

HEZEKIAH & CORINTHA HALL PAPERS

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION NO. 110

1.25 linear feet

Biographical

Hezekiah and Corintha Hall were residents of Norwood, New York. H.B. Hall died in 1895 at the age of 80. He served as a land agent for wealthy property owners in Norfolk and Louisville. He also worked as a land surveyor and farmer. Corintha Yale Hall was H.B. Hall's 4th wife. The couple had no children of their own, but adopted a daughter, Katie Hall. Corintha Hall died in 1940 at the age of 93.

Scope and Content

This collection contains two diaries, an expense book and an account book kept by Hezekiah B. Hall and three diaries and an expense book kept by Corintha Hall. H.B. Hall's diaries contain entries running consecutively from April 1881 through November 1894, while Corintha Hall's diaries contain daily entries between February 1897 and March 1904. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hall's expense books contain detailed daily household income and expenses; Mr. Hall's January 1887 to June 1893 and Corintha Hall's, 1899-1910. Mr. Hall's account book (titled "Journal A"), includes dates between 1847 and 1889 and contains detailed account records. Two of Corintha Hall's diaries also contain ledger account activity records for the lands H.B. Hall was agent for.

Provenance

This collection was acquired in two lots. The first, the Corintha Hall diary of March 1899 to December 1900 is of unclear provenance. The balance of the collection was acquired from Ian Brabner, Bookseller, Wilmington, DE in 2011.

Box 1

H.B. Hall "Journal A" January 1847. Contains an alphabetical index of customer's names. Dates run roughly between 1847 and 1889.

Box 2

H.B. Hall diary—April 1881-January 1888
H.B. Hall diary—February 1888- November 1894

Box 3

H.B. Hall expense book—January 1887-June 1893
Corintha Hall diary— February 1897 – March 1899
(index pages and first 36 ledger pages are records of payments made to H.B. Hall)

Box 4

Corintha Hall diary—March 1899-December 1900
(index pages and first 37 ledger pages are records of payments made to H.B. Hall)

Box 5

Corintha Hall diary—January 1901-March 1904
Corintha Hall expense book—January 1899-April 1910