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**THE PIERREPONT PAPERS  
1761-1918 (Bulk Dates: 1838-1888)**

**GUIDE TO THE PIERREPONT PAPERS**

39.6 cubic feet (7 document boxes, 1 oversize box, 84 ledger boxes)

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## Introduction

The Pierrepont Papers document the business activities of three generations of the Pierrepont family, one of the most prominent and influential families of nineteenth century Brooklyn. Covering a span of one hundred and fifty seven years, the collection begins in 1761 with the papers of Hezekiah Beers Pierpont\* and continues to 1918 with the papers of his grandsons, John Jay Pierrepont and Henry Evelyn Pierrepont II. The bulk of the collection concerns Hezekiah Beers Pierpont's son, Henry Evelyn. Father and son played an influential role in the history and development of the city of Brooklyn. The Pierrepont family involved itself in the conception and development of Green-Wood Cemetery, The Long Island Historical Society, and plans for a public promenade along the bluffs overlooking the East River. Their business ventures included the development of the ferries between Brooklyn and New York City and the expansion of the Brooklyn shipping industry. The material found in this collection provides insight into the life of a prominent and socially elite nineteenth century Brooklyn family and into the development of the Brooklyn waterfront, nineteenth century business dealings, and trends in overseas trade during the period.

**\*Note:** For a period of time the original spelling of the family name, *Pierrepont*, was superseded by the anglicized spelling *Pierpont*. Hezekiah Beers Pierpont requested that his wife and children be known by the original spelling of *Pierrepont* around 1802, but did not himself adopt this spelling for business reasons. In this guide this historical inconsistency of spelling is reflected accordingly.<sup>1</sup>

### Note on Brooklyn History:

Present-day Brooklyn encompasses the whole of Kings County, the westernmost portion of Long Island. Now a borough of New York City, Brooklyn grew out of six separate towns established in the colonial period, including the town of Breuckelen (Brooklyn), founded by the Dutch in 1646. The Village of Brooklyn was established via state charter in 1816, having grown up around the ferry landing, later Fulton Ferry, that lay nearest to Manhattan Island. Though only one-mile square, the Village of Brooklyn soon expanded beyond the immediate vicinity of the ferry. Brooklyn's importance as an East River crossing spurred the development of waterfront businesses, such as shipping and storage, as well as residential development. The expanded village acquired a city charter in 1834 and continued its growth, annexing the towns of Bushwick and Williamsburgh in 1854. A village less than twenty-five years earlier, the City of Brooklyn became similar in size to Philadelphia and Boston, and continued to grow due to waves of immigration, becoming the third largest city in the United States in 1860. The City of Brooklyn gradually expanded to include all of Kings County, and consolidated with New York City in 1898.

The principal residential areas of Brooklyn lay on rising bluffs above the waterfront, an area then known as Clover Hill, overlooking the East River and the New York Harbor. Today (1999) the district is recognized as "Brooklyn Heights," and

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<sup>1</sup> Ellen Snyder-Grenier, *Brooklyn!: An Illustrated History* (Philadelphia: Temple UP, 1996) 136.

extends south to Atlantic Avenue from the Brooklyn Bridge, and east to Cadman Plaza West (old Ferry Road) and Fulton Street. The Pierreponts and other families built their homes on these rural bluffs and there cultivated cultural enterprises, such as The Long Island Historical Society and Brooklyn Academy of Music, while benefiting from the commercial advantages of the area's proximity to the waterfront.

Volume: The Pierrepont Papers occupy 39.6 linear feet (7 document boxes, 1 document box, and 84 ledger boxes).

Provenance: Explicit documentation of the provenance of the Pierrepont Papers is lacking. Evidence exists that most of the material included in the collection was donated by Pierrepont family members who were active participants in The Long Island Historical Society (re-named The Brooklyn Historical Society in 1985) from its founding in 1863. The papers were received over a period of approximately seventy-five years, from the late nineteenth century through 1962. Multiple donations resulted in the long series of accession numbers that follows:

1973.25	1974.182	1977.137	1977.178	1980.035
1973.88	1974.224	1977.138	1977.184	1986.002
1973.248	1974.246	1977.139	1977.336	1987.015
1973.288	1974.254	1977.176	1977.658	

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

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Identification of item, date (if known); Pierrepont Papers; Library; The Brooklyn Historical Society.

Related Materials: The Brooklyn Historical Society also houses photographs donated by John Jay Pierrepont of the Pierrepont Stores, a copy of Hezekiah Beers Pierpont's will, a copy of Henry E. Pierrepont's *Historical Sketch of the Fulton Ferry*, and numerous genealogies of the Pierrepont family (call number CS71.P625).

Subject Headings:

Bonded warehouses and goods- New York (State)- New York  
Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)  
Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)- History- 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Brooklyn Heights (New York, N.Y.)- History  
Business enterprises- New York (State)- New York  
Industry- History- 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Brooklyn Academy of Music  
Union Ferry Company (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.)  
Constable Family  
Ferries- New York (State)- New York  
Green-Wood Cemetery (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.)  
Imports- New York (State)- New York  
Jay Family  
Long Island Historical Society (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.)  
Pierrepont, Anna Maria Constable, 1783-1859  
Pierrepont, Anna Maria Jay, 1819-1902  
Pierrepont, Elise de Rham, 1850-1879  
Pierrepont, Ellen Almira Low, 1846-1884  
Pierpont, Hezekiah Beers, 1768-1838  
Pierrepont, Henry Evelyn, 1808-1888  
Pierrepont, Henry Evelyn, Jr.  
Pierrepont, John Jay  
Pierrepont Family  
Pierrepont Stores  
Shipping- New York (State)- New York  
Real Estate Development- New York (State)- New York  
Warehouse- Management  
Waterfronts- New York (State)- New York

