

**A guide to the
Lockwood R. Doty (1885-1937)
Papers**

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Introduction

This collection was arranged and described as a project undertaken in connection with a practicum conducted by Nicole Menarchem while pursuing a Masters Degree in Library Science in the School of Graduate Education, Department of Library and Information Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Thanks goes to Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian who allowed me to carry out this practicum with the Lockwood R. Doty papers held by the county historian's office and goes to James M. Tammaro, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Library and Information Studies at SUNY at Buffalo who served as my supervisor for the practicum and provided me technical guidance and direction in carrying out the practicum work.

The papers were arranged and described according to various groups and sub-groups reflecting various topics covered by the papers. Most documents in the collection are housed in acid-free and lignin-free file folders with the larger documents such as maps, blueprints and ephemera housed separately in acid-free and lignin-free boxes. In the future, the county historian's office hopes to carry out other preservation activities with the papers such as photocopying the highly acidic newspaper articles in the collection onto acid-free and lignin-free paper.

Guidelines for Use

Use of the documents in the collection is for serious research and by request and permission of the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the series material in publications must be cited as follows, "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York". Additionally, all documents should be handled with care. Use of fragile maps is restricted.

Records can be viewed Monday through Friday from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the county historian's office.

To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955 or (585) 335-1730 or by e-mail at Historian@co.livingston.ny.us.

Biographical Sketch

Lockwood Richard Doty was born in Albany, New York on December 2nd, 1885 to a pioneer family that had settled in the Genesee Valley of upstate New York in 1799. Doty graduated from the law department of Columbia University, New York and became Livingston County judge in 1914 serving in that office until 1928. As a native of the county, Doty was very involved in the community. His involvement included serving as Geneseo Town Supervisor for six years, President of the Livingston County Historical Society, President (Mayor) of the Village of Geneseo, member and Secretary of the Local Board of Managers of the State Normal School at Geneseo, Trustee of the Wadsworth Library and Methodist Episcopal Church in Geneseo, Vice-President of the Letchworth Memorial Association, trustee and past Master of the Geneseo Masonic Lodge, and a member of the New York State Society of Mayflower Descendants, in addition to other positions.

In addition, Doty wrote and edited a “History of Livingston County”, based on his father’s (Lockwood Lyon Doty’s) first written history of the county. He also played a major role in planning regional events including a series of celebrations commemorating the 1779 Sullivan-Clinton Campaign against the five Indian nations during the American Revolutionary War. Doty died at the age of 79 on December 16th, 1937.

The documents described in this finding aid reflect the role Doty played in the community with regard to various events and undertakings carried out in the county.

Series Description

Lockwood R. Doty, Honorary.

Lockwood R. Doty Papers, 1841 – 1930 (1919 – 1930 Bulk).

Collection Number: C113

2.5 cubic feet, 4 boxes including a map box and ephemera box. Arrangement by subject into acid-free and lignin-free file folders and expandable file folders. Some maps are very brittle and showing extreme signs of deterioration and should not be handled. Documents are both handwritten and typewritten and in good condition except some documents show signs of acidic bleed-through. Ephemera include badges, tickets, brochures, and ribbons that are all housed separately.

Created by Lockwood R. Doty and associates through correspondence. Records used to administrate and plan events held regionally and in Livingston County.

Records contain correspondence, press releases, deeds, contracts, newspaper clippings, minutes, reports, maps, blueprints, and ephemera. Records include administrative, financial, and legal documents for the Geneseo Celebration of WWI in 1919, Boyd and Parker Celebration in 1927, Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1929, property exchange with the Pennsylvania Rail Road, placement of historical markers, Belgium Relief, straightening of Canaseraga Creek, a proposed county tuberculosis hospital, Genesee Country History Book writing, construction of a highway in Leicester, etc. Scope of records includes the New York State towns of Leicester, Geneseo, and Groveland.

