

CHARLES HENRY WENMAN PAPERS,
1832-1951

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INTRODUCTION

The Charles Henry Wenman papers were originally arranged in 1978. At the time of original arrangement, the papers were placed in 35 archival boxes, and loosely categorized by personal correspondence, business correspondence, Fish family papers, Wenman real estate papers, and Wenman business records. Two boxes of genealogical notes and data gathered by Wenman were placed in a separate genealogical collection. No finding aid or description was written, but over 100 catalog cards were placed in the manuscript area of the card catalog, under the name of Wenman, Charles.

In 1996, with the aid of a grant from the Delmos Foundation and the National Historic Publications and Records Commission, Holly McCammon was hired as the Project Archivist. Her mission entailed enhancing access to the manuscript collections of the Brooklyn Historical Society. Ms. McCammon surveyed the Wenman collection, deeming it to be a collection that could be placed in 'dead' storage during the final phases of the rehabilitation of the Brooklyn Historical Society building.

In 1997, Tanya Elder was hired as Project Archival Assistant to Ms. McCammon, and was subsequently assigned the task of arranging and describing the Wenman Papers in preparation for the move to dead storage. Ms. Elder combined many of the materials that were placed in separate folders, so that the total number of archival boxes were reduced from 35 to 17.

The records were processed from July 1997 to September 1997. In 2007 the boxes were transferred from document cases to six record cartons, but the original box scheme to identify folders was retained.

PROVENANCE

The papers of Charles Wenman originally derived from Wenman's association with the Fish family empire, and from Wenman's personal papers.

The papers came into possession of the Brooklyn Historical Society when James Hurley, former Archivist and Librarian of the Society, rescued them from the garbage at an unknown location.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles Henry Wenman, Jr. was born to the Reverend Charles Aldis Wenman (Feb. 4, 1841-?) and Anna Helena Hilfers Wenman (1851-1936) in 1869. Rev. Wenman and Anna Hilfers were married at Grace Church in Brooklyn on Oct. 15, 1868. Wenman's father was a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church but a chronically weak and sore throat forced him to resign his position as Assistant Rector of one of the "older churches in Brooklyn". After Rev. Wenman's resignation, the Wenmans moved to Reusselaerville, in the northern part of New York State. Charles Jr. was born there on December 23, 1869 as well as his brother, Eugene Hoffman Wenman on June 3, 1871.

For reasons unknown to Wenman, the family did not stay long in the town, but moved to Cleveland, N.Y. Frederick Huntington Wenman, was born in Cleveland on Dec. 22, 1872. After three years, the family moved again, this time to Cambridge, New York. Rev. Wenman's tenure at Cambridge lasted less than a year, and the rapidly expanding family moved to Theresa, New York. A local sheriff tried to prevent the financially strapped Wenmans from leaving Cambridge, but a last-minute reprieve allowed the family to proceed to Theresa. Wenman's sister, Gertrude Wenman Castellanos, was born in Theresa on Aug. 30, 1874.

At the age of fourteen, Wenman had already become self-supporting; at nineteen, he secured a clerkship upon finishing school. His uncle, John P. Ritter, introduced Charles to his friend, railroad baron Stuyvesant Fish, Sr. (1851-1923), then acting President of the Illinois Central Railroad. Within a few years, Wenman became the General Book-Keeper of the corporation. By the time Wenman left the corporation in 1906, he had held various positions at the railroad, and after Fish's forced retirement from the railroad, Wenman became his Secretary until Fish's death in 1923. Wenman continued in that position to the Fish family until the 1940's.

