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Historic Manuscript Collection – Politics

This collection includes miscellaneous documents related to local politics, including voter lists, election results, correspondence, petitions, ephemera, etc.

No.	Date	Description
Pol 1	1773-1841	Memorial badge of General William H. Harrison (mounted on card)
Pol 2	13 Jul 1840	Special meeting of Board of Supervisors of City of Schenectady <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Addition to building of poor house; describes materials to be used.2. To be supervised by John Van Vorst, authorized to borrow monies, not to exceed \$2,000.3. To inspect the building from time-to-time and report to Board.
Pol 3	11 Jun 1824	Letter to Governor Yates from H. Wheaton congratulating him on stand taken on some issue (not mentioned). Mentions: Mr. Crawford
Pol 4	7 Dec 1882	Letter to Grover Cleveland, urging the appointment of J.J. Marlette, editor of the "Daily Evening Star (Schenectady)" as one of the state assessors. Signed by: R. Furman, D.C. Beattie, J. Fonda Viele, Walter L. L. Sanders, John D. Campbell, H.W. Demmington, Jacob DeForest, E.E. Kriegman, J.T. Schoolcraft, Fred Eisenmenger, S.M. Jackson, J. Sharratt Gates
Pol 5	20 Jan 1823	Letter from John Radcliff to Joseph Yates opposing appointment of Judge Ernett in Dutchess County.
Pol 6	12 Oct 1823	Letter from Daniel McCormack to Joseph Yates introducing bearer, Mr. Brodie, to pay and take up bond.
Pol 7	25 Jan 1823	Letter from James A. Hamilton to Joseph Yates discussing situation in Washington. Mentions Clay, Adams, Calhoun, Crawford, Van Buren.
Pol 8	15 Aug 1823	Letter from Isaac Hemsted to Governor Yates re: personal taxes.

Pol 9	21 Mar 1823	Recommendations for David Hudson, Geneva for Circuit Judge. Signed: R. Hazgath, Isaac Selby, Matthew Warner, Philettes Swift, Jacob Teach, Aaron Rimer, Jonas Seely, Aurias Wills
Pol 10	27 Jan 1823	Letter from Charles Graham to governor Yates recommending Mr. Golden for Circuit Judge.
Pol 11	17 Mar 1823	Letter from James Hooker to Governor Yates impressing gratitude for appointment as Circuit Judge.
Pol 12	22 Mar 1822	Partial letter to Governor Yates recommending Henry Penfield of Canadaigua for County of Ontario Judge, unsigned.
Pol 13	12 Mar 1828	Governor Yates answer to letter of D.D. Campbell
Pol 14	28 Jan 1820	Letter from George (Blum or Bloom?) to Governor Yates; tirade against conditions in Albany.
Pol 15	23 Dec 1807	Letter from Charles Kane to Governor Yates re: endorsing notes.
Pol 16	26 Dec 1817	Letter from Charles DeWitt to Governor Yates thanking him for recommendation for Surveyor to Port of New York
Pol 17	30 Jan 1816	Copy of letter to Governor Yates to William P. Van Ness.
Pol 18	16 Apr 1804	Letter from George Merchant to Governor Yates re: election outlook.
Pol 19	1823	Cat. #378a Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of City of Schenectady. 6 May 1823, 23 May 1823, 7 June 1823, 3 July 1823
Pol 20	1685	Petition to Governor Dongan from Jacobus Peek & Isaac Truax for the Second Flat on the north side of the Mohawk.
Pol 21	1 Apr 1710	Call to Town meeting issued to Garret Van Baack.
Pol 22	13 Apr 1880	Letter from William K. Fuller, Jr., presenting Common Council of City of Schenectady with \$10,000. to erect a municipal building and a letter of thanks from them.
Pol 23	n.d.	Cat #2025/1 Application to Board of Schenectady County fair for improvements to the fair grounds.

