

Rocky River Historical Society

Archive Finding Aid

Daniel Marsalek Collection

Daniel Marsalek, a Rocky River dentist, had a keen interest in the Colonel Bradstreet Disaster. His extensive research covers the French and Indian War, leaders of Native American tribes, and various maps of Lake Erie regions.

Box 1

1. Bradstreet Statement on Indian Affairs – Portrait
2. Emails and photocopies (book) regarding Col. Henry Bauquet
3. Book photocopies – Information regarding boats and colonial batteaux
4. French Lieutenant Joseph Gaspard Chaussegeas de Lery; typed photocopy of English translation of De Lery journal; De Lery 4 photos
5. Joseph du Shattar – Information regarding search for remains of a French trading post in Cuyahoga Valley; 8 photos (4x6); Rocky River geography
6. Maps (mass printed) of Pennsylvania; email printout for Empire in NW PA, Erie, PA, Presque Isle
7. Fort Detroit: De Lery's Plans for Fort Detroit, photocopies, Congress with the Western nations
8. Godfrey: Dr. William Godfrey from Mt. Allison University, New Brunswick, Canada; correspondence and articles 1901, 2004
9. Google Maps of NY, OH, and PA
10. Johnson, Gage Bradstreet: Letters between Johnson and Bradstreet; entries regarding Johnson and Bradstreet conduct; Johnson bio – 1761 to Detroit; emails from Marsalek regarding Johnson Gage Bradstreet letters
11. Fort Arms Trading Post: Articles regarding events of Fort Sandusky, types of British/Spanish weapons described; letters and emails regarding archaeological finds in French forts; 1 photo
12. Mantee: General Bradstreet's Statement Upon Indiana Affairs
13. Sir William Johnson: Johnson Bio; file on Kirtland including disasters Indians
14. Mantee: Late war in Americas, General Bradstreet's statements, late war in America
15. Chapter 4 of early history of Cleveland by Charles Whittlesey Bradstreet Expeditions
16. Captain Morris and Thomas King testimony
17. Maps: Aerial views
18. Montesor and Journal, Montesor bio, journal entry, emails regarding Nathan Hale and Montesor
19. Indians

20. Letters and Morris journal, Gage, Cadwallader, Bradstreet correspondence, Montesor journal entries

Box 2

1. County, City, Parks, State: Geology and History; how Rockport came to be, maps of old Rocky River, newspaper articles regarding NE Ohio geography
2. County, City, Parks, State: Geology and History, articles of Old Rocky River, NE Ohio geography
3. Newspaper articles about and written by George Serb
4. The Old Colonial Soldier; files on notable officers during the expedition
5. Misc. newspaper articles; magazine on Daniel Boone and articles regarding Dr. Marsalek and his findings
6. Lake Erie Ridge Map (eastern side), Bradstreet to Bouquet correspondence, Presque Isle, Erie, 4 photos
7. Accounts of Major Robert Rogers and his rangers
8. Newspaper article: Roger's Rangers Archeologists digging up Roger's Marks
9. Portraits: General Bradstreet and Johnons and Montresor
10. Articles describing Pontiac's Rebellion
11. Rocky River and Cleveland; drawings and maps, articles on how Cleveland came to be, architectural landmarks
12. Flats – Letters to recognize our Lady of the Lake Church (St. Mary's of the Flats) (photocopy)
13. Sandusky: Maps of old Sandusky, accounts of happenings at Fort Sandusky, testimony of Thomas King
14. Timelines/Weather: chronological timelines of events surrounding Indians, Moer, Bouquet, Bradstreet
15. Wilkins and Early Exploration
16. Fort Niagara: Policy of Pacification, maps of Fort Niagara, book Achievements of Captain John Montresor

Box 3

1. Letters
2. Maps
3. Newspapers
4. Forts
5. Pontiac
6. Batteaux, Ships
7. Bradstreet, Putnam, Montresor
8. British Military
9. Correspondence

10. Orderly Book File 1
11. Orderly Book File 2
12. Correspondence and Addresses
13. Personal Correspondence
14. Photos Family Marsalek
15. Paper Personal Photos Marsalek

Box 4

1. Encyclopedia of Cleveland History
2. American Antiquarian Society Calendar
3. Letters of Western Reserve Historical Society 1873 Newspaper Articles; Lake Erie Exploration to 1800
4. Marsalek Resource Listings
5. Presentation Material
6. Bradstreet Internet Letters and Biographies
7. Misc. Information (photos/newspaper clippings/Bradstreet Landing)
8. Pre-Expedition Notes
9. Misc. Files and Photos (plus 2 envelopes)
10. Completed Papers by Marsalek Folder 1
11. Completed Papers by Marsalek Folder 2

Elizabeth Danielson Collection

Elizabeth Danielson was the Rocky River Historical Society's historian who worked with the Rocky River Public Library to collect information about significant families in the community. She conducted interviews with significant Rocky River community members throughout the 1960s and 1970s which are included in this collection.