Fish was forcibly retired from the railroad by Western and Central Railroad President, and vice-president of the Illinois Central Railroad, Edward H. Harriman (1849-1909). Harriman coveted Fish's Illinois Central due to the railroad's excellent development and assets. Harriman sought to obtain Illinois Central by accusing Fish of mishandling and padding the funds of the Commonwealth Trust Company, a holding company under the Fish banner. Wenman, along with several other employees, resigned from the railroad. Wenman writes in his letter of resignation that, "The statement concerning Mr. Fish's alleged 'padding' of the Trust Company's account I know to be unwarranted and gotten up by Mr. Harriman for his own purposes in connection with his efforts to retain control of the Illinois Central Railroad." (Box 7, Folder 37.) The subsequent trial seems to have had a tremendous affect on his physical and mental health. A letter from Anna Wenman to Charles, written in October of 1907, states that, "I am very much worried tonight on reading an article in the "Evening Sun," giving the account of the proceedings it says that you are a very sick -man...your health is worth [more] than all the Harriman fights..." (Box 3, Folder 17.)

As Secretary to the family, Wenman helped the younger Stuyvesant Fish compile a genealogy of the Anthon Family, whereby Fish thanked Wenman for his work on the genealogy. "By far the hardest and most uninteresting work was done by my good friend Mr. Chas. H. Wenman. Without his labor in proofreading and indexing, the book would be of very little value to the reader." (Fish, Stuyvesant. Anton Family. Printed Privately by Stuyvesant Fish, 1930. See An8615, P.1.) Fish's mother, Marian Graves Anthon (1853-1915), married Stuyvesant Sr. on June 1, 1876.

Apart from Wenman's work with Fish, he also ventured into the world of business on his own. In 1923, he formed, with his nephew, Frederick Wenman and patent attorney and inventor Thomas Hill, the Stenciltype Company. The company produced mimeograph stencil machines for advertising and duplication. According to documents within the collection, Hill turned out to be a major swindler, and by 1925, the company had dissolved. Upon the dissolution of the company, Wenman was plunged into a court battle for non-payment of wages. In addition, Wenman helped his cousin run the Crea-Mont Country Club in Culver Lake, NJ from 1925-1927. The bulk of his personal business dealings seem to have been rather sour. Besides investing in the Stencil type Company, Wenman also invested in a fraudulent motion picture company, Century Motion Picture Company, as well as several other fly-by-night business opportunities.

Wenman lived for a time at 436 Macon Street before moving to his life-long residence located at 990 Park Place in Brooklyn in 1905. His mother lived with him until her death in 1936, as well as his sister, Gertrude Wenman Castellanos, who had been abandoned by her spouse, Paul Castellanos Sr., in the early 1900's. In 1909, his brother, Frederick Wenman, committed to the Kings County Hospital, died due to health complications. Frederick's son, Frederick Jr., died in the 1930's, after suffering from a heart ailment. Charles Wenman died on June 15, 1957, and is buried in the Wenman family plot in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

[note: 12.28.2005: the dates on series & subseries descriptions need to be re-checked]

The Charles H. Wenman Papers have been arranged into six series, with several series containing subseries within them. These series are: Personal Correspondence, Fish Family Records, Wenman Business Records, Wenman Legal and Real Estate Papers, Wenman Business and Personal Ledgers, and Wenman Personal Writings.

Series I: Personal Correspondence, 1899-1950; Bulk Dates: 1915-1940
Boxes 1-4 (new boxes 1-2)

This series contains over 2000 letters written mostly to Charles Wenman from his extended family members. Of particular interest are letters to and from Wenman's relatives in Australia, the Hilfers, relatives of Wenman's mother. Kathleen Hilfers kept up a correspondence with Charles from 1918-1949, relating events in the Outback of Australia, where she lived, as well as genealogical ties between English, Australian, and American relatives.

Box 2, Folder 8 contains correspondence to and from various Fish family members. Of particular interest is an "obituary" written by Wenman upon the death of Edward Harriman in 1909. Stuyvesant Fish's response to Wenman's obituary and to the death of Harriman, his one time friend turned bitter enemy, can also be found in folder 8. Upon the death of Stuyvesant in 1923, Wenman inherited \$5000. Wenman was also invited to the marriage of Marion Fish Gray on September 12, 1907 and inherited money from her estate as well.

