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n his effort to reconstruct the past the historian is haunted by the nowledge that absolute, across-theoard certainty is hard to come by. ike the poet Winitier, who spoke of pelieving where we cannot prove," e lays blind hands on such facts as he able to get and lets the logic derived rom their size and shape tell him what ind of building he is going to put up. f he has assembled enough facts and nade the right deductions, he can be easonably satisfied that his finished work is a good reproduction of the ong-vanished original. By dint of nard work, logic, and the insights oorn of a creative imagination he has truthful replica of the long ago and

He hopes. He can be certain about ittle but the obvious. He may, for instance, be perfectly sure that the Battle of Gettysburg took place in and around a little Pennsylvania town early in July of 1863; but precisely why it happened then and there instead of at some other time and place, what really motivated the men who fought there, and what the whole business really meant then and now and in one future—these are matters about which he may have beliefs but no manight certainties. It is significant that although historians have written many millions of words about that battle, the final truth seems best embodied in a few paragraphs written by Abraham Lincoln, who was no hadrian at all but simply a man who had done a power of brooding.

What we know of the past, in other words, depends pretty largely on who tells us about it. The dust of the years hangs in the air and lies deeply on the hills and valleys where our fathers walked, and the reality that once existed simply is not there any more. It left a haunting shadow in the drifting haze, a faint outline of paths on which we can no longer walk it can be imagined, or logically deduced, but no one can actually touch it. There are times when the historian needs a sheak of the poet, who can see around corners and under the crust of the past. This is bad, because poets always wind up by asking us to take something on faith and we live in a generation that considers faith a crutch for the backward. We want hard facts that could if necessary be taken into court or that could at least be imparted to the press by the staff of a congressional committee, and the historian cannot always come up with such things. His lot would be simpler (and he is bound to reflect on this once in a while) if history were a science.

It is an appealing thought. Science has to do with facts that are very hard indeed. The physical scientist can prove the accuracy of his findings. He can subject them to rigorous mathematical analysis, sustaining farflung theorems by equations that can neither be understood by the vulgar nor refuted by the learned. The uncertainty principle haunts him only rarely, in an outlying province of physics-but it is central to everything the poor historian does. The scientist never has to say "It seems to me." He knows. The historian is bound to have moments of envy. If only he too could enjoy certainty! To see straight to the heart of things, instead of groping in the haunted twilight, would be pleasant indeed.

So, inevitably, the effort is being made. The social scientist has come into being, immaculately conceived in the realms of pure academic thought; and instead of dealing with the imperfect accounts written by men of biased mind and defective vision, he goes to the area where things can be infallibly measured and counted and classified. He assembles statistics—

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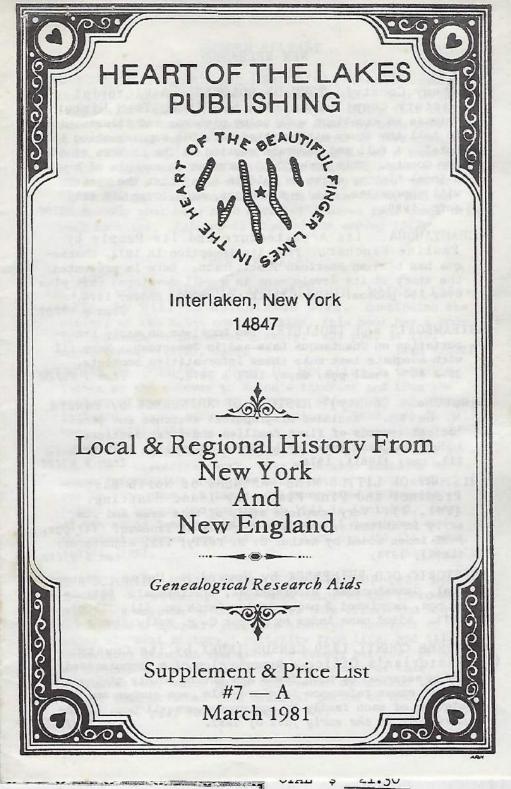
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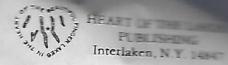
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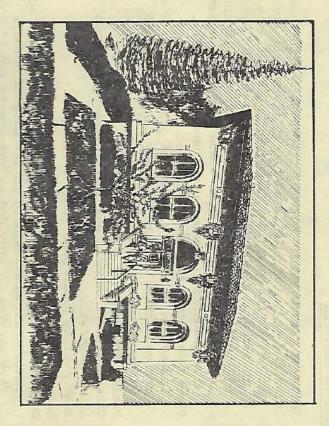
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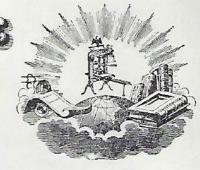
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Howard B. Drake

