

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: MOTT family - papers

SOURCE: Gift of Kenneth Rendell

SUBJECT: _____

DATES COVERED: 1840 - 1954 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 300

STATUS: (check appropriate description)
 Cataloged: X Listed: Arranged: X Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)
 Bound: Boxed: three Stored:

LOCATION: (Library) Rare Book/Mss. CALL-NUMBER Ms Coll Mott

RESTRICTIONS ON USE _____

DESCRIPTION:

This collection is a random group of papers of three generations of the Mott family of Mott Haven, New York City.

Jordan Lawrence Mott (b. 1799), inventor and industrialist.

The real estate development of Mott Haven (now a part of the South Bronx) was assembled by Mott from tracts of land bought from Gouverneur Morris, Lewis Morris, and the Morris estate. There are 51 deeds, letters, leases, etc. showing Mott's subdivision, improvement and letting of this property.

Jordan Lawrence Mott II, called J.L. Mott, Jr. (1829-1915), industrialist, and his wife Katharine Jerome Purdy.

Most of the cataloged correspondence is from well known people in English society in the early years of this century. Mrs Mott was a cousin of the Jerome sisters (Lady Randolph Churchill, Lady Leslie, and Mrs Moreton Frewen).

Jordan Lawrence Mott III, better known as Lawrence Mott, (1881-ca.1913), novelist, and his wife Caroline Pitkin.

Lawrence Mott wrote many novels, short stories and articles of adventure and the outdoor life. There is correspondence with publishers about his works, misc. manuscripts and financial documents.

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Among the correspondents are: the Duchess of Abercorn, Prince Arthur (Duke of Connaught) and his family, L.B.R. Briggs, Ednah Dow Cheney, Joseph E. Gilder, H.A. Harvey, Lady Constance Leslie, Frank E. Schoonover, Christian Schusseler, and Caspar Whitney.

The collection is arranged:

Cataloged items A - R 1 box

Cataloged items S - Z

Misc. correspondence, manuscripts,
documents and printed materials 1 box

Mott Haven, Bronx, N.Y.

Deeds, correspondence, etc., 1841-1866 1 box