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Guide to the E.Z. Carpenter Papers, 1661-1931 (2006.2.12)

Creator: E.Z. (Edwin Zachariah) Carpenter, 1835-1917

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Abstract: This collection is comprised of a variety of material compiled by E.Z. Carpenter, a historian, genealogist, and collector from the town of Glenville.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection is comprised of a variety of material created and compiled by E.Z. Carpenter, a historian, genealogist, and collector from the town of Glenville. The bulk of material pertains to people, organizations, and events in Glenville and Scotia. The collection includes original historic documents and copies of historic documents, copies of deeds and documents pertaining to legal matters, pension papers, genealogical notes, and newspaper clippings. The collection also includes occasional notes or other materials added by Scotia historian Neil Reynolds.

Materials of special interest in the collection include Carpenter's genealogical material about a number of Glenville families, Carpenter's notes on his conversations with painter Samuel H. Sexton, transcribed copies of the diary of Abram O. Veeder, and material pertaining to the legal and financial dealings of E.Z. Carpenter.

Biographical Note:

Edwin Zachariah Carpenter was born in 1835, the son of William Carpenter and Anne Heddon. Carpenter, a long-time resident of Glenville, collected historical material about local people, families, businesses, and events. Scotia historian Neil Reynolds describes Carpenter as a self-styled historian "who chose to specialize in the seamy side of life," recording the "the anecdotes, the tall tales, the nicknames and characteristics" of the townspeople along with the basic facts of their history and genealogy.

Carpenter is perhaps best known for his self-published magazine, *The American Historian and Quarterly Genealogical Record*. Willis T. Hanson, in his *History of Schenectady During the*

Revolution, investigated the authorship of *The American Historian and Quarterly Genealogical Record*, which was noted on the title page as being “edited by the Historical Society.” Hanson writes in 1911: “Indirectly, from the publisher, the writer has learned the history of this little magazine. There was no ‘Historical Society’ ... Mr. Carpenter had no associates in his enterprise. He was sole editor, proprietor and printer, setting his own type and using as hand press which he still has.”

Neil Reynolds notes that Carpenter’s most steady work was as a printer and publisher. He also served for a time as Glenville Justice of the Peace and was involved in real estate in Glenville. After a lifetime of chronicling and collecting information about Scotia and Glenville history, Carpenter died on December 20, 1917 at the home of his niece, Mrs. H.L. Schermerhorn. He is buried in the cemetery of the First Reformed Church of Scotia.

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Item/Box/Folder Listing:

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1	1	Andrews, Elisha – genealogy notes – n.d.
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1	5	Cheeseman, Doctor – ca. 1879
1	6	Civil War Muster Roll – 1864-1865 [one sheet only]
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1	8	Deeds, Petitions, Various – 1684-1912 Contents of folder: 1684 – Patent granted to Schenectady signed by Thomas Dongan 1685 – Petition of Jacobus Peek and Isaac Truax to Governor Dongan 1725 – Statement between Ahasurus Marselis and Dow Fonda 1727 – Deed between John Marsellus and Daniel Killehym – lot number 9, State Street 1752 – Document – Arent Bradt, trustee/signed by Joseph Murray 1794 – Deed – Jacob Swits and Joseph Yates 1814 – Robert Blood – property transfer to Daniel Starks 1839 – Document concerning Lewis Peck vs. Hiram Haight Case 1865 – Petition for divorce – Margaret Janner vs. Charles Janner 1889 – Swan vs. Dingleman proceeding 1905 – Bond between Abner Van Dusen and E.Z. Carpenter 1905 – Mortgage between Abner Van Dusen and E.Z. Carpenter 1912 – Deed between Walter Hallenbeck and E.Z. Carpenter n.d. – Deed – Johannes the Indian – water rights of Alplaus to H. Hagadorn. n.d. – subdivision of Great lot E (William Fonda farm) n.d. various maps of property
1	9	Erie Canal and Mohawk River – 1864-1872
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		<p>1822 - Town Meeting - List of Attendees 1822 - Restcom Potter - Bound to Trustees of Glenville 1823 - Overseers of the Poor document 1823 - Trustees of Town of Glenville Notes 1823 - Commissioners of Common Schools - Forming of School District 1834 - Article of Agreement bet. Abigail Capen - Jonathan Hagadorn 1845 - Schedule of Obligations payable to Trustees of Glenville 1849 - Commissioner's Notice to remove Fence from Highway 1849 - Commissioner's Order to Henry Brumaghim - Fence Removal 1859 - Commissioner of Highways - signed Document 1864 - Thomas McGarry - Post Office Robbery - Two Documents 1866 - Sale of Books 1869 - Owen McCann Letter to a Mr. Yates 1872 - Income of Town Farm - Distribution Information 1873 - Poll List of Names - District #2 Glenville 1876 - A. A. Monroe Letter to NYS Superintendent of Public Instruction 1879 - Notes on fire at Sidney Harden's barn 1879 - Nomination of Candidates for Town Offices 1883 - Assessment for 10th District 1888 - Examinations - The People vs. Clarence Davenport 1888 - Poll List of Names - District #2 Glenville 1888 - Heads of Families - Thomas School District 1889 - Sidney Reynolds vs. Amur Cath 1889 - Jury List of Town of Glenville 1889 - Reynolds vs. William Pier (Defendant's Apology)</p>
1	11	<p>Glenville Documents File #2 – 1890-1904 Contents of file: 1890 - Petition of N. S. Cheeseman 1890 - N. S. Cheeseman vs. Frank Clock Document 1890 - E. Z. Carpenter's Statement in regard to Clock-Cheeseman Case 1890 - Jury List (Copied by E. Z. Carpenter) 1891 - James Collins Document to Highway Commissioners 1891 - Petition of Lucy Hubert in regard to Isaac Hulbert 1891 - Order signed by Lucy Hulbert and E. Z. Carpenter 1891 - Lorenzo Van Patten document subscribed to by E. Z. Carpenter 1891 - Melvin Lovett - Lorenzo Van Patten Document 1891 - Jacob Lewis document subscribed to by E. Z. Carpenter 1891 - Albert Vedder document subscribed to by E. Z. Carpenter 1894 - Vly Road property - four papers 1896 - List of trial jurors 1896 - Memo of Agreement between E. Z. Carpenter and Daniel Slover 1897 - warrant for Louis Buhrmaster and Statement signed by Louis Buhrmaster 1897 - Statement of Harman Osborn 1897 - Petition of John Shoemaker 1897 - Subpoena for People to appear before E. Z. Carpenter 1897 - Joseph Slade - George Ward Information 1899 - Agreement between James McKinney and Max Schmidt 1900 - William Rector Notes 1904 - Agreement between E. Z. Carpenter and D. H. Slover with 1905 note to Walter Slover.</p>
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1	20	Mohawk Turnpike & Bridge Company – 1800
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1	23	Munroe, Ada – Letters – 1877-1880
1	24	Patents – Hoosier Gate – 1859
1	25	Pension Papers – 1839-1855 Contents of folder: March 4, 1839 – Margaret Seaman Application for pension of Isaac Seaman. March 3, 1842 – Statement regarding Nicholas Barhydt and Susannah Barhydt March 6, 1846 – Pension Office Letter of J. L. Edwards – Margaret Seaman Claim July 20, 1853 - Discharge Document (damaged) – John Holden from U.S. Navy September 11, 1853 – Letter of A. Wilber to Colonel Stephen Yates August 22, 1855 – William J. Martin Letter to George Hamilton – Pension Claims August 23, 1855 – William J. Martin Letter to George Hamilton – Re: Dartmoor Prisoners August 25, 1855 – Pension Claim by Heirs of Simon DeGraff, Revolutionary Soldier August 27, 1855 – Letter to Sally Thomas from the Pension Office August 28, 1855 - Wm. J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – Simon DeGraff Case September 1, 1855 – Wm. J. Martin Letter to unknown – first pg missing (Dartmoor) September 1, 1855 – Wm. J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – Van Brunt Case September 1, 1855 – Philip Viele Case – Statement of Nicholas & Cornelius Viele September 6, 1855 – Wm J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – Various pension cases September 8, 1855 – Richard VanVorst Letter and Pension Payment Records September 8, 1855 – Wm J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – Various pension cases September 8, 1855 – Wm J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – Ann Lockwood Case September 9, 1855 – G. W. Billington’s letter from Waterford to G. E. Hamilton September 10, 1855 – Wm. J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – VanPatten and Seaman September 13, 1855 – Wm J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – Isaac Seaman Case September 13, 1855 – Statement of Maria Snell September 13, 1855 – Sarah Lusher Claim (Oswego Co) – Eri Lusher in War of 1812 September 14, 1855 – Statement of Elizabeth VanDerHyden, Widow of David September 14, 1855 – Claim of Margaret Seaman and Catharine Riggs-Heirs of Isaac September 14, 1855 – Wm. J. Martin Letter to George Hamilton – Viele Claim September 15, 1855 – Wm. J. Martin Letter to George Hamilton – James Thompson Case September 17, 1855 – Elizabeth Mills Claim – Pension Money of Lt. Colonel John Mills September 19, 1855 – Wm J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – VanDerHyden and Seaman