Frieda A. Gillette and Catherine W. Lindley

. Bill Greene and Bill Hood

John P. Herrick

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Grace Livingston Hill

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President Norwood of Alfred Univ.

Mrs. Andrew Hritz

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Carl Cartwright?

Samuel Ingalls

C. M. Van Curen

### Local Records on Film in New York State Archives

### ALLEGANY COUNTY

### County Government

75-74-1,2 Supervisors' minutes 1812-1847 75-74-2 Town charges, 1816;1819;1826

75-75-1 Court of Oyer and Terminer minutes, 1815-1849

Town Government ANGELICA

75-74-2 Assessment roll, 1817

(no others for Allegany county or town of Angelica to 1979)

Arrangement

THIS VOLUME is arranged appliabetically by county. When the name of a county does not appear, then no records were filmed. A few multi-county entries appear at the end. within each county where records were filmed, entries are arranged by series according to the originators of the record, under the following headings:

State Census Records County Government Town Government Village Government Religious Organizations Education-Public Education-Nonpublic Fraternal Organizations Commercial - Retail Trade Commercial- Transportation Commercial - Manufacturing Commercial - Services Military Individuals Land Records Cemeteries 

"The microfilm is available for use in the State Archives, and we hope to make it available eventually through the New York State Inter-Library Loan Network. The film may also be purchased from the New York State Archives, Cultural Education Center, Albany, N. Y. 12230."

Complete catalog sent March 1980 to Angelica Free Library by
Edward Weldon, State Archivist, at: The New York State Archives
State Education Department
Cultural Education Center
Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12230

Inventory of Historical Resources

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     Adjutant-general's report
     Civil War by regiment
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# Historical Resources in Allegany County

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D'AUTREMONT		
d'Autremont Family Letters	1790 - 1897	AL032-050-0005

ALO32-050 = Angelica Free Library

ALO18-720 = Walter C. Hinkle Memorial Library ALO87-040 = Allegany County Museum ALO88-900 = Villa Belvidere

AL288-880 = Wide Awake Club Library AL942-160 = David A. Howe Library

New York Public Library

Two boxes of letters about Triana

See letter from NY Office C. R. & H.P.

# Historical Resources in Allegany County

AL032

Angelica, N. Y. 14709

AL032-050

Angelica Free Library

Angelica, N. Y. 14709

Tues 1-5, 7-9; Sat. 11-5. Closed legal holidays.

AL032-050-0001

Allegany County Agricultural Society. Records 1843-1977

3 vols., 0.4 c.f.

Minute books, 1843-1913; treasurer's books, 1843-52; pamphlet history of the Allegany County Fair; and programs and premium lists.

AL032-050-002

Angelica Free Library. Records 1895-1968

1.0 c.f.

Accession books, catalogs, by-laws, patrons books, minute books, correspondence from 1940's and 50's, clippings, photographs, annual reports, and miscellaneous papers. Material relating to construction of the library includes correspondence, bills, clippings, specifications and blueprints, 1899-1908; architect was Green & Wicks of Buffalo, with detailed work by Tuna Manufacturing Co. of Bradford, Pa., and stained glass by Heinigke & Bowen of New York City.

AL032-050-0003

Angelica Town Historian's Collection 1885(approx.)-1975(approx.)

1.5 c.f.

Album of photographs and postcards of local scenes; typed notes of local history; scrapbook of clippings on Angelica history and current events; loose photographs of individuals, mills, churches, bridges, floods, business blocks; pamphlets; loose clippings; and other items.

