

**Traver Family
Papers, 1791-1940; bulk, 1791-1890****SC23197**

QUANTITY: 1 box (0.25 cubic ft.); 1 oversize folder
ACCESS: Open to research
ACQUISITION: Gift: John Traver Felt, Kinderhook, N.Y., September 2010
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Biographical Note:

John C. Traver (1793-1861) and his heirs were farmers who resided in the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York. Originally, John C. Traver acquired the leaseholds of two farm lots that were part of the vast landholdings of Rensselaerswyck Manor. Eventually he was able to purchase full title to the land when the Van Rensselaer family began sell their lands outright after the anti-rent wars and changes in tax laws made the manorial system of tenant contracts a less-than-profitable venture.

Stephen Van Rensselaer III (1764-1839), the eighth Patroon of Rensselaerswyck, leased separate lots of land situated in Schodack to James Vanderpool, Jr. in 1791, and to Jacobus Hogeboom in 1799. In the nineteenth century, Caspar Lodewick acquired title to these two properties and combined them into one. After Caspar Lodewick died in April 1837, his heirs sold their interests in the property to Jeremiah Link and his wife, Susan Traver Link, in 1839. Five years later, in 1844, the Links released the property to John C. Traver, who may have been a relative. In 1852, these lots were released from rents and reservations of the manor when the terms of sale were finalized between Traver and William P. Van Rensselaer.

Information relative to John C. Traver and family is found in Federal Census records, various local records, and church records. These records indicate that John C. Traver married Catherine Sprung (1802-1891) and they had three children, Esther (b.1827), Elisabeth (b.1832) and Alexander (1835-1906). The family held membership with the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Greenbush so information on births, baptisms, and marriages can be found in the church's records.

Alexander Traver inherited the farm in Schodack upon the death of his father in 1861. He was married to Charlotte [?], who bore two children, John H. (ca.1870-1930) and Jessie (b. 1873). Alexander served in the National Guard of New York during the Civil War and was discharged in 1864. John H. Traver married Georgia Braithwaite (1874-1955) in East Greenbush, New York, on October 17, 1893. Georgia was the daughter of Carrie Braithwaite, of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Her father had apparently died when she was quite young, which is inferred from the fact her mother was widowed at the time of the 1880 Federal Census. Carrie Braithwaite later married Ira Garrison, a native of Schodack, New York, who studied medicine at the University of Michigan. After receiving his degree, he apparently practiced medicine in the Midwest for few years before he and his family settled in the Greenbush/Schodack area.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists chiefly of documents related to the history of the title to the lands held by John C. Traver and his heirs that were situated in the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York. Included, are copies of the original leases for two farm lots that Stephen Van Rensselaer (1764-1839) granted to James Vanderpool, Jr. and Jacobus Hogeboom, respectively, during the 1790s; copies of releases, bonds, and mortgages related to the subsequent transfer and conveyance of the title of these farm lots, first to Casper Lodewick, later to Jeremiah Link, and finally to John C. Traver and his heirs.

The collection also includes a number of ancillary papers related to the probate of the estate of John C. Traver and his heirs; deeds to real property situated in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan; and letters and legal papers of allied Braithwaite and Garrison families.

Container List:

Box	Folder	Description
1	1 (EL)	Lease of farm, Stephen Van Rensselaer to James Vanderpool Junior, November 11, 1791 (NOTE: This item is located in the oversize folder of the collection.)
1	2 (EL)	Lease of farm, Stephen Van Rensselaer to Jacobus Hogeboom, June 17, 1799 (NOTE: This item is located in the oversize folder of the collection.)
1	3 (EL)	Release of farm, Michael and Sally Harder to Caspar Lodewick, May 24, 1815 (NOTE: This item it located in the oversize folder of the collection.)
1	4	Bond, Casper Lodewick to Samuel R. Campbell, May 7, 1825
1	5 (EL)	Mortgages, Jeremiah Link and Susan Link (2 items) a. Between Jeremiah and Susan Link and John, Henry, Margaret and Jane Ann Lodewick, May 1, 1839 (NOTE: This item is located in the oversize folder of the collection.) b. Between Jeremiah and Susah Link and Miriam, John, Henry, Margaret and Jane Ann Lodewick, May 1, 1839 (NOTE: This item is located in the oversize folder of the collection.)
1	6	Bonds, Jeremiah Link (3 items) a. Jeremiah Link to John E. Lodewick, May 1, 1839 b. Jeremiah Link to Miriam Lodewick, May 1, 1839 c. Discharge of Record, Jeremiah Link to Henry C. Lodewick, April 30, 1852
1	7 (EL)	Conveyance from James Vanderpool Junior to Jeremiah and Susan Link, April 8, 1840 (NOTE: This item is located in the oversize folder of the collection.)
1	8	Deed of Release, Jeremiah and Susan Link to John C. Traver, May 1, 1844
1	9	Release, William P. Van Rensselaer (2 items) a. Release of Vanderpool property, William P. & Sarah Van Rensselaer to John C. Traver, May 10, 1852 b. Release of Hogeboom property, William P. & Sarah Van Rensselaer to John C. Traver, May 10, 1852
1	10	Receipts, 1811-1862 (14 items) a. Receipt of payment of a promissory note from Abraham P. Van Buren to Stephen Van Rensselaer, November 2, 1811