Box and Folder List¹

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- 1. Geneseo Celebration of WWI in 1919** (*Record Group*)
 - 1.A Newspaper Articles (*Record Subgroups*)
 - 1.B Financial Documents
 - 1.C Administrative Documents
 - 1.C.1. Program Documents
 - 1.C.2. Correspondence/Invitations Documents
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 - 1.C.6. Red Cross Documents
 - 1.C.7. Miscellaneous Correspondence and Notes of L. R. Doty
 - 1.C.8. Executive Committee Meeting Documents

- 2. Boyd and Parker Celebration 1927**
 - 2.A Newspaper Articles
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 - 2.C.1. Dedication of Boyd and Parker Wayside Shrine 1927 Documents
 - 2.C.1.1. Historical Background Documents for the Dedication
 - 2.C.1.2. L. R. Doty Correspondence – Boyd and Parker Celebration 1927
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- 3. Sesquicentennial Celebration 1929**
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¹ See Arrangement Notes in the Appendices for more information.

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Box 3

- 3.D.2.2. Band/Chorus Documents, Sesquicentennial
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- 3.D.3. Committee/Meeting Documents
 - 3.D.3.1. Suggested Members of Committee Documents
 - 3.D.3.2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 3.D.3.3. Advisory Committee Documents
- 3.D.4. Notes and Miscellaneous Documents
 - 3.D.4.1. Boyd and Parker Book

4. Other Events

- 4.A Property Exchange Documents for the Pennsylvania R. R.
- 4.B Historic Markers in Livingston County Documents
 - 4.B.1. Historic Markers Surveys/Applications
 - 4.B.2. Newspaper Clippings
- 4.C Belgium Relief Documents (1914 – 1915)
- 4.D Legal Advisory Board for Preparedness Documents (1917)
- 4.E Livingston County Historical Society Documents (1925 - 1929)

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- 3.E Ephemera, Sesquicentennial 1929

Box 5

- 4.F Genesee Country Historical Federation Documents (1921-1925)
- 4.G Straightening of Canaseraga Creek Documents
- 4.H County Tuberculosis Hospital Documents (1917-1920)

- 4.I Letchworth Park Committee Documents (1923 – 1927)
 - 4.I.1. Laws and By-Laws
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- 4.J Genesee Country History (Book) Documents
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 - 4.J.1.1.H. G. Linderman Correspondence Documents
 - 4.J.1.2.Gordon K. Miller Correspondence Documents
 - 4.J.1.3.Thomas J. Hudson Correspondence Documents
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 - 4.J.1.5.S. J. Clarke Publishing Co. Correspondence Documents
 - 4.J.1.6.O'Brien, Hopkins, Millikan, McCall, Jackson, Dewey, Sullivan, Foreman, Fairchild, Dunbar, and Diven Correspondence Documents
 - 4.J.1.7. Correspondence Documents
- 4.K 1841 Removal of Remains of Sullivan's Men to Mount Hope Cemetery Documents
- 4.L Construction of Highway in Leicester Documents (1917 – 1920)
- 5. Miscellaneous Documents

Box 6

- 4.I Letchworth Park Committee Documents (1923 – 1927)
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- Collection Notes
- Copies, 1927-1929 Sullivan Campaign events

Box 7

6. L. R. Doty Papers – Maps and Blueprints Box

Map List²

Letchworth Park Maps

1. Topography, State of New York; H. M. Wilson, 1905 edition, reprinted 1922.
2. Geologic Map of Letchworth Park; John M. Clarke; Bulletin 118.

Straightening of Canaseraga Creek Maps

3. 1911 Map (brittle and large).
4. State of New York Conservation Commission, Canaseraga Creek Improvement Map Showing Right of Way Parcels Conveyed by William A. Wadsworth & Wife by Deed Dated March 1, 1913; R. W. Sherman; File L529.0GC, Acc. 3402.
5. State Water Supply Commission, Albany, N.Y., Canaseraga Creek Improvement; Walter M. McCullver; Dr. 6 Acc. 538.