AL032-050-0004

Church Tract Papers 1797-1867

36 vols., 15 items (approx.)

Day books, journals, and ledgers of land sales 1802-67, mostly before division of Church Tract in 1816; balance sheets 1805-1810; account of lots sold as of 1810 and c1827; accounts of Philip Church and Evert VanWickle; field notes fortownship 4, range 2, Morris Reserve (since 1835 the town of Angelica) by Moses VanCampen, c1810; map of village lots 1814; maps of the Holland Purchase and the Church Tract 1804; indenture from Benjamin Walker to Alexander Hamilton and from Robert Morris to John Barker Church for the Church Tract.

Account books for the Church store at Angelica, including accounts of land sales and the Church mill and farms; accounts for the building of Villa Belvidere in 1807, and for mills at Belmont 1827. Also field notes for township 4, range 1, Morris Reserve (present town of West Almond) 1818; papers regarding clock for Angelica Presbyterian Church 1858; petitions for removal of seat of Allegany County from Angelica to Belvidere 1858; and advertisement and map for the Church Tract 1804.

The above papers were the gift of Richard Church in 1900. The Church Tract of 100,000 acres was acquired by John Barker Church in 1800 on foreclosure of a mortgage given by Robert Morris. The papers concern the sale and development of this tract by Philip Church as agents for J. B. Church and the trustees of his estate.

AL032-050-0005

d'Autremont Family Letters 1790-1897

1 vol.

Correspondence of Marie Jaene d'Ohent d'Autremont (1745-1809) of Pittsfield, Chenango County and Angelica, with her son Louis P. d'Autremont and other relatives; also letters of Victor duPont, 1811, and of Chas. d'Autremont, Jr. 1897, to David Craft on family history. Describe pioneer life at Angelica. Photocopy of English translation. Location of original in French unknown.

Angelica Free Library (cont'd)
AL032-050

Historical Resources in Allegany County

AL032-050-0006

Liberty County, Georgia. Deeds 1793-1795

65 items (approx.)

Deeds and land warrants with seals pendant for lands in Liberty County, Ga., conveyed to John Dickson, John McKeen, Robert Flournoy, and Charles Moore.

AL032-050-0007

Local History Collection

1832 -

1.0 c.f.

Roll of honor Company A 4th Infantry Regiment, N. Y. National Guard, 1918; Photocopies of works by Norton D York on efforts to remove Allegany County seat from Angelica to Belmont or Belvidere and other aspects of the development of the county with maps; 1852 N. Y. State map; minute book of the National Club of Angelica, 1915-1920 (a women's group); oilmen's songs, c.1865, by S. N. Holmes; Revolutionary War claim of John Vreeland, 1836.

There are personal papers of William M Hawley of North Almond, including deeds, mortgage, postmaster's appointment, 1832-1853; and of John Moore of Angelica, including lot survey, receipts, promissory notes, tax warrant and other papers forSchool District No.2; and a liquor license 1833-1843. Other items include copy of Historic American Buildings Survey for Villa Belvidere, 1967; and M.A. thesis, University of Buffalo, on economic development of the Church Tract, by Kathryn Fennessy.

AL032-050-0008

Photograp Collection

1863(approx.) - 1935(approx.)

75 items (approx.)

Picture postcards and mounted photographs of Angelica including residences, churches, bridges, schools, and the Denning family; also a few of the Erie Canal at Rochester, probably taken by George Mott. There are also eleven views of Villa Belvidere and the Genesee Valley c.1863.

AL032-050-0009

Shawmut Holding Corporation, Records 1921-1952

1 vol. 30 items

One volume of incorporation records and minutes of Shawmut Holding Corpn. of New York State, 1921-46; miscellaneous correspondence regarding right of way of Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad and the Shawmut Coal and Coke Co; bills and other papers.

AL087

Belmont, N. Y. 14813

AL087-040

Allegany County Museum Belmont, N. Y. 14813

AL087-040-0001

Account Book Collection 1815-1925

35 vols.