Throughout the family correspondence, the picture of Wenman's personal and family life can be seen. An avid gift-giver to his family members, Wenman kept in close contact with relatives, particularly nieces, nephews and cousins. The correspondence chronicles the ups and downs of a family through war, hardships, arguments and happy occurrences. Some non-family related letters deal with Charles' membership in the Saint Nicholas Society, the Australian Eucalyptus Chemical Company, and Wenman's protest against the American Association Favoring Reconsideration of War Debt.

Series II: Fish Family Records, 1947-1951
Boxes 5-8 (new boxes 2-3)

This series is divided into three subseries: Fish Business Papers, 1937-1947, Telautograph Corporation, 1915-1926, and Real Estate, 1647-1939.

The Fish Business Papers includes five letterbooks maintained by Wenman, dating between 1897-1942. These letters represent correspondence sent by Wenman on behalf of Fish, as well as personal business and genealogical correspondence of Wenmans'. In addition, as secretary and accountant to the Fish enterprise, there are also balance sheets of income taxes paid by Fish, inquiries into business ventures, and copies of mortgages and deeds. Also included are legal documents concerning the alliance made between Fish Family members after the death of the elder Fish, in their "Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost" corporation deal of 1924-1926.

Correspondence and balance sheets involving the Illinois Central Railroad, the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, the Continental Railroad and the Commonwealth Trust Company (also know as the Mercantile Trust) are included in this subseries.

Subseries II deals with the Telautograph Corporation, 1915-1926, a venture concerning the use of the telegraph system in a way as to reproduce handwritten messages. This subseries includes balance statements, progress reports, stockholder statements, correspondence, and stockholder notices.

Subseries III: Real Estate, 1647-1939, contains an abstract of Fish land holdings on 6th Street to 9th Street between avenues C and D dating from 1647 to 1835. Minutes, audits, rental assessments and a rent collection ledger for 194-196 E. 3rd Street are included under the Petersfield Realty Firm. A deduction of title and map of the Petersfield Farm area of Manhattan (now known as Gramercy Park), is also included in this series. While there are deeds, mortgages and titles in subseries I, they deal with property owned or lived on by the Fish family. The items in this subseries, while dealing with Fish property, constitute land that was rented or sold by the Fish family through the Petersfield Realty Firm.

Series III: Wenman Business Records, 1915-1925
Boxes 8-11 (new boxes 3-4)

This series is arranged into two subseries: the Stenciltype Corporation, 1923-1925 and Wenman Investment Records, 1915-1930.

Wenman invested in the Stenciltype Corporation in 1923, encouraging his nephew, Frederick, to be a part of the company. Thomas Hill, an inventor and patent lawyer, convinced Wenman that the Stenciltype Company would be a profitable venture. Its purpose was to create a machine that would be capable of producing mimeographed advertisements at high rates of speed. Hill claimed to own a patent on the right to produce such equipment, but inquiries after the breakup of the corporation by Wenman, could not prove that Hill owned the patent.

With Hill as President, Charles as Treasurer, and the young Frederick as Secretary to the corporation, Charles poured money into the various requests by Hill for equipment, payment of rent on a loft located on Murray Street near the South Street Seaport, salaries of two helpers hired by Hill, and miscellaneous expenses. The corporation began in April of 1923, but by September, Hill still had not produced a viable machine, prompting the vigilant Wenman to demand delivery of the product. Wenman began conducting background checks on Hill, and soon found that Hill was a rather slippery lawyer and inventor. Accordingly, Wenman pulled out from the company, prompting lawsuits and counter lawsuits which Wenman ultimately lost.

Subseries II: Wenman Investment Records, 1915-1930, include correspondence, balance sheets and legal documents concerning several investments made by Wenman, including investments in the Ace Motorcycle Company, 1924-1925, Century Motion Pictures, 1915, and the Dual Gap Spark Plug Company, 1924.

Series IV: Wenman Legal and Real Estate Papers, 1836-1950
Boxes 11-12 (new boxes 4-5)

This series is arranged into four subseries: Client Legal Papers and Lawsuits, 1836-1939, Household Construction and Maintenance Records for 990 Park Place, 1905-1950, Real Estate, 1914 and Crea-Mont Country Club (Culver Lake, NJ), 1925-1927.