Construction of Highway in Leicester

6. These Subdivisions Contain Lots 11, 9, 30 Inclusive By a Map and Survey by D. A. Miller and Subdivided According to this Map by S. Summers in 1839.
7. State of New York – Commission of Highways, Land to be Acquired for the Dansville-Mt. Morris, Pt. 2 C. H. No. 715, From Buell Gould; Facer 6/1923; Map No. 1/2.
8. State of New York Departments of Public Works, Bureau of Highways, Land to be Acquired for the Dansville-Mt. Morris Pt. 2 C. H. 715 From Stoener Estate; Kinney, 2/1924; Map No. 13/16.
9. State of New York – Commission of Highways, Land to be Acquired for the Dansville-Mt. Morris, Pt. 2 C. H. No. 715 From M. Gray; Facer 6/1923; Map No. 7/8.
10. State of New York Department of Public Works, Bureau of Highways, Land to be Acquired for the Dansville-Mt. Morris Pt. 2 C. H. 715 From Craig Ross; Kinney 2/1924; Map No. 2-A-B.
11. State of New York Department of Public Works, Bureau of Highways, Land to be Acquired for the Lima-East Bloomfield Pt. 1 S. H. 5142 from Thomas Lancer; Hinman & Koerner 12/1923; Map No. 09.
12. State of New York Department of Public Works, Bureau of Highways, Land to be Acquired for the Lima-East Bloomfield Pt. 1 S. H. 5142, 5041 from Thomas Lancer; Hinman 2/1924; Map No. 01.
13. State of New York Department of Public Works, Bureau of Highways, Land to be Acquired for the Lima-East Bloomfield Pt. 1 S. H. 5142, 5041 from Chas Nolton; Chester 2/1921; Map No. 2.
14. State of New York Department of Public Works, Bureau of Highways, Land to be Acquired for the Lima-East Bloomfield Pt. 1 S. H. 5142 from Trimmer Estate; F. C. Koerner 10/1923; Map No. 3-R1.
15. State of New York Dept. of Public Works, Bureau of Highways, Land to be Provided for the Portageville-Nunda-Connection F.A.H. No from Central Elec. Co.; Neverett 6/1925; Map No. 1 (A-B).³

² Maps are grouped by subject. Contents include full map name, maker and date, then any identifying numbers. Maps are located in the Map box.

16. State of New York Dept. of Public Works, Bureau of Highways, Land to be Provided for the Portageville-Nunda-Connection F.A.H. Proj. No 393A from James Welch; Neverett 6/1925; Map No. 3 (A-B).
17. State of New York Dept. of Public Works, Bureau of Highways, Land to be Provided for the Portageville-Nunda-Connection F.A.H. No from Erie Rail Road Co.; Facer 7/1925; Map No. 6.

County Tuberculosis Hospital Maps

18. An Ideal Location for a Tuberculosis Hospital – Town of Leicester – Livingston County, N. Y., One of the beauty spots of the far-famed Genesee Valley – the site of the historic Indian Village of the Squakie Hill Reservation – Isolated and yet convenient to town and rail roads – on a commanding eminence giving a view of fifty miles; M. D. Baker – 1916.

Property Exchange for the Pennsylvania R. R. Maps

19. 3; S.B.L 11-3-21.
20. Pennsylvania System, Mount Morris, N. Y. Exchange of Property with County of Livingston; 2/1921; File No. H3.490.
21. Unmarked Map on Tracer Paper.
22. Penn. R. R.; F. O. Wheelock.
23. Penn. R. R.; D. E. Ayrault.
24. D. L. and W. Junction.
25. Properties of the Curtice Canning Corporation, Mount Morris, N. Y.; Monroe D. Baker 1925.
26. Village of Mount Morris – N. Y.; Monroe D. Baker 1925.⁴
27. Properties of the Curtice Canning Corporation, Mount Morris, N. Y.; Monroe D. Baker 1925.

Miscellaneous Maps (originally loose in collection)

28. Brittle and unfolded Map.
29. Outline Map of Proposed Site Sesqui-Centennial Sullivan Pageant, Geneseo, N. Y.; 6/1929; DWG. No. 25-27.
30. Map of Roads within a 5 Mile Radius of Torture Tree Park, Town of Leicester, Livingston County, N. Y.; DWG. No. 25-38.

³ Maps 10-12 of Construction of Highway in Leicester group are attached.