Pol 24	n.d.	Before Revolution. Petition for the right to elect an Assemblyman, signed by: Ryer Schermerhorn, John Wemp, Ephriam Wemp, Elias Bosie, Jan Vrooman, Arent Wemp, John Sanderse, Claes Van de Bogard, Tjerk van De Bogart, William Hall, Garrett Segers, Arent Bradt, Arent Van Eps, Cornelius Viele, Douw Aukes, Volkert Symonse Veder, John Van Vorst, Dirck Groot, Peter Veeder, Arent Veeder, Jonathan Stevens, John Schermerhorn, Jacobus Schepmeyer, Philip Huyler, Sander Phillipse, Simon Vrooman, John Mabie, Jacob Mabie, Simon Groot, Jr., Maus Sixbee, John Dose (?), Caleb Beck, Gysbert Van Brackel, V. Putman, Arent Putman, Andreas Van Patten, Claes Van Patten, Hendrick Hagadorn, Jelles Fonda.
Pol 25	1752 Feb	[Missing] - letter unaddressed from Joseph Murray re: a bill in equity against Arent Bradt and discussing list of inhabitants at the time of the grant from the Crown in 1714.
Pol 26	12 Sept 1874	List of delegates to Democrat & Federal State Convention held in Syracuse on 16 Sept 1874. Robert Furman, William Lee, Seeley Patterson. Alternates: John McShea, Jr., Henry Schermerhorn, William H. Helmer
Pol 27	24 Apr 1797	Resolution to elect five trustees to manage patent lands. Signed: John Yates, Peter Mabee, Lawrence Schermerhorn, Abraham DeGraff, Henry Teller, Jellis Fonda.
Pol 28	16 June 1779	through 7 August 1779. Typed copy of the Minutes of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Schenectady
Pol 29	1846	Schenectady - A law to erect certain parts of the City of Schenectady into separate towns and for other purposes. Passed 14 April 1820. To gather with all the amendments affecting the Town of Glenville. Printed at the Reflector Office.
Pol 30	15 Jan 1829	The Newark Intelligencer: Governor Van Buren's message.
Pol 31	15 Feb 1798	Trustees of Schenectady; taken from Deeds
Pol 32	4 Jan 1798	Petitions of Trustees of Common Lands, to be relieved of Trust by City Charter.
Pol 33	1784 & 1795	Trustees of Schenectady
Pol 34	1708, 1713, 1815, 1798	Trustees
Pol 35	1770	Trustees 11 Mar 1765 made by Will of Arent Bradt, sole surviving trustee; Proved 19 Nov 1770
Pol 36	1721	Trustees 28 Oct 1717 - 22 July 1718; 1 Aug 1721; 1715
Pol 37	n.d.	Members of Assembly from Schenectady down to Revolutionary War.

Pol 38	31 Jul 1776	Candidates for Commissioners of Schenectady
Pol 39	19 Aug 1678	Presentation of names to the Governor for Commissioners of Schenectady.
Pol 40	1683	Representatives to General Assembly 1683
Pol 41	1795	Committee of Claims for session of 1795
Pol 42	10 Apr 1810	Farmers of Schenectady City; petition to vote Federal Republican. Extolling issues. Used 1975.
Pol 43	1863	Draft of a speech on election and Civil War. Unknown author.
Pol 44	23 Apr 1839	Financial report of AC Paige in the Senate of New York State.
Pol 45	28 Mar 1839	Report New York State Senate. AC Paige mentioned.
Pol 46	10 Mar 1831	Report on New York Assembly. 1. New York State Legislature. Assembly.
Pol 47	Ca. 1856	Speeches of Millard Fillmore at Newburgh, New York, Albany, Rochester, Buffalo. Also evidences of Freemont's Romanism.
Pol 48	1840 Apr	Report of trial of cause of John Taylor vs. Edward Delavan. Tried at Circuit Court. (Temperance)
Pol 49	3 Jan 1839	Annual report of New York State Assembly.
Pol 50	1896 Aug	Three letters to Henry O.V. Tousley, Schenectady from Republican Headquarters, National Committee re: speaking engagement.
Pol 51	14 Apr 1839	Letter from A.C. Paige to Assembly Chambers re: speech of Mr. Lush.
Pol 52	Apr 1849	Certificate of the Approval of the Act relating to Plank Roads. Vote of majority of Electors of City of Schenectady. James E. Van Horan, Mayor. An Act to authorize the City of Schenectady to borrow money for the purposes mentioned.
Pol 53	22 Oct 1828	First Ward meeting of Electors of First Ward meeting at house of Richard Freeman.
Pol 54	184? (torn off)	Governor William Bouck's "Sauerkraut Message"
Pol 55	22 Nov 1836	Minutes and Resolution of a meeting of owners of stone quarries, setting price for stone. Chairman of Association/Jacob Clute. Secretary D. Moore. Members: G.W. Veeder, H.R. Wendell, G. Van Voast, H.J. Bradt, Joseph Bellsen

