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Sanford Vint Vanderzee Collection

1872-1936

3 hb. boxes

- Series I. Wills and business papers (1872-1936)
- Series II. Correspondence (1916-1932)
- Series III. Ephemera (1920-1930)

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Biographical Note

This is a collection of paper saved by Sanford Vint Vanderzee (b.1911). The collection includes letters Vint received first as a child away at summer camp (1924 & 1925), then as a post graduate high school student at Pawling School (1927-8) and finally as a student at Brown University (1928-1932). There are ephemera from his student days. The collection also includes wills and other paper from Mrs. S. V. Vanderzee's (Helen Sayles, b.1911) family: Neems and Sayles. There are letters from Helen to Vint when she visited Europe in 1930.

The Vanderzees were among Albany's earliest settlers. Storm Vanderzee was born during a storm at sea, hence his name. He arrived in the new world in 1630.

W. S. Vanderzee, Vint's father, had a flour, feed and grain store.

James Vint, Vint's grandfather, sold art, antiques and furniture. His company also made furniture.

William Sayles Co. was a builder. Vint's grandfather, Arthur, was the second generation in the business.

Joseph Neemes' (Mrs. Arthur Sayles father) business was Neemes Brothers. They did "castings" and manufactured stove grates.

Scope and Content Note

The Vanderzee collection spans the period from 1872-1936 and primarily contains documents relating to S. V. Vanderzee's personal and family life. The collection is divided into III series: Wills and business papers, Correspondence, and Ephemera. The collection was acquired by Norman Rice when Pieter Vanderzee sold the contents of his parents' house (Vint and Helen Sayles Vanderzee). N. Rice donated the collection to the Institute in December 1999.

Series I. Wills, estates, business: papers from Neemes, Sayles, Vint and Vanderzee families. 1872-1936. The series is arranged alphabetically by family and chronologically within family. The series contains correspondence and some inventories relative to the settling of various estates. There is interesting letterhead from family and local businesses. The A.M. Neemes business papers (folder 4) includes a letter about a departure from Berlin on the beginning of WW I. A letter received by Tynie Vint Vanderzee asks her to subscribe to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Series II. Correspondence to and from Sanford Vint Vanderzee (1916-1932) includes letters received first as a child away at summer camp, then as a post-graduate student at Pawling School and finally as a student at Brown University. The letters from his mother are of interest because she is describing life in Selkirk in the 20's. Also included are letters from other friends and relatives. There is a series of letters from Helen Sayles, his future wife, when joins a friend and her family to tour Europe when she is 20 years of age. There are a few letters from Vint.

Series III. Ephemera 1920-30 is what any boy and young man might have saved in the 1920's. The collection includes material from the Albany Academy (1920-29), Brown University (1927-30), a Cornell University Handbook (1926-7), Dance and concert programs from Saint Agnes School and the Albany Academy for Girls (1925-30), Pawling School (Millbrook, NY), and assorted greeting cards and ephemera.

Phoebe Bender processed the Vanderzee Collection in 2000-2.

Box Folder

Series I. Wills, estates and business papers

Neemes Family material

1	1	Joseph H. Neemes, assorted papers	1872-1916
	2	Anna M. Neemes, will	1917
	3	Anna M. Neemes, estate inventory	1931
	4	Anna M. Neemes correspondence	1914-1931
	5	Anna M. Neemes estate (list of stocks owned)	1932-4
	6	Neemes insurance papers	1918-1930

Sayles Family material

	7	Arthur E. Sayles, will	1930
	8	Mary Neemes Sayles business correspondence	1930-36
	9	Mary Neemes Sayles, will	1930
	10	Neemes Sayles wedding lists	1905

Vint Family material

	11	Receipts from James Vint and Son to J.L. Lochner	1890-1915
	12	James Vint, will	1910
	13	James Vint and son auction	192?
	14	Miscellaneous receipts	1904-1931
	15	Miscellaneous Vanderzee business ephemera	1927-32
	16	Letter to Tynie Vint Vanderzee	1917

Box Folder

Series II. Correspondence

2	1	From Vint S. Vanderzee	1916-29
	2	From Camp Ne-Sho-Be staff	1924-5
	3	From Tynie Vint Vanderzee	1924
	4	From Tynie Vint Vanderzee	1925
	5	From Tynie Vint Vanderzee	1928
	6	From Vint's Aunts	1924-28
	7	From W.S.Vanderzee, John Lockner, Newton B. Vanderzee, Jr	1925-8
	8	From Clarke Redfield	1928
	9	From Robert A. Hill	1928-32
	10	From William Stanley and Florence Stanley	1928-31
	11	From Mary Neemes Sayles	1931
	12	From Helen Sayles Vanderzee	1930
	13	From Helen Sayles Vanderzee	1930
	14	From Helen Sayles Vanderzee	1930
	15	From Leland Tolman, includes photo negatives	n.d.
	16	Miscellaneous letters to Vint	1927-32

Series III. Ephemera

3	1	Albany Academy	1920-29
	2	Brown University	1927-30

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3	Cornell University Handbook	1926-7
4	Dance and concert programs from St.Agnes School and The Albany Academy for Girls	1925-7
5	Diaries	1923, 1928
6	Greeting cards	n.d.
7	Invitations from St Agnes School and The Albany Academy for Girls	1925-30
8	Pawling School (Millbrook, NY)	1927-8
9	Vint S. Vanderzee school papers	1926-28
10	Vint S. Vanderzee photographs	1928
11	Helen Sayles Vanderzee photographs	1930
12	Assorted ephemera	