⁴ Map has a letter of certification with it.

Appendices

I. Arrangement Notes

1. The 1927 Donation Letter was used as a template for 1929 Donation Letters that were sent to various banks asking for funds to support the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1929. The location of both these documents is in the 3.B.2 Donation Folder in the Sesquicentennial Celebration 1929 files.
2. For the entire series any insurance related documents are filed in the legal folder for the documents corresponding event.
3. A letter from 1879 was used for historical background for the planning of the dedication of Boyd and Parker shrine and it is filed with that event in folder 2.C.1.1 Historical Background for the Dedication.
4. The deed for the Ambuscade plot in Groveland is filed with other deeds in the Boyd and Parker Celebration 1927 folder 2.C.2.1 Deeds.
5. The following are folders that already had an imposed arrangement and contents page, usually written in red and marked on the documents with a corresponding number. These folders include:
 - 3.D.1.1 - L. R. Doty Correspondence
 - 2.C.1.2 - L. R. Doty Correspondence – Boyd and Parker Celebration 1927
 - 3.D.2.3.2 - Program Documents Folder 2
 - 4.C - Belgium Relief Documents (1914 – 1915)
 - 4.E - Livingston County Historical Board Documents (1925 - 1929)
 - 4.F - Genesee Country Historical Federation Documents
 - 4.H - County Tuberculosis Hospital 1917-1920 Documents
 - 4.L - Construction of Highway in Leicester Documents (1917 – 1920)

II. References

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Cook, F., & Conover, G. S. (2006). *Journals of the military expedition of Major General John Sullivan against the Six Nations of Indians in 1779: With records of centennial celebrations : prepared pursuant to chapter 361, law of the state of New York, of 1885*. Westminster, Md: Heritage Books.

Doty, Lockwood R. Family Folder, Livingston County Historian's Office.

III. Locations of Similar Records

Town of Leicester Historian

Tom Roffe
Post Office Box 266
Leicester, NY 14481
Ph: (585) 382-3234

Town of Groveland Historian

Lawrence R. Turner
6732 Groveland Hill Road
Groveland, NY 14462
Ph: (716) 243-3784

New York State Archives

Cultural Education Center - 11th Floor
Madison Avenue
Albany, NY 12230
518 – 474- 6926

Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation*

Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1
Albany NY, 12238
Ph: (518) 474-0456

*The Groveland Ambuscade and Boyd and Parker Memorial Park are listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places (officially listed in 2009).

IV. List of Other Research Records at the County Historian's Office

Please ask for assistance in locating and utilizing any of these resources:

1. Subject Binders on the Sullivan Campaign
2. Historic Markers in New York State Binder

MARC Record for Lockwood R. Doty Papers

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| 100 1 | ≠a Doty, Lockwood R. (Lockwood Richard), Honorary ≠d 1858 - 1937 |
| 245 00 | ≠a Lockwood R. Doty papers ≠f 1841- 1930 ≠g1919 - 1930 |
| 300 | ≠a 2.5 Cubic Feet (4 Boxes, 10 expanding File-folders) |
| 351 | ≠a Arranged into four record groups: Geneseo Celebration of WWI in 1919, Boyd and Parker Celebration 1927, Sesquicentennial Celebration 1929, and Other Events. ≠b subject |
| 545 0 | ≠a Lockwood was a prominent lawyer and judge for Livingston County and president of the Livingston County Historical Society. |
| 520 | ≠a Records document Lockwood R. Doty's administrative role in planning regional celebrations and events including the Geneseo Celebration of WWI in 1919, Boyd and Parker Celebration in 1927, Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1929, property exchange with the Pennsylvania Rail Road, planting historical markers, Belgium Relief, straightening of Canaseraga Creek, county tuberculosis hospital, Genesee Country History Book writing, construction of a highway in Leicester, and more. ≠b Includes organization records from the Livingston County Historical Society, New York State Archives, Genesee Country Historical Federation, Letchworth Park Committee, and others. Series includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, maps, blueprints, and ephemera. |
| 555 | ≠a Finding Aid available at the Livingston County Historian's Office |
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