Pol 56	3 Sept 1867	Proclamation of President Andrew Johnson warning all persons against obstructing or hindering in any manner whatsoever the fruitful execution of the Laws....."
Pol 57	1865	Complete list of voters in Glenville School District #10.
Pol 58	1866	Complete list of voters in Rotterdam. - See 60 - names have been entered on cross-reference cards.
Pol 59	1880	List of election commissioners of Niskayuna. Niskayuna rejected by County Board on account of neglect of inspectors to discharge their duties legally, but included below: George Wess, A.H. Decker, Marion S. Gardner, George Lasher, Edward H. Paige, Charles E. Palmer, J. Teller Schoolcraft, Edwin C. Donnan, William Marsh, Edwin Young, Martin Sitterly.
Pol 60	1810	List of Republican voters in Duanesburg. See 58 - names have been entered on cross-reference cards.
Pol 61	1866	Rotterdam - complete list of voters in school district #5, election district #1.
Pol 62	n.d.	Copy? Petition of the subscribers, Trustees of Township of Schenectady - to Representatives of the Colony of New York in General Assembly Convention. Re: Schenectady Carter (Dongan) (1684). Petition to Court: inhabitants re: Land ownership: Dongan Charter.
Pol 63	1766	Copy of Correspondence of Sons of Liberty.
Pol 64	3 Jan 1818	Corbett's Weekly Political Register published in New York. Petition of William Corbett of Botley in County of Hants; now residing in Hempstead, New York addressed to the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled.
Pol 65	2 Mar 1841	Letter to "Cousin" P. Ryley Toll from Caroline Van Patten. She and her husband called on Van Buren, White House, News of Washington society, etc.
Pol 66	1860	Correspondence to Governor Fenton re: appointment of John L. Hill, Schenectady District Attorney, for appointment as State Assessor. He is moving to NYC from Schenectady. Six letters.
Pol 67	1880	Republican League. The Republican League of the U.S. Bank form of membership (two copies).
Pol 68	27 Oct 1851	Oneida - Letter to Stephen H. Johnson re: Republican candidate of Timothy Jenkins for Judge of Court of Appeals. Signed: John Snow, Chairman of Committee. Enclosed gummed name tickets of Jenkins.

Pol 69	3 Nov 1852	Report of Board of Inspectors of 2 nd Election District, Glenville. State Candidates: Inspector of Elections: Paleg Wood, Isaac S. Conde, C.S. Van Patten. Certification of election results 2 Nov. 1852
Pol 70	31 Oct 1826	Member of Assembly – Letter to A.C. Paige, Schenectady from Greene C. Bronson. Paige was at this time in nomination for Assembly Bronson had dined with Paige. (interesting light on politics by candidates). EZ Carpenter notes.
Pol 71	n.d.	“Houck massacre” McEvera vs. Houck re: Mohawk Bridge controversy.
Pol 72	n.d.	“Crippen & Ulrich” taxes. Copyist (Clerk) vs. Supervisors. Supervisor Board, not Town Board, would make allowance for clerk’s salary.
Pol 73	n.d.	Slate for Glenville: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justice, Collector, Assessor, Commissioner, Overseer of the poor, constables, inspectors.
Pol 74	n.d.	Notes by EZ Carpenter, on Yates Tirade against Yates.
Pol 75	n.d.	Notes by EZ Carpenter, Monroe Doctrine. Boundaries of part of Glenville; mail carried by electric company; suggests that Germany acquire by purchase the Danish West Indies
Pol 76	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s notes on Unions, taxes copied from “Labor” O’Dell
Pol 77	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s notes: wants highway on north side of railroad
Pol 78	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s Notes: Labor Unions, Naylon.
Pol 79	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s Notes: Tariff: Ship subsidy no change in tariff to meet changing circumstances badly needed.
Pol 80	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s Notes: Criticism of lawmakers.
Pol 81	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s Notes: Tax burdens, labor
Pol 82	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s Notes: County demagogues: Hill & O’Dell.
Pol 83	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s Notes: Greater Schenectady aims to absorb all of cities in outlying and adjacent towns, leaving farming districts directly involved a mere share in the losses, etc.
Pol 84	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s Notes: Incorporation of Town (Glenville) made a town scandal. Mostly concerned by office of Clerk.
Pol 85	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter’s Notes: There is a newspaper editor or reporter involved in these notes. MNC “Naylon a 2 nd Edition of Scandals”.