Client Legal Papers and Lawsuits consists of family estate papers of the Hamilton Family, Wenman's aunt, Nellie Hilfers, papers from the estate of Peter Stuyvesant, and two lawsuits brought against Wenman because of his connections with the Fish business. Also included is correspondence relating to the commitment of Frederick Wenman, Sr., an application for declaration of mental incompetence, and detailed bills for the housing and treatment of Frederick, which were paid by Charles from 1904-1909.

Also included is a letter of introduction signed by P.T. Barnum. The letter, addressed to Eugene Schuyler, introduces the brother of the famous 19th century songbird, Jenny Lind. How this letter came into the possession of Wenman is unknown.

Subseries II: Household Construction and Maintenance Records, 1905-1950, chronicle construction and maintenance of Wenman's brownstone located at 990 Park Place in Brooklyn, New York. Of particular interest are letters between Wenman and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn and problems Wenman had with the New York City Building Codes department. The correspondence also illuminates the slow decline of a once-fashionable Brooklyn neighborhood, and its transformation with the arrival of various ethnic groups, particularly European immigrants and African-Americans.

Subseries III: Real Estate, 1914, includes correspondence and building specifications of property owned by Wenman at Academy and Webster Streets in Long Island City.

Subseries IV: Crea-Mont Country Club, 1925-1927, details Wenman's business venture with his cousin's wife, Mary Wenman, in the maintenance of a country club built by her on Culver Lake in New Jersey. Of interest in this subseries are papers relating to the running and maintenance of a large country club during the 1920's. Wenman dealt with many different aspects of running a hotel and restaurant, including selection of menu printing, room counts and departures, memberships, staff hiring, and rules of conduct.

Series V: Wenman Business and Personal Ledgers, 1843-1947
Boxes: 13-17 (new boxes 5-6)

This series is arranged in three subseries: Account Ledgers, Cash Books, and Check Registers, 1881-1940, Personal Expense Ledgers and Daily Journals, 1911-1947, and one Journal from the Gulick Guards, dating from 1843-1848.

These subseries do not contain much of high interest except Wenman's daily journals for the years 1925 and 1933-1935, and the Gulick Guards Book of Members, By-Laws, Constitution and Minutes. The daily journals chronicle the whereabouts of Stuyvesant Fish on a daily basis, weather for the day, entries of calls made to and by Wenman, and some personal notations of appointments. Several members of Wenman's family were members of the Gulick Guards. (See Genealogy Package #46B: Wenman Family, folders 28-30.) The Gulick Guards were an organization associated with Fire Engine Company #40 of Brooklyn, New York.

Series VI: Wenman Personal Writings, 1901-1949, undated.
Box 17 (new box 6)

This series contains writings by Wenman including some autobiographical notes, letters to various editors of New York newspapers, some historical research done by Wenman, and of particular interest, Wenmans' writings of protest concerning the United States' system of taxation. Wenman vehemently protested what he termed as the 'dogs of government' feeding on the income of the people.

Genealogical Notes (Fish and Wenman Families)

Genealogy Package #46 A and B, Folders 1-33 and 1-31 (Located on Balcony G-21)

This collection consists of genealogical notes from the Fish and Wenman families. Fish family genealogy is located in folders 1 through 7. Genealogical material includes information on the Anthon, Astor, and Fish Families, as well as a biography entitled "Life of Stuyvesant Fish", written by Wenman (folder 7), and a speech given by Stuyvesant Fish in 1913 at the unveiling of a tablet near Beverly House, a Fish Family seat.

The remainder of the collection deals with notes collected by Wenman concerning relatives of his family, including relations in France, Australia, England, and the colonial period of America. Some early family members were married and buried in Trinity Church in Lower Manhattan. Concrete records of the relatives were difficult to obtain by Wenman due to the many fires that destroyed Trinity Church and its records throughout the years.

Related Material

Also see ArMs 1981.013: Charles Wenman Account Books.

Note: box numbers in container list and index below refer to the old box numbers; refer to series descriptions above for the corresponding new boxes.

