

**Guide to the Theodore M. Banta Genealogical Notes,
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Abstract: The Theodore M. Banta Genealogical Notes comprise correspondence, handwritten transcriptions, several clippings, and a large bound notebook relating to his family history.

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Theodore M. Banta was born on November 23, 1834 in New York City. He attended the College of the City of New York in its infancy in 1849. He joined New York Life around 1857, performing actuarial duties, and became cashier in 1864. Some thirty years later, Banta brought charges of unethical practices by the company's president. Banta retired from New York Life in 1891.

He married Cornelia Crane (date uncertain) and they had two daughters, May and Effie. Banta was also a Municipal Civil Service Commissioner for New York City from 1902 to 1903. He was a member of the Holland Society, Huguenot Society, as well as the National Arts Club and the Arkwright Club. He died at his home in Glenbrook, Connecticut on September 17, 1910.

Sources

From the Chicago Independent (1891, December 2). MR. BANTA :SOME FACTS ABOUT THE MAN WHO DARED TO EXPOSE BEERS.. *New York Times (1857-Current file)*, p. 11. Retrieved November 17, 2008, from ProQuest Historical Newspapers The New York Times (1851 - 2005) database. (Document ID: 103354227).

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Scope and Content Note

The Theodore M. Banta Genealogical Notes consist of correspondence, handwritten transcriptions, a few clippings, and a large bound notebook of handwritten genealogical information relating to his family. The notebook is organized by family name (although not alphabetically) and includes a list of family names with page numbers on the inside cover.

Family names included in the notes are Astor (John Jacob), Bonnell (Bunnell), Coutant, Cuvilje (Ariantje), De Groot, DesMarets (DesMarest), Dickerson (Dickenson, Dickinson), Dyckman, Edwards, Golden (Golding, Goulding), Hegeman, Hendrickson, Heroy, Rayner (Rainer), Romejn, Romer, Spock, Squier (Squire), Sturges, Tallman, Vandervoort, Van Hoorn (Van Horen).

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Box 1

Correspondence, 1899 – 1903 and undated

- F. 1 New York State Library, 1899 – 1903 (Includes notes from *New York Colonial Manuscripts*, V. 12, Folio 68.)
- F. 2 North, Anna M., 1903 and undated (Includes notes from New Jersey documents.)

Family Data, undated

- F. 3 B – J (Includes handwritten information for Bershof, Bogardus, Casperse, Duryea, Gautier, and Jacobus families.)
- F. 4 L – V (Includes handwritten information for Lee, Ludlam, Luyster, Meeker, Osborne, Reeve, Van der Linde, and Van Tassel families.)

Genealogical Research Files, 1888 – 1902 and undated

- F. 5 Family Names (List), undated
- F. 6 Astor, John Jacob Descendants, 1898
- F. 7 Bonnell (Bunnell), 1899 – 1902 and undated (Includes notes and transcriptions of documents.)
- F. 8 Coutant, 1899 – 1904 and undated (Includes correspondence, notes, and transcriptions of documents, some from Staten Island and Westchester County.)
- F. 9 Cuvilje, Ariantje, undated (Includes mimeo of transcribed manuscript in Dutch.)
- F. 10 DeGroot, 1896 and undated (Includes handwritten notes and copy of death certificate for Gilbert Grotecluss, Dec. 5, 1896, who died of dropsy, Oct. 9, 1835.)
- F. 11 DesMarets (DesMarest), undated (Includes handwritten notes.)
- F. 12 Dickerson (Dickenson, Dickinson), 1895, 1901, and undated (Includes correspondence, list of marriages, transcribed New Jersey documents, and clipping.)
- F. 13 Dyckman, undated (Includes handwritten notes and transcribed Sunlithgo Church records.)
- F. 14 Edwards, 1903 and undated (Includes incomplete letter mentioning Squier and Tuthill families; also includes transcribed Petition for Henry Case.)
- F. 15 Golden (Golding, Goulding), 1900 and undated (Includes clipping with family history information, and a few handwritten notes.)
- F. 16 Hegeman, undated (Includes handwritten notes.)
- F. 17 Hendrickson, undated (Includes two sheets of handwritten notes.)
- F. 18 Heroy, 1896 and undated (Includes correspondence, handwritten notes, and typed transcriptions of documents.)
- F. 19 Rayner (Rainer), 1901 and undated (Includes transcriptions of Long Island documents including indictment and verdict of Elizabeth Rainer, May 28, 1677, and will of Benjamin Rayner, Apr. 25, 1805.)
- F. 20 Romejn, undated (Includes handwritten notes.)
- F. 21 Romer, undated (Includes typed transcribed Westchester County document.)
- F. 22 Spock, 1896 and undated (Includes correspondence and notes.)
- F. 23 Squier (Squire), 1897 – 1901 and undated (Includes correspondence, notes, and transcriptions.)
- F. 24 Sturges, 1897 – 1899 (Includes correspondence, transcriptions, and genealogical chart.)
- F. 25-26 Tallman (“Tappan Records” and General), 1902 and undated (Includes “Index to the names that appear in the *History of Rockland*

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County, N.Y.”, correspondence, and notes.)

- F. 27 Van Hoorn (Van Horen), undated (Includes transcriptions and notes.)
- F. 28 Vandervoort, 1891 and undated (Includes correspondence, transcriptions, and notes.)
- F. 29 Holland Society of America, 1888 and undated (Includes letter to Banta from Chas. L. Rickerson, Jan. 4, 1888 with handwritten notes on verso, and one clipping.)
- Box 2** Notebook, undated