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Receipt of payment from John C. Traver to Conrad Traver, July 3, 1830 c. Receipt of payment for a clock from John C. Traver to Seth [Crapo?], December 11, 1830 d. Receipt of rent payment from Jeremiah Link to Henry N. Bell, May 3, 1832 e. Receipt of rent payment from John C. Traver to Casper H. Pruyn, February 9, 1837 f. Receipt of rent payment from John C. Traver to [Mordecai?] Hicks, June 14, 1839 g. Receipt of rent payment from John C. Traver to James C. Bell, October 27, 1842 h. Receipt of rent payment from John C. Traver to Casper H. Pruyn, June 17, 1843 i. Receipt of payment of promissory note from Jeremiah Link to [name torn off], May 23, 1844 j. Receipt of rent payment from John C. Traver to James C. Bell, January 26, 1846 k. Receipt of rent payment from Jeremiah Link to Avery W. Belle, June 28, 1848 l. Receipt of payment from John C. Traver to Eduoard [Jaques?], July 24, 1857 m. Receipt of payment for proving a will from Alexander Traver to Moses Warren, January 27, 1862 n. Receipt of payment for estate from Alexander Traver to James Hogeboom, May 10, 1862
1	11	Court of Chancery Ruling, Conrad Traver v. Peter Mastin, April 21, 1831
1	12	<p>Papers relative to probate of the estate of John C. Traver, 1862 (6 items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Letters of Testamentary, in the matter of the will of John C. Traver, January 27, 1862 b. Agreement regarding John C. Traver's estate, Alexander Traver with Esther Taylor and Elisabeth Lord, January 1862 c. Agreement between Alexander Traver, Esther Taylor and Elisabeth Lord, January 1862 (copy) d. Agreement between Alexander Traver, Esther Taylor and Elisabeth Lord over John C. Traver estate, January 27, 1862 e. Receipt of payment from Alexander Traver to Elisabeth Lord, May 1, 1864 f. Deed: Plot for grave for John C. Traver in East Greenbush Cemetery, January 21, 1862
1	13	<p>Alexander Traver's Military Service (2 items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Private's Certificate of Membership, National Guard State of New York, 72nd Regiment, Company B, October 14, 1864 b. Discharge by Disbandment Certificate, National Guard State of New York, 72nd Regiment, Company B, 17 July 1868
1	14	<p>Warranty Deed to land situated in the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York (2 items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Griffin and Julia Ann Wood to Alexander Traver, December 18, 1874 b. Griffin Wood to Alexander Traver, Mary 27, 1877

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1	15	Marriage Certificate of Robert Braithwaite and Anne Roe, February 14, 1839
1	16	Letters to Braithwaite Family, 1852-1890 (5 items) a. Robert Braithwaite to George Braithwaite, March 23, 1852 b. F. Wallington to George Braithwaite, July 8, 1873 c. T.J. Reed to Carrie A. Garrison, June 24, 1890 d. T.J. Reed to Carrie A. Garrison, October 17, 1890 e. Calling Card for George R. Braithwaite
1	17	Deeds for real property in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan (9 items) a. Warranty Deed between Eliza Partridge, Edwin Wilder and [Herbert?] H. Warner, August 7, 1867 b. Warranty Deed between Eliza Partridge and Joshua G. Leland, August 7, 1867 c. Warranty Deed between Edwin and Charlotte Wilder and Josiah E. Mason, April 13, 1868 d. Warranty Deed between Eliza Partridge and Joshua G. Leland, April 9, 1869 e. Warranty Deed between William and Priscilla Wagner and Joshua G. Leland, April 28, 1869 f. Warranty Deed between William J. Kirstead and David Kirstead, July 13, 1871 g. Warranty Deed between Charles H. Worden and Carrie Braithwaite, June 13, 1879 h. Mortgage, Thomas J. Keich to Carrie A. Garrison, February 19, 1886
1	18	Papers relative to the probate of the estate of Ira M. Garrison (2 items) a. Surrogate's Court (Rensselaer County), Notice of probate the last will and testament of Ira M. Garrison by Ernest P. Felt, April 6, 1938 b. Surrogate's Court (Rensselaer County): "In the matter of the judicial settlement of the accounts of David S. Moore and Ernest P. Felt, executors of the estate of Ira M. Garrison, January 18, 1940
1	19	Photocopies of original documents a. Marriage certificate of John H. Traver and Georgia A. Braithwaite, 1893 b. Deed to lot for Ira M. Garrison in the Burial Ground, Reformed Dutch Church, Kinderhook, New York, April 25, 1899

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