Container List

Series 1- Personal Correspondence. 1899-1950; Bulk Dates: 1915-1940

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	American Association Favoring Reconsideration of War Debt- Adams (Australian Eucalyptus Chemical Co.), 1911-1928
	2	Baas, Jessie G. – Barry, Augusta Robbins, 1914-1946
	3	Battelle, Marion - Beatty, Neil, 1905-1947
	4	Benjamin, Charlotte – Bruen, Mimi (Mrs.), 1907-1950
	5	Business Historical Society - Cast Iron Pipe Corporation, 1914-1944
	6	Castellanos, Dorothy (Mrs. Paul), 1929-1948
	7	Castellanos, Gertrude (Wenman), 1900-1941
	8	Castellanos, Irma, Sept. 22, 1919
	9	Castellanos, Lois, 1939-1950
	10	Castellanos, Paul Vining Jr., 1905-1950
	11	Castellanos, Paul Sr., 1918-1950
	12	Castellanos, Paul (Apollo) Vining, Dec. 11, 1900
	13	Chase Manhattan Bank, 1906-1936
	14	Church of St. Marks (Clark, Arthur C.), 1926-1950
	15	CHI - CU
	16	Dale, 1943 and Davis, 1939
	17	Davidson, Harriet M. "Tommy", 1934-1943
	18	DE - DICK
	19	Dikeman, Gertrude, 1900-1921
	20	Dikeman, Gertrude, 1922-1939
	20-B	Dikeman, Gertrude, 1940-1945
	21	Dikeman, Gertrude, 1946-1949 and undated
2	1	Dikeman, Richard and May, 1935-1950
	2	Dikeman, Harry, Lottie and D.F., 1928
	3	Dime Savings Bank, 1915-1948
	4	DO-DW
	5	DuBois, Floyd (Frank & DuBois Insurance), 1930-1950
	6	EA-EW
	7	Fairchild and Sons Morticians (Re: Wenman, Anna H.)
	8	Fish Family 1899-1945

Series 1 - Personal Correspondence, 1899-1950; Bulk Dates: 1915-1940

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	
2	9	FISKE-GI	
	10	Glen Landscape	
	11	Gray, Marion (nee Fish) and Albert, 1900-1942	
	12	HA-HI	
	13	Heaply, Sarah (Beatty), 1911-1931	
	14	Hilfers, George (Australia), 1918-1932	
	15	Hilfers, Jessie, 1899-1916	
	16	Hilfers, Kathleen (Australia), 1918-1932	
	17	Hilfers, Kathleen (Australia), 1936-1949	
	18	Hilfers, Nellie (Brooklyn), 1898-1939	
	19	HILL-HOL	
	20	Hood, C.S., 1914-Hutchins, Francis, 1906-1932	
	21	Huyler, Louise, 1950; undated	
	22	Hyer, Richard, 1944-1949 (See also: Genealogy #46A: Hyer Correspondence, 1941-1951)	
	23	"The Inn" at Buck Falls, PA, 1932-1949	
	24	Illinois Central Railroad, 1909-J	
	25	K	
	26	L	
	27	McC-McN	
	28	McFarland, Trixie (Wenman), 1901-1950; undated (start of new box 2)	
	3	1	McFarland, Beatrice, 1944-1951
		2	McFarland, William, 1942-1950
		3	MA
		4	Michaelis - Miles
		5	Moch, Estelle, 1907-1948
		6	Moore - Murphy
		7	National Park Bank - New York Trust
		8	O-P-Q-R
9		St. Nicholas Society, 1908-1933	
10		SA - SU	
11		T-U-W	
12		Wenman, Alice, 1907-1933	
13		Wenman, Alice, 1933-1945	
14		Wenman, Alice, 1946-1949; undated	
15		Wenman, Anna, 1926-1948	
16		Wenman, Anna, 1949-	
17		Wenman-Hilfers, Anna (Mother), 1907-1912	
18		Wenman, Burnet, 1912-1936	