Pol 86	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter's Notes: Assessments - Scheme of Rob...?" O'Dell catering to public applause. Peter concerns itself with proposed income tax.
Pol 87	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter's Notes: Speaks of "disturbances" in some states.
Pol 88	1873 Nov	Glenville - E.Z. Carpenter's Copy. Assessment of Roll list, District #3.
Pol 89	1873 Nov	Supreme Court - The Town of Duanesburg, Glenville, Princetown, Rotterdam. Board of Supervisors of Schenectady re: assessments on real estate in county v. city
Pol 90	1864	Supreme Court - Apportionment matters: Townships of Glenville, Rotterdam, Princetown & Duanesburg v. Supervisors' board.
Pol 91	n.d.	Incomplete court case: Township of Glenville, Duanesburg, Princetown, Rotterdam. Re: Real Estate Taxes vs. apportionment on County Board of Supervisors.
Pol 92	1864	Supreme Court - Ditto Pol. 91 Original Summons, complaint order of injunction and papers.
Pol 93	n.d.	E.Z. Carpenter's Notes: O'Dell's Interference
Pol 94	1888	Republican Campaign Committee State Committee NY
Pol 95	6 Apr 1897	Election Notice - Broadside of Annual Town Meeting, Glenville
Pol 96	8 May 1824	Baltimore - Letter to Jonathan Walton, Schenectady from Samuel T. Anderson re: acknowledgement of monies received. President has recommended settlement of Governor Tompkins case.
Pol 97	1897	Glenville - Alms House to pamphlet file. Newspaper clippings from The Star about Alms House.
Pol 98	1888	The Republic League of the U.S. For election of Harrison-Morton ticket from letter moved to Pol. 67.
Pol 99	1897	Glenville. Election Notice. Annual town meeting. Resolution for vote. City Schenectady willing to purchase river bridges. Election ticket. Polls open sunrise to sunset. Dist. #1 at house of Mrs. Mary Van Epps #2. at Good Templars Hall, Scotia. #3 at house of W.S. Hamlin
Pol 100	n.d.	[Missing]
Pol 101	n.d.	[Missing]

Pol 102	1861	Glenville. Petition to supervisors, Town Clerk, that they (the undersigned) learned that a vacancy existed in the Justice of the Peace, caused by the removal of Daniel Smith; recommended that Abram W. Toll be appointed. Names have been entered on name cards. (See Pol 106)
Pol 103	n.d.	[Missing]
Pol 104	1869	Glenville. Minutes of Special meeting of Town Auditors called at request of commissioners of highway re: damages of recent flood of Alplaus creek; bridges wiped out or severely damaged, roads obstructed.
Pol 105	n.d.	Supervisor Board be empowered to purchase farms to be sold in 5 acres parcel on long credit. Heads of families in indigent circumstances. To have been residents for at least 5 years. Were to be able to work to pay taxes on highways.
Pol 106	21 Jan 1864	Appointed Abram W. Toll as Justice of the peace. (See Pol. 102)
Pol 107	15 Dec. 1874	Official letter by S.G. Hamlin, calling for resignation of DeRemer as postmaster, giving reasons.
Pol 108	n.d.	List of names, Ward or Township, "Last years Vote" amounts of money listed after some names and 'no go' after others. Some marks ok and others 'c'. NB Reynolds remarks 'payment of votes'? c= copperheads
Pol 109	n.d.	Blank printed petition "To the Senate of the State of New York" re: disapproval of republican voters of those Senators in Congress who disapproved of National Administration.
Pol 110	n.d.	Robert J. Landon as Chairman of County Commission of Republican party, seeking support of Republican ticket. This letter was addressed to 'you' having been named as an active reliable Republican.
Pol 111	n.d.	Remonstrance to Governor Throop, a petition had been forwarded to the Governor asking that Samuel Myers be appointed as auctioneer of the city. It stated Myers had been violently opposed to Republicanism, therefore, protest his appointment. (See Pol. 114)
Pol 112	22 Aug 1887	Printed letter from J.S. Landon, asking for support for him as candidate for Supreme Court Judge.
Pol 113	n.d.	Remonstrance sent to Governor Throop, appointment had been made (or forwarded to him) asking that Samuel Myers be appointed as City auctioneer. States that Myers had opposed Republican administration.