Account books for general, grocery, drug, and hardware stores; grist and saw mills, jeweler, blacksmith, lawyer, watchmaker, wheelwright, several farmers, cheese factory. Ledgers of Hubbell & Weinhaus, Wellsville produce dealers, 1911-1914; daybook of Genesee Oil & Gas Co., 1903-06, with drilling records.

AL087-040-0002

Allegany County Architectural Survey 1841-

2 vols., 1.5 c.f.

Correspondence, photographs, maps, plans, clippings, elevations, and inventory forms compiled in survey sponsored by N. Y. Historic Trust, 1972-1976. Includes materials on public and commercial buildings, private residences, bridges, Keany Swamp in town of Birdsall, archeological sites. Also pamphlets and other printed material on architectural preservation. Two notebooks of maps and photographs of county landmarks and cemeteries.

AL087-040-0003

Allegany County Bridges Collection 1928-1931

1 vol., 8 items

Minutes of Bridges Committee of Board of Supervisors, 1928-31, including specification for repairs and inspection reports. Also glass negatives and prints of truss bridge at Belmont, 1930's.

AL087-040-0004

Allegany County Miscellany

1840(approx.) -

2.0 c.f. (approx.)

Poor house inventory for 1879 and 1880; record book of Little Lake Sabbath School, 1873-80; treasurer's book of Women's Christian Temperance Union, Angelica, 1929-35; justice docket, Amity, 1862-64; draft of unidentified tax roll, c.1918; scrapbook of clippings on 1972 flood; letterhead collection, c.1951-58; recent election posters.

AL087-040-0005

Allegany County Public Health Services. Records 1922-1963

8 vols.

Public Health Nursing Service log book, 1922-24 and accounts, 1928-32,1936-1963; also accounts of Public Health Camp, 1937-40 and syphilis control program, 1940-51. ALO87-040-0006

Allegany County School Records 1889- 1939

13 vols.

Attendance registers for district No.6, Willing, 1903-17,1938-39; no.3 Angelica, 1911-12; minute book, board of education, Union Free District no.1 Amity, 1889-98. ALO87-040-0007

Belmont Presbyterian Church. Records 1832 - 1962

10 vol.,0.8 c.f.

Minutes 1832-1962; financial accounts 1888-93; membership certificates and letters of dismission 1908-62; Sunday School minutes, attendance records and constitution; treasurer's book 1890-1901; Ladies Missionary Society minutes 1924-43; statistical reports 1931-60; and miscellaneous correspondence, reports, clippings, accounts and programs.

Permission of Belmont Presbyterian Church

On deposit - property of Belmont Presbyterian Church

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Cemetery Collection 1968 -

2 vols, 2.0 c.f., 75 items Vertical file on Alleg. Co. cemeteries with clippings, correspondence, transcriptions and photographs of interesting stones. AL087-040-0009

Church Tract Land Papers 1803 - 1907

3 vols., 2065 items (approx.)

Land contracts, deeds, mortgages, bonds, agreements, powers of attorney, receipts, lot surveys and maps mostly by Moses VanCampen, and a few late business letters. Also a conditional deed from Alexander Hamilton to John B. Church, 1797; and power of attorney from Church to his son Philip, 1804, marking beginning of sales. Miscellaneous papers include surveys of state and town roads, lot at Angelica village in 1818 and timber lots; some papers concerning lumbering; a few surveys outside Church Tract, near Friendship; valuations and surveys of the Church farm, Belvidere; bill for materials for court house 1821; early survey of gaol liberties. Three folios contain abstracts of deeds given by Philip and Richard Church, 1806-69; also miscellaneous deeds 1836-91, including many from James S Wadsworth.

John Barker Church, his son and agent Philip Church, and grandson Richard Church were owners of a 100,000 acre tract in Allegany County, conveyed by Robert Morris on default of mortgage in 1800.

AL087-040-0010

Genealogical Subject Collection 1890 (approx.) -

3.0 c.f.

Vertical files of correspondence, family data, clippings, photographs, published family histories, and other data and documents relating to families of Allegany County.

Created by Hazel Shear and William Greens, county historians. ALO87-040-0011

General Subject Collection 1843 -

9.0 c.f.

