

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

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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.

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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).

Arranged Chronologically, 1948-1958.

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

Arranged chronologically, 1975-1979.

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 Augustus Hobart:

1943

"Sketch of the Life of Garret A. Hobart"

Reproduced from HOBART FAMILY IN AMERICA:  
TWELVE GENERATIONS, Percy Hobart Titus, Editor.  
Boston: Percy H. Titus, 1943.

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"

(no date)  
Newspaper article  
The Beacon  
"Strange Phenomena Can Make Skeptics Believe in  
Ghosts"

(no date)  
Article  
Passaic County Historical Society  
Mrs. Mollie Winchester, Mrs. Hobart's  
secretary, writes about Ailsa Farm

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. 16, 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

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