Series 1- Personal Correspondence, 1899-1950; Bulk Dates: 1915-1940

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	Contents
3	19	Wenman, Chester and Vera, 1945; 1948
	20	Wenman, Ella, 1905-1919
	21	Wenman, Ella, 1920-1939
	22	Wenman, Ella, 1940-
4	1	Wenman, Eugene (Gene) (Brother), 1900-1951; undated
	2	Wenman, F. H. (Frederick H.), 1900-1905
	3	Wenman, Frederick Jr., 1928-1944; undated
	4	Wenman, Hessie, 1945
	5	Wenman, Lucille, 1935; undated
	6	Wenman, Louis and Elizabeth, 1913
	7	Wenman, Marie, 1921-1929
	8	Wenman, Marie, 1930-1940
	9	Wenman, Marie, 1940-1948; undated

Series II: Fish Family Records

Subseries 1: Fish Business Papers, 1827-1941, Bulk Dates: 1915-1929

5	1	Letter Book #1: July 26, 1897-April 16, 1903
	2	Letter Book #2: April 16, 1903-November 15,
	3	Letter Book #3: November 15, 1906-March 25, 1927
6	1	Letter Book #4: April 8, 1927-December 12, 1942
	2	Letter Book #5: March 28, 1942-October 31, 1942
7	1	Fish, Hamilton (From S. Lawrence to Fish), 1837-1849
	2	Fish, Stuyvesant Sr. and Jr., 1890-1940; undated
	3	Income Taxes Paid by Mr. Fish, 1926-1939
	4	Power of Attorney, 1903
	5	Will (Certified Copy), 1916
	6	Camphor Tree Investment Inquiries, 1914
	7	Railroad Inspection Itinerary, Apr. 22, 1907-May 8, 1907
	8	Mortgages, Indentures, Deeds, 1923
	9	Mortgages. Indentures. Deeds. 1924
	10	Mortgages. Indentures. Deeds. 1925
	11	Motions (20 Gramercy Park). 1927; Deeds (Fishkill, N.Y.), 1927
	12	Discharge of Mortgages, 1928
	13	Mortgages. Indentures. Deeds. 1934
	14	Mortgages. Indentures. Deeds. 1935-1936
	15	Mortgages. Indentures. Deeds. 1941
	16	"Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost." 1924-1925
	17	"Union-That -Nothing-Be-Lost." 1926
18		Inauguration of George Washington Centennial Celebration, Invitation to the President. 1889

Series II: Fish Family Records

Subseries I: Fish Business Papers. 1837-1941; Bulk Dates: 1915-1929

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	Contents
7	19	NOCHPEEM (Petersfield Realty) Corporation Deed, (84 Irving Place). 1917
	20	-Mortgage, 1918
	21	-Deeds (Philipstown, NY). 1926
	22	-Documents, 1927
	23	-Board of Directors. 1926
	24	Fish Land Corporation, 1931-1934
	25	Fish Land Corporation. 1935-1941
	26	Illinois Central Railroad:
		-Missouri Valley Corporation. 1905-1906
	27	-Salaries. 1887-1897
	28	-Salary of Charles Wenman, Nov. 1906
	29	-Balance Sheets. 1852-1903
	30	Miscellaneous. 1901-1937
	31	Mutual Life Insurance of New York, July 31, 1905
	32	National Park Bank, Annual Report, 1922
	33	Continental Railroad Maps, 1881
	34	Continental Railroad Prospectus, 1885
	35	Continental Railroad Correspondence. 1908
	36	Commonwealth Trust Company (Mercantile Trust Company), 1907
	37	Wenman Letter of Resignation/Protest on Ousting of Fish as President of Illinois Central Railroad. 1906

Series II: Fish Family Records

Subseries II: Telautograph Corporation, 1915-1926

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	Contents
8	1	Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws. 1915
	2	Advertising and Articles, 1919; 1924
	3	Trial Balance, Dec. 1919
	4	Voting Trust Agreement, 1919
	5	Profit and Loss, 1919-1920
	6	Comparative Balances, 1916-1919
	7	Earnings. 1919-1920
	8	Notes on Finances. 1916-1919
	9	Balance Sheets. April 1920-Nov. 1920
	10	Correspondence. 1920
	11	Leasing Agreement, 1920
	12	Progress Reports, July 1920-Dec. 1920