## **Biographical Notes**

### **Hezekiah Beers Pierpont:**

Hezekiah Beers Pierpont amassed a fortune through the operation of a farm and gin distillery, and through real estate investments in the Village and City of Brooklyn during the first three decades of the nineteenth century. Born in New Haven, Connecticut on November 3, 1768, Hezekiah settled in New York City in 1790 where he worked as a clerk in the Customs House. By 1793, Hezekiah had set out on his own ventures, forming the mercantile partnership *Lefingwell and Pierpont*. The partnership dissolved in 1800 and Hezekiah moved to Brooklyn in 1801 after purchasing the brewery of Philip Livingston and converting it to a distillery for what became Anchor Gin. The following year he married Anna Maria Constable, daughter of Anna White and William Constable of Philadelphia. The couple came to have twelve children together, including Henry Evelyn Pierpont.

During this period, Pierpont became known for his support of the development of the Village of Brooklyn. He began to invest in local real estate in 1802, focusing his investments around present-day Brooklyn Heights, directly across the East River from lower Manhattan. Pierpont supported the Fulton Ferry, which began the first steam ferry service between Brooklyn and Manhattan in 1814, making Brooklyn even more accessible to New York City. At this same time, Pierpont acquired additional wealth through the inheritance and purchase of more than 150,000 acres of land in upstate New York from the estate of his father-in-law.

Hezekiah retired from active business in 1819 and closed the distillery, which was sold in 1824. He committed much of his time to the improvement of both residential and business sections of Brooklyn Heights, proposing such developments as “an open promenade for the public,” to be situated along the bluffs overlooking the East River and New York Harbor.<sup>2</sup> Hezekiah Beers Pierpont died in Brooklyn on August 11, 1838.

### **Henry Evelyn Pierpont:**

The second son of Hezekiah Beers and Anna Maria Constable Pierpont, Henry Evelyn was born in Brooklyn on August 8, 1808. Henry Evelyn was educated in New York City and quickly acquired his father’s prominence among Brooklyn’s elite. Upon the death of H.B. Pierpont, William Constable, the eldest Pierpont son, took over the family’s upstate properties while Henry Evelyn remained in Brooklyn, maintaining the family’s influence on, and commitment to, the city’s development. On December 1, 1841, Henry Evelyn married Anna Maria Jay, daughter of Peter Augustus Jay and Mary Rutherford Clarkson, and granddaughter of John Jay, governor of New York (1795-1801) and the first Chief Justice of the United States. Together the couple had six children, including Henry Evelyn Pierpont II and John Jay Pierpont.

Henry Evelyn Pierpont spent much of his life working to establish Brooklyn as a flourishing metropolis. In 1844 a Brooklyn ferry lease was granted to Henry Evelyn

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<sup>2</sup> Burnham Moffat, Pierpont Genealogies: from Norman times to 1913, with particular attention paid to the line of descent from Hezekiah Pierpont, youngest son of Rev. James Pierpont of New Haven (New York: L. Middleditch Co., 1913).

Pierrepont and Jacob R. Leroy, who combined the five existing Brooklyn ferries into the Brooklyn Union Ferry Company. The venture created a more frequent and regular service between Brooklyn and New York City, and effectively monopolized transportation across the East River prior to the completion of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1883.

By 1857 Henry Evelyn and William Pierrepont had established a joint venture, the Pierrepont Stores, "a United States bonded warehouse where ships' freight was received and stored for the owners, insured by the government, until duties were paid."<sup>2</sup> The Stores was a major port of entry for a number of different cargoes (primarily sugar and molasses) from locales ranging from the Caribbean to Manila. Upon Henry Evelyn's retirement from business, his two sons took over the Pierrepont Stores, which they operated until leased to the Empire Warehouse Company in 1888, shortly after the death of their father on March 28, 1888.

Henry Evelyn Pierrepont dedicated much of his time to the cultural development of the city, as well as its commercial expansion. He held a number of prominent positions, such as Trustee of Brooklyn Hospital, Trustee and President of Green-Wood Cemetery, Director of the Academy of Music, Director and President of the Brooklyn Club, and Director of The Long Island Historical Society.

### **Henry Evelyn Pierrepont II:**

The eldest son of Henry Evelyn and Anna Maria Pierrepont, Henry Evelyn II was born in Brooklyn on December 9, 1845. Henry Evelyn, Jr. studied at Columbia College, receiving his B.A. in 1867. In 1869 he married Ellen A. Low, daughter of Ellen Almira Dow and Abiel Abbot Low, with whom he had six children. He and his brother, John Jay, soon took charge of the Pierrepont Stores, joining forces with Ferdinand N. Massa in the firm of Pierrepont Brothers. The brothers sold the Stores in 1888 and Henry Evelyn, Jr. retired from active business ventures, devoting his time to the further development of his real estate holdings. He continued his commitment to work within the community, most notably at Grace Church, of which his father had been a founding member and senior warden, a position which Henry Evelyn, Jr. also came to hold. Henry Evelyn Pierrepont II died in Brooklyn on November 4, 1911.

### **John Jay Pierrepont:**

The younger of Henry Evelyn Pierrepont's two sons, John Jay was born in Brooklyn on September 3, 1849. John Jay married, on April 26, 1876, Elise de Rham, the daughter of Charles de Rham and Laura Schmidt, and the couple had one child who died before reaching one year of age. Elise Pierrepont died less than two years later on October 17, 1879 and John Jay Pierrepont lived out the rest of his life in the family house at One Pierrepont Place in Brooklyn, remaining an active member of Brooklyn society until his death on September 25, 1923.

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<sup>3</sup> Snyder-Grenier, 142.

