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Guide to the

**Archambeau and St. Hill family collection**

1868-2003

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## Summary

**Creator:** Archambeau family

**Title:** Archambeau and St. Hill family collection

**Date:** 1868-2003

**Size:** 0.02 linear feet (2 folders)

**Source:** Gift of Cynthia St. Hill, January 2003.

**Abstract:** The Archambeau family, consisting of John Nicholas Archambeau and his two children, Lester and Sybil, immigrated to the United States from Jamaica in 1908 and 1919, respectively. John Nicholas attended Howard University, became a dentist, and married Julia Hood of Virginia. His daughter, Sybil, graduated from Teachers Training School in New Jersey in 1927, and in 1938, married Clyde Ewart St. Hill, Jr., originally from Barbados. Lester Archambeau married Thelma Woodward and had two children, Jason and Rita Louise Archambeau. The Archambeaus owned and operated the Old Ladies Home in Hackensack, New Jersey. The Archambeau and St. Hill family collection consists of papers pertaining to family members before and after they immigrated to the United States from Jamaica and Barbados. Documents for the Archambeau family include copies of the marriage certificates for John and Elizabeth Jane Archambeau, John Nicholas Archambeau's parents, who were married in Jamaica in 1869; and Emile Archambeau, a member of the family who owned members of John Archambeau's family during slavery. Other documents for the Archambeau family include several copies of nineteenth-century baptismal certificates; Elizabeth Jane Archambeau's passport and immigration documents for her grandchildren, Lester and Sybil; and deeds and other legal documents regarding the foreclosure of the family house in Hackensack, New Jersey (1932-1933).

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**Separated Materials:**

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There is also a commencement program for Sybil Archambeau's graduation from the Teacher's Training School in Jersey City, New Jersey (1927); a list of officers and members of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, a professional association for educators (1947), of which she was a member; and the commencement program for Lester Archambeau's children, Rita Louise and Jason R. Archambeau, both from Howard University in 1961.

The St. Hill family documents include a baptismal certificate for Clyde Ewart St. Hill, Jr., (Barbados, 1910); the invitation and program for the Howard University commencement at which he received his M.D. degree (1939); and his marriage certificate from the same year.

Clippings and photocopies of photographs represent both families, as does a family history prepared by Cynthia St. Hill (2003).

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Caribbean Americans -- New Jersey  
Families, Black -- United States  
Jamaican Americans  
Real property, Exchange of -- New Jersey  
West Indian Americans

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Immigration records -- United States -- 20th century

**Names**

Archambeau, Elizabeth Jane  
Archambeau, Emile  
Archambeau, Jason  
Archambeau, John Nicholas  
Archambeau, Lester  
Archambeau, Rita Louise  
Archambeau, Sybil  
St. Hill Jr., Clyde Ewart  
St. Hill, Cynthia  
Archambault family  
Archambeau family  
St. Hill family