Series II: Fish Family Records
 Subseries II: Telautograph Corporation, 1915-1926

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	13	Report on Conditions and Analysis. 1920
	14	Salaries and Rentals, 1920
	15	Statement to Stockholders. 1920
	16	Financial Records, 1921
	16-B	Progress Reports, Jan.-Apr. 1921
	17	Balance Sheet. 1922
	18	Report to Stockholders. 1922
	19	Agreement re: Preferred Stock. 1923
	20	Notice to Stockholders. 1923
	21	Balance Sheet. 1923-1924
	22	Stock Prospectus. 1924
	23	Report to Stockholders. 1926

Series II: Fish Family Records
 Subseries III: Real Estate. 1647-1939

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	24	Fish Real Estate: -Abstract of Title. 6th St. - 9th St. between Aves. C & D. 1647-1835
	25	-Advertisement to Buy 18 Gramercy Park. Oct. 7. 1926
	26	-Deduction of Title of the Petersfield Farm. undated
	26.5	-Misc. Property Assessments. 1926-1939
	27	-Petersfield Realty Minutes and Correspondence. 1914-1951
	28	-Petersfield Realty Audits. 1934-1939
	29	-Petersfield Realty Rental Assessments. 1926-1939
	30	-Petersfield Rent Collection Ledger (194-196 E. 3rd St.), 1933-1934 NOTE.: Partial Fish and Anthon Family Genealogy is located in Genealogy Wenman Package #46 A, Folders 1-7

Series III: Wenman Business Records
 Subseries I: Stencil type Corporation. 1923-1925

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	31	Agreement to Form Company. March 1923
	32	Board of Directors. 1923
	33	Booklet. "The Worth and Worthlessness of Patents", by Thomas A. Hill, 1923
	34	Corporate Seal and Power of Treasurer, 1923
	35	Correspondence, March 27, 1923-July 31, 1923
	36	Correspondence, August 1. 1923-Sept. 31. 1923
	37	Correspondence, October 1, 1923-October 31, 1923
	38	Correspondence, November 1, 1923-December 1923

Series III: Wenman Business Records
 Subseries I: Stenciltype Corporation, 1923-1925

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	39	Lease (24-6 Murray Street), 1923
	40	Patent Inquiry and Dispute of Patent, 1923
9	1	A.B. Dick Company, undated
	2	Advertising, [1923]
	3	Affidavit of Fraud, [1924]
	4	Behrens vs. Stenciltype, 1924
	5	Easterly vs. Lazarus & Hill, 1924
	6	Easterly vs. Stenciltype, 1924
	7	Hill, Thomas: Partial Resume, 1920
	8	Income Tax Records, 1923-1925
	9	National Business Show, 1923
	10	Operating Costs and Samples, 1923
	11	Receipts, 1923-1924
	12	Schmidt Bros. vs. Hill and Josephs, 1923
	13	"Story of the Development of Stencils", undated
	14	Trial Balance Sheets, 1923
	15	Vouchers for Wages Paid, 1923
	16	Wenman Court Notes, [1923]
	17	Wenman vs. Hill Correspondence, 1923
	18	Wenman vs. Hill Correspondence, 1924-1925
		(start of new box 4)
	19	Stenciltype Ledger # 1. [1923]
	20	Stenciltype Stock Certificates. 1923
10	1	Stencil type Journal # 1. 1923-1924
11	1	Stenciltype Minutes. 1923-1924
	2	Stenciltype Trial Balance Ledger. Sept .-Oct. 1923

Series III: Wenman Business Records
 Subseries II: Wenman Investment Records. 1915-1930

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
11	3	Ace Motorcycle. 1924-1925
	4	Century Motion Picture. 1915
	5	Cities Services Company. 1926-1930
	6	Dual Gap Spark Plug Co., 1924
	7	Mirror Transparencies. Undated
	8	Stock Balances. 1907-1909
	9	Transpor Corp., Undated