## Chronology:

1768	Hezekiah Beers Pierpont born in New Haven, Connecticut
1790	H.B. Pierpont moved to New York City
1793	Mercantile partnership <i>Leffingwell and Pierpont</i> founded
1800	<i>Leffingwell and Pierpont</i> dissolved
1802	Marriage of H.B. Pierpont and Anna Maria Constable
1804	Pierponts moved to Brooklyn, New York
1808	Henry Evelyn Pierrepont born in Brooklyn, New York; H.B. Pierpont purchased Livingston brewery
1819	Anchor Gin Distillery closed
1836	H.E. Pierrepont purchased stock in a Brooklyn ferry lease
1838	Death of Hezekiah Beers Pierpont
1841	Marriage of H.E. Pierrepont and Anna Maria Jay
1844	H.E. Pierrepont and Jacob R. Leroy organized Union Ferry Company
1845	Henry Evelyn Pierrepont II born
1849	John Jay Pierrepont born
1856-57	Pierrepont Stores erected
1864	H.E. Pierrepont appointed President of Green-Wood Cemetery
1869	Marriage of H.E. Pierrepont II and Ellen A. Low
1876	Marriage of John Jay Pierrepont and Elise de Rham
1879	H.E. Pierrepont authored <i>Historical Sketch of the Fulton Ferry</i>
1881	Fire at Pierrepont Stores (June)
1888	Death of H.E. Pierrepont; Pierrepont Stores leased to Empire Warehouse Company
1895	Pierrepont Stores sold to Brooklyn Wharf and Warehouse Company
1911	Death of Henry Evelyn Pierrepont II
1923	Death of John Jay Pierrepont

**Sources:**

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Moffat, Burnham. *Pierrepont Genealogies: from Norman times to 1913, with particular attention paid to the line of descent from Hezekiah Pierpont, youngest son of Rev. James Pierpont of New Haven.* New York: L. Middleditch Co., 1913 (privately printed).

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Pierrepont, Henry Evelyn. *Historical Sketch of the Fulton Ferry: and Its Associated Ferries/ by a director.* Brooklyn: Eagle Job and Book Printing Department, 1879.

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## Scope and Content

The Pierrepont Papers illustrate the business activities of three generations of the Pierrepont family. Although these papers span the period from 1761 to 1918, the bulk of the collection concerns the business dealings of Henry Evelyn Pierrepont from 1838 to his death in 1888. Included in the collection are correspondence, clippings, receipts, deeds, orders, ledgers, leases, notebooks, maps, bills, and diaries.

The collection consists of materials donated to the Historical Society by members of the Pierrepont family. The collection was acquired through sixteen separate accessions, but the bulk of the collection is made up of Accession Number 1977.139. The materials have been arranged topically into eight series:

- I. Mercantile, Farm, and Distillery Papers, 1802-1824
- II. Cultural and Philanthropic Activities/ Personal Papers, 1823-1918
- III. Brooklyn Real Estate, 1761-1873
- IV. Pierrepont Stores, 1835-1895
- V. Rail Lines in Brooklyn, 1868-1898
- VI. Brooklyn Waterfront and Ferries, 1816-1890
- VII. Newspaper Clippings, 1832-1915
- VIII. Diaries of Henry Evelyn Pierrepont, 1806-1888
- IX. Map Collection, 1823-1868

Those items that were not part of the 1977.139 accession have been incorporated into the above series and their separate accession numbers are identified within the inventory and on their respective folders. The entirety of Series VIII is made up of materials from accession 1977.336. One item, a wallet belonging to Henry Evelyn Pierrepont II has been transferred to the Museum collection.

Key to the collection is Series II, which covers a range of over one hundred years of property development in Brooklyn Heights between 1761 and 1868. Materials include property conveyances, leases, deeds, mortgages, and estate title searches, as well as specific information regarding the building and maintenance of the family home at One Pierrepont Place. In addition, a number of the maps found in Series IX illustrate the development of the Heights neighborhood.

Also of note is Series VI, which traces the development of the waterfront from 1816 to 1890 and contains building plans, legal documents, newspaper clippings, and an incomplete handwritten manuscript of H.E. Pierrepont's *Historical Sketch of the Fulton Ferry* (published 1879). Included within this series are documents tracing relations with laborers and the public, as seen in materials relating to the 1852 Ferry Pilots' Strike, fare increases, and the company's handling of illegal "ticket peddling" by local boys. Public response to such events is illustrated through the contemporary newspaper clippings of Series VII.

Responses to the growing population and prominence of Brooklyn as a city are seen in Series V as well. Here is found correspondence regarding resistance to the establishment of rail lines through major thoroughfares of the Heights district, such as fashionable Montague Street. Included with plans and publicity are the negative reactions of Brooklyn's wealthy, including the Pierreponts, to such plans, which would

have hindered carriage traffic around such popular Montague Street rendezvous as the Academy of Music and the Art Building.

H.E. Pierrepont's political interests are seen throughout the collection in his close following of political events and in his own correspondence, including appeals to various politicians on behalf of his business enterprises. His diaries (Series VIII) illustrate such activity as well as more personal matters. Within these volumes Henry recorded his business concerns, family affairs and current events. Also included in this series is a scrapbook of clippings regarding the Civil War.

The most complete collection of materials is found in Series IV, which consists of the records of the Pierrepont Stores (1835-1895). The Pierrepont Stores was a U.S. bonded warehouse founded by Henry Evelyn Pierrepont and his brother William Constable Pierrepont in 1857, and which later came under the management of H.E. Pierrepont's sons, John Jay and Henry Evelyn II. The Stores was one of a number of such warehouses lining Brooklyn's nineteenth century waterfront. There, ships' freight was received and stored for the owners, and insured by the government until duties were paid. The concept of the Stores was originally envisioned by Hezekiah, who made reference to the creation of a dock or wharf adjacent to his land in his 1837 will.