Box 1

1. Biggs, Ina M.
2. Fitzgibbon, Helen and Carl (Georgia Safford)
3. Genung, John S.
4. Giddings, Marghret (Mrs. Paul)
5. Gillmore, Eleanor Linda
6. Hansen, Myrtle Higley
7. Hilberg, Norma (Mrs. E. A.)
8. Hileman, Elsie (Woodbury)
9. Hinz, William Robert
10. Hobson, Helen and Florence
11. Horn, Bertha M. Schupp
12. Ingersoll, Charles and Elizabeth

13. Irwin, Josephine
14. Kelley, Datus Current
15. Kelley, Helen
16. Kelley's Island History
17. Kelley, William Datus and Nancy E.
18. Keyse, Melvin
19. Kiss, Helen Reed (Joseph)
20. Klingman, Robert Wright
21. Koshnick, William J.
22. Krumweide, Arthur and Ploebe (Thompson)
23. Kyle, Mrs. Charles
24. Lamb, Virgil
25. Line, Nellie Crabbe

Box 2

1. Macbeth, Donald D.
2. Martin, Lillian (Von Haase)
3. McBean, Lucy Haynes
4. Mears, Dorothy Jane Hutchins
5. Mitchell, Edith Uffendell
6. Mitchell, Frank
7. Mitchell, Yank William and Clifford
8. Moore, Oren and Abigail (Jaycox)
9. Morley, Fred S.
10. Musrush, Frank Felix
11. Myers, Fred and Emma (Case)
12. Nelson, Robert
13. Nichols, John
14. Paddelford, William
15. Paine, Milfred M. (Mrs. Donald A.)
16. Parks, Nancy (Mrs. George Washington Parks)
17. Parson, Joseph A.
18. Parson, Roger B. Dr.
19. Pease, Clifford and Family
20. Perkins, May Hessert
21. Peterson, John William
22. Peterson, Katinka
23. Phinney Family
24. Pleasance, Josephine Hoag
25. Pliske, Albert

26. Pliske, Henry and Mildred
27. Pomeroy, Gertrude
28. Primett, Anna (Mrs. Arthur John)
29. Pugh, Doris Stafford
30. Randall, Gladys Smith
31. Raynolds, Mae Baker
32. Renfrew, Flora B. Tuttle
33. Rice, Bertha Diemer
34. Richards, Ralph D. and Dr. Robert
35. Reen, Mrs. M.E. Grace C. Oakley
36. Robinson, John G.
37. Rose, Andrew K.
38. Rose, John

Box 3

1. Sadler, Ethel Stouffer (Mrs. Bill)
2. Sanders, James W.
3. Sanford, Elroy
4. Scherer, Albert J.
5. Scheider, Fred Sr.
6. Schupp, Clarence Arthur
7. Shaw, Lucille
8. Shull, Florence
9. Simonds, Dorothy Arnold
10. Sinnema, Professor John R.
11. Smith, Nels
12. Sougiamis, Steve
13. Spence, Marie
14. Springer, Ruth Hoag
15. Stafford, Faye
16. Stein, Carl M.
17. Stein, Sig
18. Steiner, Mrs. Ella S.
19. Stapler, Marth Borovy
20. Stenger, Gertrude Kramer
21. Strehlaw, Ida Fursier and Hattie Bates Pease
22. Sullivan, John
23. Turgeon, Claire Mercer
24. Turnbull, Mary Felton
25. Underground Railroad

26. Van Dorn, J. H.
27. Thompson, E. P.
28. Tisdale, Erastus
29. Tougeau, Alice B.
30. Vaughan, Russell P.
31. Wagar, Ella Higley
32. Wagner, Fred
33. Waldruhe
34. Warner, Margaret Ann Nichols
35. Wleday, Chad
36. Wenban, Wade Sion
37. Whelpley, Mabel Blair
38. White, Mrs. Delphine
39. Wilbur, Blanche Carter
40. Wilde, William A.
41. Williams, Grace James
42. Williams, Mrs. Nathan
43. Wilson, James and Carolyn
44. Woodbury, Captain Harry A.
45. Wright, Richard J.
46. Wright, Rufus and Hepsibath
47. Zeager, Julius R. (Son of Lorenz)
48. Zeager, Lon (Lorenz)

Box 4

1. Disbrow, James G.
2. Gilmore Family
3. Burgett, Russell F.
4. Chandler, Marilyn and Roxanna
5. Gregg, Catherine Dr.
6. Kenney Rowe, Jack, Jane Olive
7. Maclallen, Jane
8. Mustee, Lola (Monosmith)
9. Seeman
10. Smith, Jonathan and Rebecca
11. Ziegler, Marian Thompson
12. Bits and Pieces of Research Information
13. Cemetery Information
14. General History Background for Research
15. Griswold-Eshleman Co.