		<p>September 19, 1855 – Wm J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton - Hugh McMaster Claim</p> <p>September 19, 1855 – Wm J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – Hugh Priddle Claim</p> <p>September 20, 1855 – Ellen Merry Claim - John Merry, alias John Holden</p> <p>September 22, 1855 – Wm J. Martin Letter to G. Hamilton – VanPatten and John Cooper</p> <p>September 29, 1855 – WJM Letter to GH – Mills, Viele, VanDerHyden and DeGraff</p> <p>October 6, 1855 – G. W. Billington Note to G. Hamilton – Delay in Payment</p> <p>November 15, 1855 – WJM Letter to S. H. Johnson, Esq. – Ann Lockwood Claim</p> <p>November 26, 1855 – WJM Letter to G. Hamilton – Judge Johnson Apology</p> <p>December 1, 1855 – WJM Letter to G. Hamilton - Various Cases Discussed</p> <p>December 6, 1855 – WJM Letter to S. H. Johnson – Viele Case</p> <p>December 10, 1855 – WJM Letter to S. H. Johnson – Coxe, VanBrunt & Lockwood</p> <p>December 24, 1855 – G. Hamilton Letter to S. H. Johnson – Wheaton-VanDerHyden</p> <p>No Date, 1856 – Hoffman – Bulefall(?) - Wheaton Claims – not complete</p> <p>January 3, 1856 – WJM Letter to S. H. Johnson – Various pension cases</p> <p>February 18, 1856 – WJM Letter to S. H. Johnson – Re: Attorney G. Hamilton</p> <p>February 27, 1856 – WJM Letter to S. H. Johnson – Proposed Trip of Hamilton</p> <p>March 1, 1856 – George Hamilton Letter to S. H. Johnson – Re: Allegations</p> <p>March 7, 1856 – Letter to Wm. J. Martin – VanBrunt Case – (Letter not signed)</p> <p>March 14, 1856 – WJM Letter to S. H. Johnson – Various matters</p> <p>March 31, 1856 – WJM Letter to S. H. Johnson – VanDerHyden Case</p> <p>December 3, 1856 – Denial of Sally Thomas’ Claim – Widow of Cornelius</p> <p>March 4, 1867 – Pension Office Letter – Catharine Carr Claim (James)</p> <p>December 27, 1867 – Pension Office Letter to A. A. Yates – re: Catharine Carr Claim</p> <p>July 7, 1869 – Dept. of Interior Letter to Austin A. Yates – re: John Patterson</p> <p>October 25, 1869 – Anthony Benedict Statement – Henry Kannedy’s Pension Money</p> <p>No Date – Isaac VanVranken Service Record</p> <p>Various Pension Correspondence – (Copied by Neil B. Reynolds)</p> <p>Samples of Various Pension Forms used in the 1850’s and 1860’s</p>
1	26	Schenectady Charter – Maps and Documents – 1763-1880
1	27	Schenectady 1876 Celebration – 1876
1	28	Schermerhorn, H. L. – 1892-1904
1	29	Scotia Items – 1854-1900
1	30	Scotia Organizations – 1903-1913
1	31	Sexton – 1878, 1889
1	32	Smith, Daniel, Glenville Justice of the Peace – 1840-1863
1	33	Swits Family – 1853-1866
1	34	Teachout Family Papers – 1829-1913
1	35	VanOlinda – VanSlyck Genealogy – n.d.
1	36	Vedder, Nicholas Swart Genealogy – 1897-1898
1	37	Veeder, Abram Olney Diaries – 1828-1890
1	38	Veeder, Abram Olney Diaries – 1828-1890
1	39	Yates, Austin A. – 1866-1870
1	N/A	Genealogy notebook of E.Z. Carpenter – n.d.
1	N/A	Josiah Seidman’s journal [Waterford, NY – mostly newspaper clippings] – 1863-1909