The documents in this series provide insight into the operations of a successful nineteenth century business, nineteenth century overseas trade, and the development of the Brooklyn docks. The series consists of both manuscripts and 81 bound volumes. The volumes consist of thirteen different "types" of ledgers, documenting everything from "cargo received" to "payroll." To assist in the access of these records, the series has been divided into twelve *sub-series*, the first of which consists of manuscripts while those remaining are made up of the various types of bound volumes. The Series Descriptions further explain these *sub-series*.

## Pierrepoint Collection Container List

### Series I: Mercantile, Farm and Distillery Papers, 1802-1824

This Series contains materials relating to Hezekiah Beers Pierpont's business ventures and consists primarily of financial accounts of the distillery and of persons indebted to him.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	Accounts of cow and cattle establishment and of persons indebted to H.B. Pierpont	1818-1824
	2	Distillery Accounts	1819-1824
91		Agreement between Captain George Nichols, captain Jacob Smith and John Pierpont chartering a ship out of Salem, Massachusetts bound for Japan	1802
8		Account book of persons indebted to H.B. Pierpont, milkmen, and accounts of corn and rye received at the distillery from Long Island farmers	1816-1821

### Series II: Cultural and Philanthropic Activities/ Personal Papers, 1823- 1918

These papers deal primarily with the private and social lives of Henry E., Henry E. II, and John J. Pierrepoint. Found here are materials from Henry E. Pierrepoint's elementary education, records relating to various committees and societies in which the men were involved, and correspondence.

1	3-4	Henry E. Pierrepoint: early education	1823- 1824
	5	Washington and Montague Park proposals published in local newspapers, also includes correspondence	1846-1860
	6	Astronomical Society of Brooklyn: subscription book for the construction of an observatory, constitution	1850
	7	Committees to plan Brooklyn University and Academy of Music: correspondence, minutes, Pierrepoint's stock in the Academy of Music	1854-1860
	8	Personal papers and correspondence of Henry E. and John J. Pierrepoint: includes materials relating to The Long Island Historical Society and HEP's involvement with the Brooklyn Bridge, the Brooklyn City Library, and the Hospital, as well as materials pertaining to his <i>Historical Sketch of the Fulton Ferry</i>	1844-1918
	9	<b>1973.88:</b> List of Subscribers to the Brooklyn Assembly	1873
	10	<b>1973.235:</b> H.E. Pierrepoint to Henry R. Stiles RE: history of the Heights and the Pierrepoint family's role in its development	1863
	11	<b>1973.288:</b> barometric record kept by H.E. Pierrepoint	1827-1840

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	12	<b>1974.182:</b> H.E. Pierrepont: correspondence, includes Stiles response to letter of Accn. 1973.235	1836-1887
	13	<b>1974.246:</b> H.E. Pierrepont: correspondence, includes a resolution honoring him by the Academy of Music	1850-1887
	14	<b>1977.658:</b> Article by H.E. Pierrepont on the tides of the Great Lakes	1839
	15	<b>1987.015:</b> Ellen Low Pierrepont: death and estate	1872-1905
	16	<b>1987.015:</b> Correspondence, includes will of Anna Maria Pierrepont	1855-1909
	17	<b>1987.015:</b> Act concerning French Spoliation Claims	1885
	18	<b>1987.015:</b> typescript recollections of Peter and Nancy, children of Pierre Jay	
	19	<b>1987.015:</b> notes concerning history of plate once owned by Nathan Beers	
	20	<b>1987.015:</b> correspondence and social cards	c. 1890
	21	<b>1987.015:</b> H.E. Pierrepont's personal cash book, correspondence	1825-1890
	22	<b>1987.015:</b> photocopy of Pierrepont Family History (original in genealogical collection) prepared by John Jay Pierrepont for nephew, J. Jay Pierrepont II	1904
	23	<b>1987.015:</b> H.E. Pierrepont, Jr.'s passport (1863) and contents of wallet, including misc. notes and clippings	1863-
	24	<b>1987.015:</b> correspondence of Anna Maria Jay Pierrepont and Seth Low Pierrepont	1877-1910
9		<b>1973.248:</b> notebook of H.E. Pierrepont containing mathematical exercises, sketches, and essays	c. 1830

### **Series III: Brooklyn Real Estate, 1761-1873**

The bulk of these records relate to Hezekiah's real estate holdings and transactions within the Village and City of Brooklyn. Included are property conveyances, deeds, mortgages, leases, and estate title searches. The title searches are dated after Hezekiah's death (1838-1854) and were probably initiated by his son Henry. Notable are the architectural plans for Pierrepont House at One Pierrepont Place and maps of the Brooklyn Heights vicinity.

2	1	Brooklyn Heights property conveyances	1761-1816, 1823
	2	Brooklyn property conveyances to H. B. Pierpont estate	1811-1843
	3	Leases, deeds, and mortgages in the Village and City of Brooklyn	1824-1855
	4	Leases, deeds, and mortgages in the Village and City of Brooklyn, including advertisement taken out by H.B. Pierpont announcing impending sale of lots on Brooklyn Heights and map of said lots	1831-1860