Clippings, publicity releases, brochures, pamphlets, government reports, older correspondence and reports of county historian, a few typescript articles on county history. Special items include government reports, correspondence and maps on proposed dam on Genesee River; and typed summaries of interviews of old residents of town of Willing by Hazel Shear, 1939-1945.

AL087-040-0012

Map Collection

20 items (approx.)

Printed maps of Allegany County 1829, 1840, 1856, 1929, 1945; New York State 1860; U. S. 1856; and modern highway and planning maps. ALO87-040-0013

New York State Census, Allegany County 1855

29 vols.
Transcriptions of 1855 State Census, Allegany County, including index volume.
ALO87-040-0014

Phillip's Creek Methodist Church. Records 1891-1974 0.5 c.f.

Scrapbook of programs, clippings, and other material relating to church and historical society which sponsored annual reunions. Transcript of news items from Belmont Dispatch 1913-20 pertaining to Phillip's Creek and vicinity. List of baptisms 1904, 1916, 1934-55; miscellaneous genealogical material. Transcript of diary of Naomi White (b1839) for 1891-92 on housework, visits, and church activities.

On deposit by Phillip's Creek Historical Society

# Historical Resources in Allegany County

AL087-040-0015

Photograph Collection 1880 (approx.) -

7 vols., 4.2 c.f.

Photographs of Allegany County taken by William C. Greens, Jr., since 1968 of public and private structures, signs, artifacts, rural scenes, 1972 flood and the Southern Tier Expressway construction; copies of old photos; and 2500 color slides of buildings in every town in the county. Several hundred postcards of Allegany County; mounted portraits and group photos, with several of Houghton College faculty and students; forty unidentified portraits from Muskegon, Mich.; photos of the old truss bridge at Belmont; and aerial photographs of Allegany County 1939.

ALO87-040-0016 Tape Recording Collection

30 items (approx.)

Casettes of events and sounds in Allegany County, including the opening the opening of the Southern Tier Expressway at Belvidere in 1974, carillon concert at Alfred University, interview with Michael McGuire of Geneseo, formerly of Swain, 1973, and family reunions.

AL087-040-0017

Moses VanCampen Papers 1817 -

0.5 c.f.

Correspondence and genealogical notes and charts on VanCampen family; two letters to Moses VanCampen from Charles G. Troup 1833, and one from James Read in 1833, concerning surveys; also a few surveys, notes, calculations by VanCampen for Allegany, Livingston and Steuben Counties; a daguerreotype of his sister; and a copy of his Revolutionary War pension file.

AL087-040-0018

United States Postal Service, Richburg, New York. Records 1890-1913 10 vols.

Registers of money orders issued, 1890-1911; money order cash books 1902-1909; stamps and postal accounts 1892-98, 1907-09; and record of registered mail 1908-13.

Historical Resources in Allegany County

Wide Awake Club Library AL288-880

Cuba Circulating Library AL228-120

AL088

Belvidere, N. Y.

AL088-900

Villa Belvidere

Mr & Mrs Robert Bromeley

By appointment only to qualified researchers

AL088-900-0001

Church Tract Miscellany 1804 - 1891

40 items (approx)

Letters of Philip Church, John Barker Church, Robert Troup, Dugald Cameroh and others, 1804-24, about settlement of the Church Tract, building of Villa Belvidere, the Bath & Susquehanna and Lake Erie Turnpike roads, livestock improvements, and Church family affairs. Also an appraisal of lands in Angelica owned by David B. and Thomas L. Ogden, N.D.; schedule of unsold lands in Church Tract, 1828; cash book for Belvidere Farm, 1857-1891; and a day book for a general store in Birdsall 1829-1831, later used as a scrapbook by John C. Welch.

AL088-900-002

Silas Hall Whitcomb. Papers 1875(approx.) - 1895 (approx.)

50 items (approx.)

Deeds, bills, receipts, and a few letters of Silas Hall Whitcomb, caretaker of the Belvidere Farms.

AL088-900-003

Map Collection 1804 - 1943

10 items (approx.)