Series IV: Wenman Legal and Real Estate Papers
 Subseries I: Client Legal Papers and Lawsuits. 1836-1939

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
11	10	Barnum. P.T., 1852
	11	Bomeisler. Patiel Rowland, 1915-1916. undated
	12	First Day Stamp. 1939
	13	Hamilton. Alice: Estate of. 1898-1911
	14	Hamilton. Charlotte: Estate of, 1905-1915
	15	Hamilton, John C.: Estate of. 1892-1899
	16	-Estate of. 1900-1908
	17	Hilfers, Jessie: Burial of. 1915
	18	Hilfers, Nellie: -American Kennel Club, Registration of Pomeranian "Peggie", 1931
	19	-Balance Sheets. 1922-1926
	20	-Medical Prescriptions, 1939, undated
	21	-Mosely vs. Hilfers and Quinn, 1919-1925, undated (Rent Increase Dispute, 498 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn)
	22	Stuyvesant, Peter: Estate of, 1836-1849
	23	Wenman, Charles: Stock Receipts and Tax Records, 1910-1929
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	5	Account Journal #3, Feb. 28, 1909 - Dec. 31, 1930
	6	Bond Ledger, Dec. 18, 1890 - June 1, 1891
		"Note" Account Journal #2. [Dec. 1899 -April. 1905] is located in 1981.013
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	15	Poems, Original, 1916; 1940; undated
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	18	Wedding Remarks for Paul and Dorothy Castellanos, March 5, 1926
	19	Will (Discarded), April 13, 1901

RELATED MATERIAL

The following are related genealogical and historical material available on the Fish family at the Brooklyn Historical Society:

HISTORICAL MATERIAL

Roche, Spencer S., Rev. Hamilton Fish: A Memorial Discourse, delivered in St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn. Brooklyn: Published by Request. 1893. CT275.F574 R63 1893

Dictionary of American Biography:

Hamilton Fish. Stuyvesant Fish. Sr., Edward Harriman.

New York Daily Tribune Index:

Harriman, Edward, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906

Fish, Stuyvesant Sr., 1899, 1903, 1905, 1906

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

The following materials can be found alphabetically under the name of Fish in the Genealogical shelves of the Brooklyn Historical Society:

Fish, Stuyvesant. 1600-1914. New York: J.J. Little and Ives Company, 1942

Fish, David. The Genealogy and Descendants of Luke Fish. Sr. in Chronological Order from 1760 to 1904. Philadelphia, 1905

Fish, Stuyvesant. Ancestors of Hamilton Fish and Julia Ursin Niemcewicz, his Wife. New York: Evening Post Job Printing Office, 1929

Fish, Henry Clay. The Golden Wedding of Rev. Samuel & Mrs. Bersheba P. Fish, celebrated at Halifax, Vermont on Thursday, August 30, 1866. New York: Wynkiip & Hallenbeck, 1867

Fish, P. Stuyvesant. A Midshipman and An Old Lady: Journal of a Cruise made by P. Stuyvesant Fish in the years 1832 and 1833. Printed privately by Stuyvesant Fish, 1939.

The following can be found under Genealogy An861 f:

Fish, Stuyvesant. Anthon Family. Printed privately by Stuyvesant Fish, 1930

Genealogical Related Material

The following genealogical material can be found in: Genealogy, Package #46A

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- 1 Fish Family
 - "Address at the Unveiling of a Tablet Near the Site of Beverly House" by Stuyvesant Fish, October 26, 1913
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- 7 -"Life of Stuyvesant Fish" by Charles H. Wenman
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PHOTOGRAPHIC RELATED MATERIALS

The following items have been transferred to the Photographic Collection.

1	Book of Family Photographs (from 1981.013)
2	21 Photographic Negatives (5x2), presumably of Crea-Mont Country Club and Family Members
3	2 Photos, William McFarlands' Stay in Japan as Plumber, 1947
4	1 Photo, Frederick Aldis Wenman, Jr. 1923?
5	1 Photo, Estelle Moch, 1907
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