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2	5	Property conveyances in Brooklyn	1843-1847
	6	"Benson-Pierrepont farm": tracing of conveyances	c. 1873
	7	Brooklyn estate title searches, tracing conveyances occurring between 1642-1854; includes notes, abstracts and maps	c. 1838- 54
	8	H.E. Pierrepont notebook regarding property development of Heights, including maps, sketches, drafts of correspondence, and miscellaneous notes	1832
	9	Estate of H.B. Pierpont: leases, deeds, mortgages	1829-1852
	10	Estate of H.B. Pierpont: copies and abstracts of deeds	1852-1856
	11	Retaining wall along the embankment of the Pierrepont property: sketches, contract, expenses	1841-1842
3	1	One Pierrepont Place: building and repair- receipts	1856-1868
	2	One Pierrepont Place: building and repair- receipts	1856-1868
	3	One Pierrepont Place: accounts, including correspondence from architect Richard Upjohn	1856-1861
	4	Paving of Furman and Pierrepont Streets: correspondence, contract, certification	1842, 1869
	5	Pilgrim Church: correspondence and agreement	c. 1840-1887
91		Lease from New York City allowing H.B. Pierrepont a water lot in Brooklyn	1823
91		Subscription to build Episcopal church on Brooklyn Heights and sale of land	
10		Bound volume of abstracts of deeds and mortgages from H.B. Pierpont or executors: indexed alphabetically	1824-1847
11		Abstracts of deeds from H.B. Pierpont or executors	1835-1842

#### **Series IV: Pierrepont Stores, 1835-1895**

This, the most comprehensive series, contains the records of the Pierrepont Stores. The records are extensive, including 81 bound volumes, and have been further divided into twelve function-based sub-series delineating the different types of volumes found within the series. Following is a detailed description of these sub-series:

##### **Sub-Series 1: Manuscripts**

The Manuscripts sub-series holds documents relating to waterfront property rights, the Brooklyn Wharf Owners Association, correspondence regarding the management of the Stores, account records, and information regarding the 1888 sale of the Pierrepont Stores.

3	6	Brooklyn waterfront property rights and Brooklyn Wharf Owners Association: act authorizing HBP to erect a dock in Brooklyn: correspondence, legislation, court decisions	1835-1869
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
3	7	Inventory: tools and furniture	Nov. 1860
	8	Pierrepoint Waterfront Property and operation of the Stores	1839-1886
	9	Hobart and J.K. Ford: correspondence regarding rental and management of Stores, blank warehouse certificate	1855-1864
	10	J.K. Ford and F.N. Massa: correspondence	1863-1871
	11	Accounts of expenditures for repair and upkeep	1862-1881
	12	Pierrepoint Stores: building and repair- receipts	1855-1868
	13	Pierrepoint Stores: building and repair- receipts	1855-1868
	14	Accounts of wharf repairs	1869
	15	Evaluation of business at the Stores	1870
	16	U.S. Treasury Department's Sugar Appraisal Building on Pierrepoint property: correspondence	1880-1895
	17	Lease of Stores to Empire Warehouse Co., Ltd.: correspondence and copy of lease	1888-1892
	18	Sale of Stores to Brooklyn Wharf and Warehouse Co.	1894-1895
Map Drawer		<b>1977.137:</b> Architectural plans by John Mumford (5 items)	c. 1855

### **Sub-Series 2: Journals**

The Journals of the Pierrepoint Stores record the warehouse's business transactions from May 1856 to January 1864. Organized chronologically by month and year, the entries include account number, date, client name, cost of storage, labor, perquisites, and transportation around the docks on barges known as *lighters*, along with the total cost of the transaction. The Journals also document "bills rendered during the month," "collections during the month," and "disbursements for the month," which often record in greater detail the extent of labor and storage provided. These volumes are particularly useful for research of the financial history of the Pierrepoint Stores.

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Binding Identification</u>	<u>Dates</u>
12	None	May 1856- Jan. 1864
13	Journal 2/ Pierrepoint Stores	Nov. 1862- Dec. 1888
14	Journal/ Pierrepoint Stores	May 1865- July 1875
15	Journal/ No. 4/ Pierrepoint Stores	Aug. 1875- April 1887
92	Four ledger indexes	

### **Sub-Series 3: Ledgers**

The Ledgers of the Pierrepont Stores hold the summaries of monthly business. Organized according to subject, these three volumes detail the monthly balance of the Stores and the income earned in Storage as well as in Labor. Also included are records of "Bills Payable," monthly totals of particular clients' bills, and the cost of tools and furniture, as well as repairs, perquisites, and general expenses. The Ledgers are particularly useful to any research of the financial history of the Pierrepont Stores or nineteenth century freight shipping in Brooklyn.

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Binding Identification</u>	<u>Dates</u>
16	None	1856- 1863
17	Ledger	1865- 1882
18	Ledger/ No. 3/ Pierrepont Stores	1882- 1888

### **Sub-Series 4: Storage Ledgers**

These Ledgers hold more specific information regarding the stores of particular clients. The Ledgers are indexed alphabetically according to client, and entries list the date, cargo stored, cost to client, to whom or where the cargo was delivered, and additional notes regarding care of the cargo. The majority of the cargo listed within these ledgers was sugar and molasses, a specialty of the Stores.

19	None	1856- 1862
20	None	1862- 1869
21	Storage Ledger/ Pierrepont Stores	1868- 1875
22	None	1875- 1882
23	Storage Ledger/ No. 5/ Pierrepont Stores	1882- 1888

### **Sub-Series 5: Cargo Received Ledgers**

Eleven volumes, dated from 1858 to 1888, replicate the information found in the Storage Ledgers. Especially interesting is that these volumes also list the origin of each ship. The volumes are indexed by ship and entries list the client, ship, and cargo. In addition, entries record port of origin, date of departure from that port, ports of call (much of this information is conveyed in symbols), duty charged, and receipt numbers, which do not appear to coincide with the receipt books of Series VI. Individual records occasionally include detailed notes of instruction regarding the care of the cargo. Cancelled orders and ships returned in "distress" are also noted, as are transfers to other ships, which are recorded in red ink.