MS. maps of the town of Amity, Allegany County, 1830's; the Holland Land Purchase and the Morris Reserve, made by Joseph Mangin for Thomas L. Ogden, c1804; Church landholdings in McKean County, Pa., 1878; village of Belvidere as it was in 1893, drawn 1943 by Harry Coombs; and a diagram of the circular gardens of Richard Church, 1852. There are also printed maps of the Holland Purchase, the Morris Reserve, and the Church Tract, made for Evert VanWickle, 1804; and a map of Allegany County, 1839.

AL288-880

Wide Awake Club Library

Fillmore, New York 14735

716-567-8301

AL288-880-0001

Local History Collection 1800(approx.) -

. . . copy of letter from John Barker Church to Alexander Hamilton; bill of sale for black woman at Angelica; surveyors for the Holland Land Co. AL228-110

Cuba Circulating Library Association

Cuba, New York 14727

716-968-1668

AL228-120-0002

Philip Church Estate. Land Sale Book 1845 - 1885 (approx.)

1 vol.

Record of lands sold under contract in the Church, Schermerhorn, Grove, and Patterson Tracts in the Morris Reserve and the Holland Purchase, Allegany County. Includes names of contractors, location of lots, dates of payments and final deeds.

AL942-160

David A. Howe Public Library 155 North Main Street Wellsville, New York 14895 716-593-3410

AL942-160-0018

George Mott Photographic Collection 1908-1917 (approx.)

1.0 c.f.

photographer

Glass negatives of Angelica homes, churches, stores, interiors, trades, sports, the Chautauqua, Fresh Air children, organizations, floods, bridges, Belvidere mansion, maple syrup making, the county fair, county house, road improvements, and World War I recruits. Many photographs of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut and Northern Railroad in Pennsylvania and New York, including views of stations, shops, yards, wrecks, and bridges.

1- At Allegany County Museum, Table Knoll, Belmont, N. Y.

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1855 census with index
1790 New York state census of heads of families
1820 census with state index
1810 census on micro-film, indexed for county militia
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1812 War pension index
1890 Civil War pensioners
    Adjutant-general's report
    Civil War by regiment
    10,000 tombstone cards (about 30% of county)
    3,000 obituaries (since 1974)
    Miscellaneous clippings (since 1960)
    High School alumnae list after 1900 (for about 1/2 of county schools)
    1,000 files on families done in the past few years
    Newspapers on micro-film (Alfred, Angelica, Belfast, Belmont, & Whitesville)
    2,000 assorted reference books, including several western N.Y. county histories
    Church Tract land records with alphabetical index (surveys & articles)
    Modern slides and photos
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2- At the County Clerk's Office, Allegany County Courthouse, Belmont, N. Y.

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1850 Census of Allegany County
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     " " " with index
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1806 to present, Deeds
" " Mortgages

1807 " " Court Records
" " Miscellaneous Records
              Naturalization Records
1904-1935
            Marriage Records
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1	BOX #	SMALL	LARGE	CONTENTS (special instructions)
	1	1		Map ///
	2	8		Park, etc.
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	4a	14		Streets
	4b	4	10	Streets
	5	6	5	Churches
	6	7	2	Schools
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	19a	. 4	5	Post cards, misc.
	19b	4	5	Misc.
	20	2		Cemetery (Print 2 plates, the best shots of Church & Van Campen grave stones)
	21	11	14	Farm scenes (Print only those w/people in them)
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	23	1		Maple sugaring (Print only 1 w/boy)
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	2kb	16		Street work
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ANGELICA FREE LIBRARY

# Church Family Papers

(Check list of volumes and items)

--store ledger B, 1804-05, Angelica, owned by Philip Church and operated by John Gibson

--store ledger B, 1820-27, including references to land contracts

--store ledger, 1802-05 (label on cover)

--store journal C, 1804-05

-- store day book, 1804-08, '10, including some land accounts

--store ledger D, 1833-44 (label "Belvidere" on spine)

--store and farm ledger C, 1827-33, including accounts for store, mill, house, beef, wheat, oats, wool, pork, sheep, cattle, corn

--store day book B, 1804

--ledger 2, store, 1808-09

-- Philip Church's own accounts with his store, 1809-13

--store day book, 1809-13 (actually a journal -- see note on p.1)