Pol 114	n.d.	Schenectady. Remonstrance to Governor Throop. Petition had been forwarded which had erased name of Samuel Myers, substituting that of John I. Yates as auctioneer. Asks that Roswell Perry & Yates be appointed.
Pol 115	2 July 1868	Schenectady. Minutes of the Republican County Convention held in Anthony Hall; EZ Carpenter, secretary.
Pol 116	31 Mar 1832	Nominations for Charter & Town officers for First Ward. Supervisor, Constables, Alderman, School Commissioners, fence viewers, assessors. Poor master, Collector. Names have been entered on name cards.
Pol 117	n.d.	Canvas of Voters; 1. Wards, Rotterdam, Glenville, Princetown, Niskayuna (See Pol. 118)
Pol 118	n.d.	Tally sheet for Pol. 117
Pol 119	n.d.	Tally sheet for Pol 117
Pol 120	n.d.	Tally sheet for Pol 117
Pol 121	21 Feb 1849	Board of Supervisors certifying appointment of commissioners to lay out Schenectady and Saratoga RR Also, Schenectady & Duanesburg Plank Road
Pol 122	13 Jun 1848	Oaths & Report of Election Inspection for Schenectady bank directors. John Strong, James Rosa
Pol 123	3 Jun 1850	Schenectady. Silas Lawrence against Harmanus Van Eps re: election as Trustee of Glenville. Claims that plaintiff had not been a freeholder in Glenville at time of election.
Pol 124	3 June 1872	Speech of Honorable Matthew H. Carpenter in US Senate. The President vindicated. <u>US Grant</u> [Moved to Grant in pamphlet file.]
Pol 125	25 Mar 1861	Letter added to President asking that Stephen H. Johnson be appointed as Judge of one of the [illegible].
Pol 126	n.d.	Glenville. July list of Glenville. Name, occupation and residence. Names have been added to cards.
Pol 127	Apr 1882-83	Supervisor's report, Town of Glenville.
Pol 128	11 Jun 1915	Charter of Schenectady Economics Club of Schenectady of the Intercollegiate Society. Names of charter members have been entered on name cards. (Socialism)
Pol 129	Sept 1767	Return of the Officers appointed and elected for the Borough of Schenectady. Names have been entered on name cards.
Pol 130	18 Oct 1900	Political meeting with Bryan speaking. Newspaper clipping showing crowds. [Moved to Pam file - Bryan, William Jennings]
Pol 131	1947	The oldest Legislative Assembly in America and its first State House.

Pol 132	19 Apr 1828	US Telegraph. Vol 1. No. 6 Devoted exclusively to the Presidential election; to be published weekly until election.
Pol 133	29 Oct 1853	Democratic Convention, Schenectady County.
Pol 134	1889	Extracts from Supervisor Report for Town of Glenville re: investigation of account of certain Town Officers [missing]
Pol 135	n.d.	2 copies. "Those Sheriff's Bill" re: prices paid by supervisors for meals of prisoners.
Pol 136	n.d.	The proposed transfer of bridge holdings from city to state.
Pol 137	n.d.	Typed copy of Dongan Charter
Pol 138	20 Feb 1896	Pamphlet - report of the closing of Kruesi Avenue GE threatens to draw out of Schenectady for want of expanding space. Subscribers list of those who helped to pay for property. General Electric Company.
Pol 139	1832	4 th of July oration; printed brochure; delivered at Lyons, Wayne Co., NY by Graham H. Chapin. [Missing 7/1978]
Pol 140	n.d.	Two posters of the candidate Alonzo C. Paige campaign for member of Congress.
Pol 141	n.d.	Organization & Committees: Board of Supervisors 1893, 1894, 1895, 1897, 1899. See next card 141
Pol 141	1844	Program of the Assembly members of NY. See card in front 141
Pol 142	n.d.	Plan of the House of Representatives of UC Washington
Pol 143	n.d.	Alexander Hamilton v. John Adams 1. Adams, John 2. Hamilton, Alexander
Pol 144	Dec 1832	Message to Congress. 1. U.S. President Andrew Jackson
Pol 145	29 Apr 1896	Senator Henry M. Teller's speech to the Senate. Subject: Free coinage of silver.
Pol 146	21 Apr 1818	Dutchess County. Printed letter by candidates of the Federal party, sent to Jesse Tillott of Beekman.