The “Cargo Received” Ledgers are especially notable in tracking increasingly diverse imports. The records show the growing demand for, and importance of, imports from colonial provinces in India and Asia, including Calcutta and Manila. The most common cargoes appear to be sugar and molasses; other frequent items include hemp, shellac, and hides, as well as spices and textiles.

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Binding Identification</u>	<u>Dates</u>
24	Cargo Received/ Ford & Co.	Feb. 19, 1858- Oct. 29, 1859
25	None	Oct. 29, 1859- Mar. 28, 1862
26	Cargo Received/ No. 3/ Pierrepont Stores	Mar. 29, 1862- Mar. 4, 1864
27	Cargoes Received/No.4/ Pierrepont Stores	Mar. 8, 1864- Aug. 14, 1866
28	Cargo Received/ Pierrepont Stores	Aug. 14, 1866- May 19, 1869
29	Cargo Book/ No. 6	June 1, 1869- April 5, 1872
30	Cargoes Received/ Pierrepont Stores	April 5, 1872- Sept. 8, 1874
31	None	Sept. 11, 1874- Dec. 14, 1877
32	Cargoes Received/ Pierrepont Stores	Dec. 22, 1877- Dec. 17, 1880
33	None	Dec. 18, 1880- April 21, 1883
34	Cargoes Received/ No.12/Pierrepont Stores	Oct. 20, 1885- May 16, 1888

### **Sub-Series 6: Order Books**

Each of fifteen order books lists the date of order, the date of the ship’s arrival, cargo, client, account number, duty paid, and where or to whom the cargo was sent and when. Entries sometimes included further instructions for the handling of cargo. These volumes are most interesting in the fact that they allow for the tracing of a shipment from its arrival at the docks to its departure from the Pierrepont Stores, even listing the lighter that transported the cargo around the docks.

35	None	May 15, 1857- Feb. 11, 1860
36	Order Book/ 2/ Ford & Co.	Feb. 15, 1860- Jan. 10, 1863
37	Order Book/ No. 3/ Pierrepont Stores	Jan. 13, 1863- Sept. 29, 1864
38	Order Book/ Pierrepont Stores	Oct. 1, 1864- Dec. 15, 1866
39	Orders/ Pierrepont Stores	Dec. 18, 1866- Oct. 13, 1868
40	Orders/ Pierrepont Stores	Oct. 14, 1868- Dec. 22, 1870
41	Orders/ Pierrepont Stores	Dec. 23, 1870- Nov. 16, 1872
42	None	Nov. 18, 1872
43	Orders/ Pierrepont Stores	Jan 2, 1875- Mar. 31, 1877
44	Orders	April 2, 1877- April 3, 1879
45	Orders/ No. 11/ Pierrepont Stores	April 3, 1879-Jan 31, 1881
46	Pierrepont Stores	Feb. 1, 1881- Sept. 16, 1882
47	Orders/ No. 13/ Pierrepont Stores	Sept. 18, 1882- Feb. 15, 1884
48	Orders/ No. 14/ Pierrepont Stores	Feb.16, 1884- Dec. 11, 1885
49	Orders/ No. 16/ Pierrepont Stores	Mar. 3, 1887- May 17, 1888

**Sub-Series 7:  
Receipt Books**

Included in this sub-series are three different types of Receipt Books. Volumes 39-54 and 61-63 contain general receipts documenting date, ship, cargo, and client name. The remaining six volumes (55-60) are more specific, detailing the date arrived, date departed, number of days docked and cargo per day, ship, weight, agent, and date the bill was paid.

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Binding Identification</u>	<u>Dates</u>
50	Shipping Receipts/ 2/ Ford & Co.	May 29, 1857- May 20, 1859
51	Shipping Receipts/ 3/ Ford & Co.	May 21, 1859- Oct. 22, 1860
52	Shipping Receipts/ Ford & Co.	Oct. 22, 1860- Feb. 5, 1863
53	Shipping Receipts/ Pierrepont Stores	Feb. 5, 1863- Mar. 19, 1864
54	Pierrepont Stores	Mar. 19, 1864- Mar. 22, 1865
55	Receipt Book/ Pierrepont Stores	Mar. 22, 1865- May 5, 1866
56	Receipts	May 5, 1866- Feb. 17, 1868
57	Receipts/ Pierrepont Stores	Feb. 17, 1868- June 15, 1870
58	Receipts/ Pierrepont Stores	June 15, 1870- June 29, 1872
59	Receipts/ Pierrepont Stores	June 29, 1872- May 1, 1874
60	Receipts/ Pierrepont Stores	May 1, 1874- Aug. 18, 1876
61	Receipts/ No. 13/ Pierrepont Stores	Aug. 18, 1876- Feb. 2, 1878
62	Receipts/ No. 14/ Pierrepont Stores	Dec. 2, 1878- Dec. 11, 1880
63	Receipts/ No. 15/ Pierrepont Stores	Dec. 13, 1880- Mar. 7, 1883
64	Receipts/ No. 16/ Pierrepont Stores	Mar. 7, 1883- Sept. 28, 1885
65	Receipts/ No. 17/ Pierrepont Stores	Sept. 28, 1885- May 29, 1888
66	None	Nov. 28, 1879- April 7, 1884
67	None	Oct. 29, 1886- May 7, 1888
68	None	April 8, 1884- June 11, 1887
68	Dockage Book	June 11, 1887- May 14, 1888
69	None: faded	Jan. 23, 1883- Mar. 10, 1884
70	Receipt Book Feby 29 <sup>th</sup> 1884 to July 8 <sup>th</sup> 1885	Feb. 29, 1884- July 8, 1885
71	Receipts July 8 <sup>th</sup> 1885 to Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> 1886	July 8, 1885- Nov. 12, 1886

**Sub-Series 8:  
Cash Books**

These four volumes are organized chronologically according to month and year. Entries reflect monthly tallies of the Stores' finances and include listings of services rendered, items purchased, and payroll costs.

