Ailsa Farm, the Hobart Estate
(William Paterson College, Wayne, New Jersey, established 1948)

size: .25 ft.

An artificial collection consisting primarily of newspaper clippings
and articles about the land that is now the site of William Paterson
College and the family who previously lived on that land. The
articles and clippings in the collection written about the
Hobart family and their estate are dated beginning in 1941.
Articles pertaining to the location of William Paterson College
(Paterson State Teachers College) on the Hobart Estate are dated
beginning in 1948.

The collection includes biographical information on family members;
information regarding the history and lore of the Hobart Estate -
Ailsa Farm and the original manor house; choosing the Hobart Estate as
a college site, and the establishment of Paterson State Teachers
College. There is documentation of the manor house being named an
historical site, and information and plans to restore the manor house
to its original grandeur. There are photographs of the exterior and
interior of the manor house.

The contents of each file unit are arranged chronologically.
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(William Paterson College, Wayne, N.J.)

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   Garret Augustus Hobart 1844 - 1899
   Esther Jane (Jennie) Tuttle Hobart 1849 - 1941
   Garret A. Hobart, Jr. 1884 - 1941
   Caroline Frye Hobart 1880 - 1960
   Katherine Hobart Hand 1912 - 1960
   Garret A. Hobart, III 1908 - 1963
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II  The Hobart Estate - Ailsa Farm Information
   A. History of the Hobart Estate
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   D. Photographs
      Exterior and interior photographs of Hobart Manor
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Series Description

I  The Hobart Estate - Family Biographical Information

Materials on each family member are arranged chronologically.
Mostly obituaries, some clippings and articles pertaining to Garret A. Hobart and his immediate family.

II  The Hobart Estate - Ailsa Farm Information

A. History of the Hobart Estate.

Arranged chronologically, 1974-1979.
A letter from Garret A. Hobart's granddaughter describing Ailsa Farm; articles and clippings about its history, the people who lived there, and some of the lore which has evolved.

B. Establishment of Paterson State Teachers College (William Paterson College).

Articles describing the transfer of Ailsa Farm to the State of New Jersey and the designation of the land for the establishment of a teachers college. Also, articles on the transition from Paterson State Teachers College to William Paterson College.

C. Hobart Manor House - Haledon Hall

Memoranda and correspondence pertaining to the designation of Hobart Manor as an historic site. Copies of forms which were filed. Clippings and articles which appeared when the designation was awarded. Copies of forms, proposals, and floor plans of the Manor House which were submitted for the purpose of renovation.

D. Photographs

Contemporary photographs of the interior and exterior of the Manor House.
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Item Inventory

I. The Hobart Estate - Family Biographical Information

Garret Agustus Hobart:
1943
"Sketch of the Life of Garret A. Hobart"
Reproduced from HOBART FAMILY IN AMERICA: TWELVE GENERATIONS, Percy Hobart Titus, Editor.

June 6, 1962
Newspaper photograph
Paterson Evening News
"Historical Society Gets Cane Used by Hobart"

Nov. 23, 1963
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"Paterson's Hobart Died in Office"

August 25, 1965
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"Hobart and Griggs, of Paterson, Prominent on National Scene"

Aug. 19, 1967
Newspaper article
The Daily Record, magazine section
"The Paterson Businessman Who Became Vice President"

Dec. 9, 1969
Newspaper photograph
Herald-News
Statue of Garret A. Hobart in front of Paterson Court House

Jan. 16, 1975
Newspaper article
The Daily Record
"A Vice President Called Paterson Home"
Jennie Tuttle Hobart:
Jan. 9, 1941
Newspaper article
The New York Times
"Mrs. Hobart Dies; Figure in Capital"

Jan. 10, 1941
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"Hold Last Rites for Mrs. Hobart"

Jan. 10, 1941
Newspaper article
Paterson Morning Call
"Private Services for Mrs. Hobart"

Jan. 11, 1941
Newspaper article
The New York Times
"Rites for Mrs. Hobart"

April, 1941
Photocopy
from New Jersey Historical Society Proceedings,
Vol. 59
Necrology - Mrs. Esther Jane Tuttle Hobart

Dec., 1955
Bulletin of the Passaic County Historical Society, Paterson, N.J.
"Hobart-Tuttle Families"

Nov. 29, 1967
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"Memorial Day Nursery, in 80th Year, Has Given Shelter to Thousands" (founded by Mrs. Hobart)

(no date)
Biographical notes
"Jennie Tuttle Hobart and Garret A. Hobart, Jr."

Garret A. Hobart, Jr.:
Feb. 1, 1941
Biographical notes
Paterson News Library
Sept. 30, 1941
Newspaper article
The New York Times
"Garret A. Hobart, 57, Aide of Jersey Parks"

Sept. 30, 1941
Death notice
Paterson Morning Call
"Hobart, Garret A."

Sept. 30, 1941
Newspaper article
Paterson Morning Call
"Garret A. Hobart Dies Suddenly: Funeral Service Will be Private"

Sept. 30, 1941
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"Private Funeral Rites Wednesday for G.A. Hobart"

Jan., 1942
Photocopy
from New Jersey Historical Society Proceedings, Vol. 60
Necrology - Garret A. Hobart, Jr.

