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Accession # [see attached list]

Location Annex 4-e-3/4 (L)

Title BLISS FAMILY. PAPERS

Approximate inclusive dates 1842-1961

Date of receipt 1937-1969

Received from Susan D. Bliss and "state of  
Susan D. Bliss

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 4 AB, 3 FB, 2 RC, 1 Pkg.

Condition Good

Restrictions None

Description George Bliss (1816-1896) of New York City was a partner in the banking firm of Morton, Bliss & Co. and in Phelps, Dodge & Co. His son, George T. Bliss (ca. 1851-1901), was also a N.Y.C. businessman. George T. Bliss married Jeanette Dwight ( -1924) in 1879, and their daughter was Susan D. Bliss ( -1966). Jeanette Dwight's father was Amos T. Dwight (ca. 1806-1881) who was a merchant in New York City after 1848.

The collection spans three generations of the Bliss family. The correspondence is the most significant part of the collection. The family letters 1842-1883 are primarily addressed to George Bliss, and a few concern his business matters. Mrs. George T. Bliss' letters relate to her purchases of books, antiques, and other goods. Susan Bliss' letters also concern purchases, but there is personal correspondence as well. One box of letters are from French children, mostly war orphans, who were assisted by the Bliss family through the American Ouvroir Funds, a relief agency. The bulk of the collection is household receipts 1885-1952--primarily of George T., Jeanette, and Susan Bliss--with most receipts being for the period 1916-1928. There are also receipts for Amos T. Dwight, 1873-1881. The Health and Welfare papers consist of reports and correspondence relating to the Welfare Council of New York City of which Mrs. Bliss and her daughter were supporters. In addition, there are two unidentified account books 1881-1886, Susan Bliss' diary 1895-1897, a kitchen diary (listing meals), and family photographs.

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary catalog card added entries Account books--1881-1886; American Ouvroir Funds; George Bliss; George T. Bliss; Jeanette Dwight Bliss; Susan D. Bliss; Diaries--1895-1897; Amos T. Dwight; Child welfare; France; New York (City)--charities; Orphans and orphan-asylums; Welfare Council of New York City

Accessioned by Robert Ash

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Container Listing

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Correspondence--Bliss Family, 1842-1883, n.d. " --Mrs. George T. Bliss, 1897-1920 " --Susan D. Bliss, 1901-1961 Susan D. Bliss diary, 1895-1897 George T. Bliss, household accounts Printed ephemera, recipes, and receipts
2	Correspondence of Mrs. George T. Bliss and Susan D. Bliss regarding assistance to French children, 1908-1937
3	Wedding invitations received, 1907-1952
4	Correspondence and receipts (unsorted) Health and welfare, 1912-1944
5	Correspondence and receipts, 1898-1960
6	Amos T. Dwight, receipts, 1873-1881 Bliss family, receipts, 1885-1918
7	" " " , 1919-1926
8	" " " 1927-1952
9	Account books, 1881-1886 Kitchen diary, n.d. Photographs
10	Photographs (oversize package)

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