72	None	May 12, 1856- Dec. 31, 1863
73	Cash Book/ Pierrepont Stores	Jan. 2, 1864- Oct. 31, 1874
74	Cash Book/ Pierrepont Stores	May 3, 1871- Oct. 8, 1883
75	Cash Book/ Pierrepont Stores	May 5, 1882- Feb. 6, 1890

**Sub-Series 9:  
Day Books**

Each of these seven volumes details the daily costs and earnings of the Pierrepont Stores. Entries list clients, cargo, services rendered, and amount charged for those services.

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Binding Identification</u>	<u>Dates</u>
76	Day Book/ Ford & Co.	May 23, 1856- Jan. 27, 1863
77	Day Book No. 2./ Ford & Co.	Nov. 2, 1860- May 25, 1864
78	Day Book No. 3./ Pierrepont Stores	May 25, 1864- May 23, 1868
79	Pierrepont Stores	May 4, 1868- Jan. 15, 1874
80	Day Book/ No. 5./ Pierrepont Bros. & Co.	Jan. 17, 1874- Feb. 11, 1881
81	Day Book/ No. 6./ Pierrepont Bros. & Co.	Feb. 12, 1881- Oct. 29, 1884
82	None	Oct. 30, 1884- May 14, 1888

**Sub-Series 10:  
Time Books**

These four volumes are organized weekly and list employees alphabetically. The books list the entire payroll by individual employee, including dates worked, hours worked per day and per week, total pay of the employee, and the total payroll cost for the week. Notes regarding payment and advances are also noted within the ledgers.

83	None	May 1857- July 1863
84	Time Book/ Pierrepont Stores	July 1863- May 1869
85	Time Book/ Pierrepont Stores	May 1869- April 1877
86	Time Book/ Pierrepont Stores	April 1877- July 1883

**Sub-Series 11:  
Collection Book**

The one volume that makes up this sub-series is a record of bills paid to the Pierrepont Stores between 1883 and 1886. Entries, arranged chronologically, include client name, cargo, ship, charge, and the date of payment.

87	Pierrepont Brothers & Co., Collection Book Dec. 1883 to April 1886	Dec. 15, 1883- April 27, 1886
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**Sub-Series 12:  
Letter Books (copies)**

These two volumes hold copies of outgoing business correspondence regarding the Pierrepont Stores from November 1884 to March 1889. The bulk of this correspondence is directed to clients regarding their orders.

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Binding Identification</u>	<u>Dates</u>
88	Letter Book Nov 15 1884 to June 9 1886	Nov. 15, 1884- June 9, 1886
89	None	June 10, 1886- Feb. 13, 1891

### **Series V: Rail Lines in Brooklyn, 1868-1898**

This series contains material relating to the development of various rail lines in Brooklyn, primarily in the Heights district. Included are newspaper clippings concerning proposed rail lines and correspondence such as a letter from H.E. Pierrepont II to Governor Cornell opposing the Furman Street Elevated Railroad.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
4	1	Proposed Montague St. and Atlantic Ave. Railroads: promotional circular, petition in opposition of Montague St. Rail and correspondence	1868, 1883-1885
	2	Proposed Montague St. Railroad, Covered Tube Railway Co., and Brooklyn Heights Railroad Co.: correspondence, agreement between HEP and Covered Tube Rail over use of Montague St. Hill, Covered Tube Railway Co. v. HEP	1886-1898
	3	Newspaper clippings	1880-1890
	4	Furman Street Elevated Railroad: newspaper clippings and letter from H.E. Pierrepont to Gov. Cornell opposing	1877-1880

### **Series VI: Brooklyn Waterfront and Ferries, 1816-1890**

This series describes the development of the Brooklyn Waterfront and contains early maps of the Montague Street piers and building plans for the bulkheads and docks on the Pierrepont property. The series also holds information relating to the history of the Brooklyn ferries, notably materials regarding waterfront property and ferry rights in Brooklyn, legal documents of the various Brooklyn ferry companies, and an incomplete handwritten manuscript of Henry E. Pierrepont's *Historical Sketch of the Fulton Ferry*. The series also illustrates the Pierreponts' character as businessmen. Legal documents, correspondence, and financial statements track their responses to various "obstacles," such as the 1852 Ferry Pilots' Strike and negative public opinions of ferry service and business tactics.

4	5	Montague Street Piers and Ferries: maps, sketches and notes	1816-1871
	6	Pierrepont property bulkhead and docks: contracts and plans	1832-1838
	7	Montague St. property, ferry and bridge: correspondence, legal documents	1845-1871
	8	Brooklyn ferry companies: business and legal affairs	1837-1863