16. Letters w/ No Response
17. Myers, Frank A.
18. Letters to Cleveland Plain Dealer and Rocky River Library
19. Preston, Howard (No Rocky River History)

Governor Reuben Woods Collection

Governor Reuben Woods was the 21st governor of Ohio. He lived in Rocky River and was also an ambassador and Ohio Supreme Court Justice. This collection primarily includes family history and correspondence between Governor Woods in the 19th century and between descendants in the 20th century.

Box 1

1. Wood, Mary, Personal Correspondence 1850-60-70s
2. Wood, Mary, to Mary Seabury Mastick 1864-65
3. Wood, Reuben, Letters to his Wife 1818; Letters from Polly Rice to Reuben Wood 1818
4. Wood, Reuben, Correspondence R. Wood to P. Rice
5. Wood, Reuben, Wood – Correspondence 1860s
6. Wood – Mastic Correspondence Spanning 1800s
7. Wood/Mastick Letters (misc.) 1850-1870
8. Wood daughters correspondence, Mary Wood Mastick, Lorette Wood Merwins
9. Correspondence Letters Seabury C. Mastic from Noble Merwin, son of Geo and Loretta Merwin 1867
10. Mastick, Seabury Cone, Correspondence 1960s
11. Mastick, Mary 1860s Correspondence w/ parents
12. Mastick Correspondence 1860s
13. Mastick, Mary Correspondence 1860, to sister Lotte
14. Mastick, Mary, 1870s Correspondence/general
15. Mastick, Seabury Cone Correspondence 1940-1950s
16. Mastick, Seabury Cone oral history transcript 1960s
17. Deeds, L. Dean to R. Wood 1854
18. Transfer property Wood to Mastick 1866 (deed quit claim)
19. Mastic Genealogy

Box 2

1. Seabury, Cone, Mastick Adoption and Will 1
2. Seabury, Cone, Mastick Adoption and Will 2
3. Mastick, Seabury Estate docs 1886
4. Mastick, Seabury death documents, last will and testament 1882; Edwin B. Mastick Estate Executor's Sale Advert 190s

5. Mary, Mastick legal doc/will 1907
6. Mastick, Mary Wood death docs 1907
7. Woods Property Evergreen photo copies, clipping from Mary Wood Mastick scrapbook about Evergreen, 1963
8. Mastick Misc. Information
9. Mastick Seabury Cone Diary 1884
10. Mastick Mary Wood Scrapbook
11. Mastick Family Genealogy
12. Wood, Reuben, Newspaper Clippings
13. Wood, Reuben, House Information
14. Wood, Reuben, Photos (on paper) and Information on his Life
15. Wood, Reuben, Mural Letter to City (Rocky River)
16. Elliott, John Henry "Wood"
17. Mastick, Correspondence, Mr. and Mrs. Seabury L. and others
18. Mastick, Kathrin (Mrs. Seabury) Correspondence (with Elizabeth Danileson) 1
19. Mastick, Kathrin (Mrs. Seabury) Correspondence (with Elizabeth Danileson) 2

Box 3

1. Wood, Personal Correspondence
2. Wood, Reuben and Mary Deaths
3. Wood Family Biographical Material (including sketch by Noble Merwin)
4. Deed of someone's property done while Wood was in office

Rocky River History Collection

This collection includes documents and photographs collected by the Rocky River Historical Society since its founding in 1968. Materials tell the story of significant businesses, people, and organizations throughout the town's history and into the present-day.

Documents

- Box 1 – Bradstreet's Landing and Lake Erie Docks
- Box 2 – Churches
- Box 3 – Businesses and Organizations
- Box 4 – Businesses and Organizations
- Box 5 – Families A-E
- Box 6 – Families F-L
- Box 7 – Families M-Z
- Box 8 – Houses
- Box 9 – Local Government and Civil Services
- Box 10 – Parks and Recreation and Railways

Box 11 – Rocky River Histories

Box 12 – Schools

Photographs

Box 13 – Bridges and Parks

Box 14 – Businesses and Organizations

Box 15 – Businesses and Organizations and Houses

Box 16 – Families A-L

Box 17 – Families M-Z

Box 18 – Misc. Rocky River Photos

Box 19 – Schools

Box 20 – Westlake Hotel

Rocky River Historical Society Institutional Collection

This collection includes institutional history about the Rocky River Historical Society since its founding 1968.

Box 1

1. Rocky River Historical Society – Programs
2. Rocky River Historical Society – Museum
3. Rocky River Historical Society – Space Allocation
4. Rocky River Historical Society – History of Organization
5. Residents Directory 1975
6. Conference on Preservation of Local History
7. Thank You Notes
8. Picnic Photos
9. Goldwood
10. Rocky River Historical Society
11. Rocky River Yesterday Draft
12. Western Reserve
13. Party at the Point
14. Rocky River Historical Society – Programs
15. Rocky River Memorial Day Parade
16. Rocky River Historical Society