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--land sales book (probably 'A'), 1818-ca.1832 (labelled "B. Cruger on spine --Cruger was Philip Church's brother-in-law and bought some lots from settlers and trustees in 1816; his agent for sales was Church)

--land sales book B, 1831-ca.1867 (do.) --book of quarterly balance sheets, 1806-09

--book of monthly balance sheets, 1805-10 (fragment)

--land ledger 1803-10

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--booklet detailing expenditures on account of John Barker Church by agents Philip Church and Evert VanWickle, 1802-05

--land day book 2, 1805-06, with ledger and memoranda, 1815-17 in back --book of field notes for Cazenove Tract, surveyed 1818 by Moses VanCampen [for present town of West Almond, not in Church Tract)

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# Church Family Papers

(Check list of volumes and items) continued

--receipt and memorandum for town clock on Presbyterian Church, Angelica, 1858
--petition to "Commissioners to Locate a New County Site for Allegany County"
1858, asking that Belvidere be designated county seat; signatures from each town of Allegany County (Church was leader in gathering petitions)

--map of Holland Purchase and Morris' Reserve (framed), 1804

-- map of Church Tract and its location in northeastern states, 1804

--blueprint copy of same

--map of lots in village of Angelica surveyed by Moses VanCampen (MS., framed)
--field book for subdivision of township 4, range 2, Morris' Reserve by
Moses VanCampen into 64 lots of 360 acres each, replacing the subdivision
made prior to 1801 by surveyors for Robert Morris into 36 lots of 640 acres
each, ca. 1811 (present town of Angelica)

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54 West Main Street Angelica, New York 14709 June 29 1979

Dr James D. Folts, Jr. New York Historical Resources Center John M. Olin Library Ithaca, New York 14853

Dear Jim:

Phyllis (Mrs. Rodney) Sheffield, Benets Road, R.F.D. Angelica, N.Y. 14709 is the ranking member of the Angelica Free Library Board. She was in Florida when you were here before. I have notified her that you will be here July 10. The other day she asked about "A Bibliography of Newspapers in Fourteen New York State Counties" and I dumbly told her we already had it, having copied the October 1971 installment in New York History at the Corning Library, this Allegany County installment being the one in which we are primarily interested. When I woke up that what she had was the advertisement for the new bibliography it was too late; she had thrown the advertisement away. We do want to order one. Our newspapers are in four different places in the Library, including the cellar. There is some demand for newspapers and we are going to have to prepare our own chronological list from physical inventory but we need to know the other places at which our papers are on microfilm.

If the maps in the private Church Family Papers now in a public library are an historical resource why are not the private maps that that have been adjoined to public land registration records? The map of Thomas L. Ogden, sealed and delivered in presence of Nicholas Ogden and Will Ogden, by which T.L.O. doled out the shards of Robert Morris' New York land empire is attached to Allegany County Liber of Deeds 24 to shore up somebody's private conveyance somewhere in Allegany County but it gives Ogden's metes and bounds of the Connecticut Tract, the Triangular Tract, the Craigie Tract, the Ogden Tract, the Cottringer Tract, the John B. Church Tract, the Sterritt Tract, the Harrison and Sterritt Tract, the 40,000 acres Tract and the Morris Honorary Creditors' Tract. The multicolored maps after page 198 in Allegany County Liber of Deeds B are private maps; they are certified as being true copies of maps drawn for Evert VanWickle, Clerk, by Nicholas VanWickle and attached to deed of Philip Church to David B. Ogden and Thomas L. Ogden, trustees for the creditors of John B. Church. This was the partition of the Church Tract May 11 1816. A section of a large Church Tract map on a scroll on display at Genesee Valley Council on the Arts at Geneseo is in the Allegany County Clerk's Office. This is township 4, range 2, Morris Reserve, the present Town of Angelica. On this cl830 working map Philip Church drew in the metes and bounds and name of each new purchaser. I think the large scroll (part of twp 6, all of twps 5,4 &3, and part of twp 2 of the second range of towns of Robert Morris Reserve) is at Villa Belvidere. These maps would really augment and support the Church Tract papers you will find at Angelica Free Library.

Regards

Alan T. Stone Angelica Town Historian