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4	9	Brooklyn ferry companies: business and legal affairs: includes letter suggesting solution to "ticket peddling"	1875-1886
	10	Installation of electric lights in ferries and houses: estimates, correspondence	1883
	11	Waterfront property and ferry rights in Brooklyn: correspondence and annotated government documents	1842-1854
	12	Waterfront property and ferry rights in Brooklyn: correspondence and annotated government documents	1842-1854
5	1	Ferries: newspaper clippings, court opinions, legal petitions, financial statements, correspondence, etc.	1849-1890
	2	Brooklyn ferry history: incomplete handwritten manuscript by H.E. Pierrepont, engraving of Bard ferry paintings	1878-1879
	3	Notes, correspondence and accounts of the history of the Ferry and the publication of <i>Historical Sketch of the Fulton Ferry</i>	1877-1882
	4	Ferry Pilots' Strike: statement of demands, notification of strike, request to reinstate a pilot not supporting strike	1852
	5	Union Ferry Co. of Brooklyn: certificate of incorporation, legal documents, act authorizing formation of corporations for Ferry purposes	1853-1877
	6	Management of Fulton Ferry and "The Question of a South Ferry"	1822, 1826
	7	Union of Fulton and South Ferries	1838-1839
	8	Leases of the Fulton, South, and Hamilton Ave. Ferries, Report on Ferry and Water rights	1845-1849
	9	Leases of the Fulton, South, and Hamilton Ave. Ferries (including bylaws), judicial rulings RE: ferries	1851-1852
	10	N.Y. Supreme Court Case RE: Ferry rights	1852
	11	Establishment of water lines, Union Ferry Co., Encroachments and Preservation of N.Y. Harbor	1856-1857
6	1	Act RE: N.Y. piers; Union Ferry Co.: bylaws, legal cases	1860-1867
	2	Union Ferry Co.: Senate testimony on fare reduction	1878
	3	Statements regarding Ferry rights	n.d.
91		Maps of piers	

### **Series VII: Newspaper clippings, 1832-1915**

Contained in these files are clippings covering a wide variety of subjects gathered from Brooklyn and New York newspapers, including *Brooklyn Daily Advertiser*, *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, *Brooklyn Daily Freeman*, *Brooklyn Daily Union*, *Brooklyn Evening Star*, *Long Island Star*, *New York Dispatch*, *New York Enquirer*, *New York Herald*, *New York Times*, and *New York World*. The majority of the articles deal with the Brooklyn ferries, but some also relate to the waterfront and the proposed consolidation of Brooklyn and New York (c. 1873- 74). One folder of newspaper clippings is undated.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
6	4	Various Subjects from New York and Brooklyn papers: incl. articles on preliminary construction of Brooklyn Bridge, Pierrepont Estate, obituary of Richard Upjohn	1845-1915
	5	Proposed consolidation of New York and Brooklyn: includes interview with H.E. Pierrepont in which he expresses his opposition	c. 1873-1874
	6	Brooklyn waterfront, docks and warehouses	1846-1859
	7	Brooklyn waterfront, docks and warehouses	1860-1869
	8	Brooklyn waterfront, docks and warehouses	1870-1879
	9	Brooklyn waterfront, docks and warehouses	n.d.
	10	Ferries	1832, 1834
	11	Ferries	1840-1849
	12	Ferries	1840-1849
	13	Ferries: includes articles on Pilots' Strike	1850-1859
	14	Ferries	1850-1859
	15-16	Ferries	1860-1869
	17	Ferries: includes articles on ticket peddling and fares	1870-1879
	18	Ferries	1880-
	19	Ferries	n.d.
	20	Selected ferry clippings	
	21	<b>1987.015</b> : obituary of Anna Maria Pierrepont and clippings regarding Stuart painting of Washington	c. 1884
	22	<b>1987.015</b> : Various Subjects from N.Y. and Brooklyn papers	

### **Series VIII: Henry Evelyn Pierrepont Diaries, 1806-1888**

Each of these diaries covers one calendar year and is numbered consecutively. The entries are handwritten and each diary begins with a one-page timeline of the year's major dates and a one-page written summary of the year's events. Daily entries are often brief, detailing the weather, major events of the day, and familial and business relations. The entries continue through March 19, nine days prior to H.E. Pierrepont's death. Annual summaries include family notes, current events, and business concerns, as well as a list of the New Year's Day callers. Included within the diaries are obituaries, marriage announcements, and clippings about current events.

7	1	<b>1977.336</b>	1877
	2	<b>1977.336</b> : incl: effect of Depression on business at the Stores	1878
	3	<b>1977.336</b>	1879
	4	<b>1977.336</b> : incl: family deaths in 1879	1880
	5	<b>1977.336</b> : incl: brief mention of concerns over renewal of Ferry lease	1881
	6	<b>1977.336</b> : incl: festival of the New England Society seating chart and news clippings (removed from 1881 diary): incl. two accounts of Pierrepont Stores fire	1881

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7	7	<b>1977.336</b>	1882
	8	<b>1977.336</b>	1883
	9	<b>1977.336</b>	1884
	10	<b>1977.336</b> : Papers from front of 1884 diary: incl. letter from H.E. Pierrepont to Senator Kirnan requesting his support in defeating a bill; bill for painting signed by G. Stuart (1797); page from 1884 almanac-calendar detailing cost of the Brooklyn Bridge and rates of fare, materials relating to Green-Wood Cemetery	1884
	11	<b>1977.336</b>	1885
	12	<b>1977.336</b>	1886
	13	<b>1977.336</b>	1887
	14	<b>1977.336</b> : Final diary: entries through March 19	1888
	15	<b>1977.336</b> : Annual summary from 1855 diary, found in front of 1888 diary	1855
	16	<b>1977.336</b> : Chronological list of Pierrepont family travels (1843-1879)	
90		Scrapbook of newspaper clippings regarding the Civil War (including engraved images)	1861-1865
7	17	<b>1980.35</b> : Extracts from H.E. Pierrepont's diaries and biographical notes of Hezekiah Beers and William Constable	
	18	<b>1987.015</b> : H.B. Pierrepont diary excerpts	1806-1818

### **Series IX: Map Collection, 1823-1868**

Twenty-one maps make up this series documenting the growth and development of Brooklyn (most notably Brooklyn Heights). Authored by Henry Evelyn and William C. Pierrepont, there are fourteen maps relating to the Brooklyn Heights vicinity and Pierrepont estate, six relating to the distillery and one of the upstate property owned by the Pierrepont family. See Card Catalog: Maps/ Author under the heading "Pierrepont" for descriptions of individual maps.