(no date)
Reprint
The Passaic County Historical Society
"Garret A. Hobart, Jr. 1884-1941"

Caroline Frye Hobart:
Sept. 11, 1960
Newspaper article
New York Herald-Tribune
"Mrs. Hobart Kin of Former vice President"

Sept. 12, 1960
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"Private Rites Tomorrow for Mrs. G. Hobart"
Katherine Hobart Hand:
Oct. 12, 1962
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"Mrs. David Hand Dies: Hobart's Granddaughter"

Garret A. Hobart, III:
Mar. 11, 1963
Newspaper article
Paterson Morning Call
"G.A. Hobart, III Dies at Age 55"

Garret A. Hobart, IV:
Jan. 12, 1963
Newspaper article
Herald-News
"Hobart Fails to Capture Party Post"

Apr. 20, 1967
Newspaper photograph
The Daily Record
Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Hobart, IV present portrait of Jennie Tuttle Hobart to Passaic Co. Historical Society

Dec. 5, 1974
Newspaper article
Herald-News
"Bank Denies Hobart's Charges"

(no date)
Resume

II. The Hobart Estate - Ailsa Farm Information

A. History of the Hobart Estate
May 6, 1974
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"College Grounds Have History of Fame and Elegance"
May 9, 1974
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"Hobart Estate Was Choice Tract of Land"

Oct. 11, 1974
Memorandum
From: Mrs. Catherine Fogarty, Librarian, Messler Library
To: Mrs. William Robinson
Re: Old maps and atlases with property owners names

Oct. 11, 1974
Letter
From: Mrs. Virginia Randall
To: Mrs. Henry Kingsbury (Garret Hobart's granddaughter)
Re: Request of Historical Site Committee of William Paterson College hoping to collect information about the original Hobart Estate

Sept. 28, 1975
Letter
From: Mrs. Henry Kingsbury
To: Mrs. Virginia Randall
Re: Ailsa Farm history

March 2, 1976
Newspaper article
The Beacon
"Who Lived in Haledon Hall?"

June 9, 1976
Newspaper article
Herald-News
"Hobart Manor Merges Old, New"

Oct. 25, 1978
Newspaper article
The Beacon
"Ghost Stories Materialize in Area's 'Haunted Houses'"

Oct. 30, 1978
Newspaper article
The Beacon
"History Told Through Haunts"
B. Establishment of Paterson State Teachers College  
(William Paterson College)

Summer, 1948
Newspaper article
Newark News
"Hobart Estate Seen Ideal As Paterson College Site"

Apr. 15, 1949
Newspaper article
Paterson News Library
"State to Make Debut College Site Tomorrow With Meeting of Future Teachers"

Dec. 2, 1951
Newspaper article
The New York Times
"Teachers College in New Jersey Moves"

1951-1952
Annual Report
New Jersey State Teachers College

1952
Newspaper article
"Looking Backward 50 yrs. Ago, in 1902" - Mrs. Garret A. Hobart bought Ailsa Farm at auction

1958
Newspaper article
"Echoes of the Past - 10 Years Ago" - Transfer of Ailsa Farm to State Board of Education
March 29, 1969
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"Twenty Years Ago, Tues. March 29, 1949, Paterson State Teachers College Acquired a New Home"

C. Hobart Manor House - Haledon Hall

Feb. 4, 1975
Memorandum
From: Chairman of the William Paterson College Bicentennial Historic Site Committee
To: President, Board of Trustees
Re: Recognizing Hobart Manor as an Historic Site

Dec. 19, 1975
W.P.C. Bulletin
Haledon Hall Named State Historic Site

Jan. 8, 1976
Newspaper article
Paterson Evening News
"W.P.C.'s Haledon Hall is Cited"

Jan. 22, 1976
Letter
From: David N. Poinsett
To: Terrence D. Moore
Re: Approval by the State Review Committee and entering Clinton Furnace as an Historic Site

May 24, 1976
Press Release
William Paterson College
"W.P.C. Building is National Historic Site"

(no date)
Press Release
William Paterson College
"W.P.C. Building is Named State Historic Site"

May 28, 1976
W.P.C. Bulletin
"The Manor is a National Historic Site"
June 1, 1976
Photocopy
Federal Register, vol. 41, no. 106
Ailsa Farm registered as Historic Site

June 9, 1976
Newspaper article
Herald-News
"Hobart manor Merges Old, New"

July 21, 1976
Invitation
From: William Paterson College Alumni Association
Re: Ceremony Commemorating the Recognition of Hobart Manor as a State and National Historic Site

July 27, 1976
Newspaper article
The Beacon
"Official Historic Site Haledon Renamed Hobart"

Jan. 31, 1978
Newspaper article
The Beacon
"Hobart Manor May Get Facelift"

(no date)
Photocopy
Forms - National Register of Historic Places

June 19, 1978
Letter with attachments
From: John Whitlock, Architect
To: Seymour Hyman, President, William Paterson College
Re: Historic Preservation Grants-in-aid application
including copies of application and copies of drawings for the proposed restorations.

Aug. 8, 1978
Photocopy
Preliminary Draft
Feasibility Study - Haledon Hall partial restoration
Aug. 11, 1978
Photocopy
Feasibility Study - Haledon Hall (Partial Restoration)

Dec. 11, 1978
Memorandum
From: Tim Fanning
To: Seymour Hyman
Re: Hobart Manor Restoration

May 9, 1979
Letter
From: Seymour Hyman
To: Congressman Robert Roe
Re: Hobart Manor Restoration

May 10, 1979
From: Helen Hamelton
To: Terry Karshner
Re: Funding for Restoration of Hobart Manor

(no date)
List of materials needed by Historic Sites Committee

D. Photographs