes include charts, copies of original documents, sketches of family arms, and clippings with notations. Also contained in this section are certificates and honors presented to Rufus King, as well as a scrapbook of clippings and letters relating to his personal research and the various genealogical societies in which King participated. A postcard collection documents locations in England and New England, with numerous views of the town of Orient, Long Island.

General		
<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	1	Certificates and Clippings
	2-6	Correspondence, 1886-1910
2	1-5	Correspondence, 1886-1910
	6	Crests and Seals
12	1	Genealogical Activities
3	1	<i>King American Notebook</i> (copy)
	2-7	Notes
	8	Post Cards (general)
	9	Post Cards (Orient, Long Island)
Geographic Location		
England		
4	1-5	General
	6-7	England, Ireland West Indies
5	1-2	Coat of Arms, parish registers, universities
	3-5	Wills, county records, notes
6	1-3	Long Island, New York, Rhode Island, Maine, New Jersey
		Massachusetts
	4	Deeds and Probate records
	5	Harwich
	6	Salem
7	1	Salem
	2-3	New England and Long Island - Marriages
	4-5	New England; Salem, Mass.; Suffield, Conn.; Southold, N.Y.
	6	New York State, Virginia, Maryland, Alabama, Georgia
8	1-2	New York State, Virginia, Maryland, Alabama, Georgia
		Family Lines
	3	Daniel King of Lynn, Mass.
	4	Hezekiah King of Massachusetts
	5-6	Thomas King of Scituate, Mass.
9	1-3	William King of Salem, Mass.
	4	Brown and Salmon lines
	5	Kinge and Wood lines

Series II: Family Papers

The family papers contain an assortment of account books kept by Nehemiah King (1850-1863) and Nathaniel King (1859-1866); with the latter including brief diary entries for each day as well as accounts. In addition, original correspondence includes letters from John King (1825-1845) and New York State Senator Rufus King. Family documents include a 1752 bill of sale from Sam Young to John King; a deed given to M. King by Y. Wills (1790); a deed from Nathaniel King (1765); and a quitclaim deed to the same from 1825. There is also a small selection of photographs, both of individuals (most unidentified) and locations, which includes photographs of family homes and other sites important to the King family history.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
10	1	Family Charts and Bible Records
	2	General Family Papers, 1720-1839
	3	King, John, 1825-1845
	4	King, Rufus, 1785
		King, Nathaniel - Account/diary books
	5	1859
	6	1860-1861
	7	1861-1863
	8	1866
		King, Nehemiah - Account books
11	1	1850-1852
	2	1853-1859
		Also contains unidentified accounts dated 1839-1840 in another hand.
	3	1863
		Photographs
	4	Locations
	5	People