

**Guide to the Morris P. Ferris Genealogical Research Files,
1864 – 1928 and undated**

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The Morris P. Ferris Genealogical Research Files largely document Ferris' own family history, but also contain research materials for genealogies of several other families, including the Brewer, Hadley, Haines (Haynes), and Mason families.

Administrative Information

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Provenance

The Morris P. Ferris Genealogical Research Files were donated to the Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy in 2008 by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. The research files were donated to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in 1928 by Mrs. Morris P. Ferris.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Attorney Morris Patterson Ferris was born in New York City on October 3, 1855. His father, Rev. Isaac F. Ferris, was a Chancellor of the University of (the City of) New York. His mother was the former Letitia Storm.

Ferris received his law degree from New York University in 1879, but had begun his practice in New York three years earlier. Ferris married the author Mary Lanman Douw on September 4, 1879 in Poughkeepsie, New York. They had two sons and a daughter.

He founded the Brooklyn Young Republican Club and served on its Executive Committee. Ferris was also treasurer for the Society of American Authors from 1898 to 1906. He was also a charter member of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, and founder and secretary of the New York State Historical Association (1899-1903). Ferris founded the Garden City Club and was president of the Yonkers Historical and Library Association.

He was also a member of the Lawyers Club, the Arkwright Club, and the Delta Phi fraternity. Ferris died at his home in Garden City, Long Island, on October 26, 1879.

Source

MORRIS P. FERRIS DEAD: Lawyer Was Founder of New York State Historical Association. (1918, October 27). *New York Times (1857-Current file)*, 17. Retrieved November 6, 2008, from ProQuest Historical Newspapers *The New York Times (1851 - 2005)* database. (Document ID: 97037862).

Scope and Content Note

The papers consist mostly of Morris P. Ferris' handwritten transcriptions of genealogical information relating to his family. The collection includes numerous notebooks, loose sheets of handwritten notes, correspondence, typed family histories, some clippings, and a few photographs of a headstone. There is also a fair amount of research material on the Van Wyck family.

The precise dates of the transcriptions are mostly unknown. Mrs. Ferris also compiled some of the data. Additionally, there is genealogical data for several other families, including Brewer (Brouwer), Concklin, Hadley, Haines (Haynes), and Mason. Several of these appear to have been done for hire, or for application to the Sons of the Revolution.

A few additional allied family names include Adriance, Griffin, Dubois, Bedford, and Platt.

Box/Folder	Description
Box 1	
F. 1	Ferris, Morris P. – Correspondence, 1877 – 1916 (Includes correspondence to and from, mostly related to genealogical matters.)
F. 2	Ferris, Mrs. Morris P. – Correspondence, 188? – 1928 and undated (Includes a small amount of correspondence to and from Ferris relating to genealogical inquiries; also includes letter from Mrs. Ferris to New York Genealogical and Biographical Society donating materials (ca. 1928).) Ferris Family History, 1864 – 1917 and undated Correspondence, 1907 - 1916
F. 3	Eardeley, William A., 1916 (Includes correspondence between Ferris and Eardeley.)
F. 4	Little, Lora C., 1896 – 1909 (Includes letter from C. (?) Sands to Little, Oct. 6, 1898.)
F. 5	Willard, James LeBaron, 1907 and 1909 (Includes lists with family lineage data.)
F. 6-7	<i>Calendar of Wills Selections from Proofs</i> , undated (Includes cut segments of entries for Ferris and allied family names; date is possibly 1896; “Family of V.W. + C” written on envelope.)
F. 8	Ephemera, 1907, 1912, and undated (Includes bank envelope, scrap of paper with illegible word written on it, pencil drawing of unidentified building exterior, and page from <i>American Society</i> magazine, Oct. 31, 1912.)
F. 9	Griffin and Dubois Families History, undated
F. 10-11	Lineage Data and Notes, undated (Includes handwritten lists of data and notes.) Notebooks, 1895 – 1912 and undated
F. 12	“2,” undated (Includes handwritten transcriptions of correspondence, books, and documents.)
F. 13	“3 and 4,” undated (Includes one notebook with handwritten transcriptions of correspondence, newspapers, and documents.)
F. 14	“5 and 6,” undated (Includes one notebook with handwritten transcriptions of New York City wills, Stamford (Conn.) town records, Stamford Probate, White Plains (N.Y.) records, and Fairfield Probate.)
F. 15	“7,” 1897 and undated (Includes transcriptions, mostly of Greenwich (Conn.) records.)
F. 16	“8-9,” undated (Includes one notebook with handwritten transcriptions of Greenwich town records.)
Box 2	
F. 1	“10-11,” undated (Includes one notebook with handwritten transcriptions of Stamford land records, Fairfield Probate, Dutchess County (N.Y.) land records, and Surrogate.)
F. 2	“12-13,” undated (Includes one notebook with handwritten transcriptions of records from N.Y. State, and notes.)
F. 3	“14-15,” undated (Includes handwritten transcriptions of Connecticut records and publication.)
F. 4	“Bedford Family 1/3,” undated (Includes small notepad with handwritten notes and transcriptions.)

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F. 5	“Book 1,” undated (Includes handwritten transcriptions from publications and correspondence; also includes several newspaper clippings and list of persons to whom Ferris wrote.)
F. 6	“Copy of Dr. A.W. Ferris’ Records” (“1” and “2”), undated (Includes handwritten data.)
F. 7	“Correspondence of Dr. A.W. Ferris with Sundry Persons in re Ferris Genealogy (Copy) – Notes of Dr. A.W. Ferris,” undated (Includes two handwritten notebooks.)
F. 8	“Fishkill Landing Tombstones Hackensack, Rec., Brooklyn Rec.,” undated (Includes handwritten small notepad.)
F. 9	“Hopewell Records” and “No. 5 – Westchester Wills, Po’keepsie Wills,” undated (Includes two small handwritten notepads.)
F. 10	Platt and Van Wyck Families, undated (“Compiled by H.K. Averill, Jr., Plattsburgh, N.Y.” inscribed on inside cover; includes several loose sheets.)
F. 11	“Queries,” undated (Includes handwritten notes and questions; only several pages contain writing.)
F. 12	“Tombstones & Records – Fishkill Hook,” undated (Includes handwritten small notepad and envelope; Ferris’ notes were continued by Mrs. Ferris.)
Box 3	
F. 1	“Van Wyck Family - No.I” and “No. II,” undated (Includes handwritten listings of “1st, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th and part of 5 th Generations,” (Book No. I) and “Latter part of 5 th & Beginning of 6 th Generation” (Book No. II).)
F. 2	“No. III,” “No. IV,” and “No. V,” undated (Includes handwritten listings of “Latter part of 6 th [generation]” (Book No. III) and blank notebooks (No. IV and V).)
F. 3	“V.W. Mem. A,” undated (Includes handwritten notes on sixth generation; also includes several loose sheets.)
F. 4	“V.W. Mem. B. I” and “V.W. Mem. B. II,” undated (Includes handwritten notes on seventh generation; B. I includes one loose sheet of notes.)
F. 5	Van Wyck Family, 1895 and undated (Includes two small notepads, one marked “10,” the other coverless.)
F. 6-10	Miscellaneous Notebooks, 1912 and undated
Box 4	
F. 1	“Adriance” and “Misc.” Notes, undated
F. 2-6	Miscellaneous Notes, undated (Includes handwritten loose sheets of notes on family history.)
	Van Wyck Family, 1878 – 1917 and undated (See also notebooks.)
F. 7	Correspondence and Notes, 1878 – 1917 and undated
F. 8	Family History, undated
F. 9-10	Van Wyck, Cornelius C. – “A Partial List of the Descendants of Cornelius C. Van Wyck,” 1912 and undated (Includes several copies and corrections.)
F. 11	Van Wyck, Hannah – Descendants, undated
F. 12	Van Wyck, Isaac C. – Descendants, undated
F. 13	Van Wyck, John – Descendants, undated

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F. 14	Notes, undated
F. 15	Obituary Notices, 1864 – 1865, 1877 – 1878, and undated 1864 and 1865 1877
F. 16	Mar. – Oct.
F. 17	Dec. 1878
F. 18	Jan.
F. 19	Feb.
F. 20	Mar.
F. 21	Apr.
F. 22	May
F. 23	June – Dec.
F. 24	undated
Box 5	
F. 1	Wills (Transcribed), undated (Includes transcribed wills of James Ferris [sic], Dec. 7, 1709, William Ffaris, 1789, and Henry Fowler, undated.) Genealogies, 1902 – 1912 and undated Brewer Genealogy, 1907 – 1910 and undated Correspondence, 1907 – 1910 and undated
F. 2	Brewer, John, 1907 – 1910 and undated (Includes correspondence to and from Ferris; also includes several letters to Brewer from the DAR and Minnie Helper, and Sons of the Revolution application form for Brewer.)
F. 3	Miscellaneous, 1909 and undated (Includes correspondence to and from Ferris re: Brewer genealogy.)
F. 4	Charts, ca. 1909
F. 5	Brouwer Family History, ca. 1909 (Includes history for Concklin, DePew, Fourseur, Smack, and Smith families.)
F. 6	Concklin Family History, ca. 1909
F. 7-9	Notes, ca. 1909 (Includes handwritten notes.)
F. 10-11	Typed Data, ca. 1909 (Includes typed lists of family lineage.)
F. 12	Transcribed Wills, ca. 1909 (Includes carbon copy of typed transcriptions of Adam Brower Berkhoven, Nov. 21, 1692, Adam Brewer, Oct. 4, 1738, Hendrick Brewer, Sept. 13, 1738, Johanes Brewer, Oct. 13, 1712, Jacob Brewer, May 17, 1815, Isabella Brewer, Jan. 17, 1896, James Brewer, Dec. 7, 1780, Rachel Smith, Mar. 1, 1758, Johanis Brewer, Jan. 13, 1780, and John Drake, Feb. 28, 1780.) Hadley Genealogy, 1902 – 1912 (Includes papers for Mrs. J. W. Brosig query, 1911-1912.) Correspondence, 1902 – 1903 and 1911 - 1912 Brosig, Mrs, J.Wallace, 1911 - 1912
F. 13	1911
F. 14	1912

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F. 15	Foster, Margaret Hadley, 1903 (Includes correspondence to Mrs. Ferris.)
	Miscellaneous, 1902 – 1903 and 1911 - 1912
F. 16	1902 – 1903 (Includes several letters from George H. Hadley and Robert H. Kelly to Mrs. Ferris re: Hadley genealogy.)
F. 17	1911
F. 18-20	1912
	Charts, ca. 1912
F. 21	Cope Family Fan Chart, ca. 1912
F. 22	Hadley, Moses L., ca. 1912 (Includes mostly incomplete chart.)
F. 23	Family History, ca. 1911 (Includes history probably done for Mrs. J. Wallace Brosig.)
	Notes, 1903 and ca. 1912
F. 24	(Includes handwritten and typed notes.)
F. 25-26	Typed Data and Notes, ca. 1912
F. 27	Haines (Haynes) Genealogy, 1908 (Includes one letter, one page of typed data, and two Sons of the Revolution applications for Benjamin Akin Sills.)
F. 28	Mason Genealogy, 1905 (Includes several letters, several pages of notes and data, and Sons of the Revolution application for James Kent Mason.)