

Globalization & Industrial America, 1830-2005:
New Brunswick, NJ & Raritan River Valley, A Microcosm
BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SELECTED MATERIALS FROM RUTGERS SPECIAL
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The Sinclair New Jersey Collection at Rutgers Special Collections and University Archives is the most comprehensive collection of New Jersey materials in the state and one of the finest local history collections in the nation. The collection was named for Donald A. Sinclair, curator of Special Collections from 1946 until his retirement in 1982. A complete description of the collection can be found on the Rutgers University Libraries' website: (http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/libs/scua/sinclair/sinclair_main.shtml). Materials relevant to industrial development in the Raritan Valley include monographs, serials, pamphlets, city directories, trade and manufacturers' catalogs, maps and manuscripts. A bibliography of selected materials follows.

Much of the Sinclair New Jersey Collection is housed in open stacks in the New Jersey Room located on the basement level of Alexander Library. These materials are listed in IRIS, the Rutgers University Libraries online catalog, under sublocation SNCLNJ, SNCLY, and SNCLY2. Oversize (folio), rare or fragile material is stored in closed stacks and can be accessed via call slips at the New Jersey Room reference desk. These appear in IRIS under sublocations SNCLNJF, SNCLX, SNCLXF, SNCLY3, etc.

Holdings of older uncataloged periodicals held by Special Collections can be found in *A Checklist of New Jersey Periodicals*, available at the New Jersey Room reference desk. A similar guide, *A Union List of New Jersey Annual Publications in the Library Collections of the New Jersey Historical Society and Rutgers University* exists for older uncataloged annuals. Researchers may wish to examine other works with similar call numbers and search for additional materials under related subject headings.

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Other Material Held by Special Collections and University Archives

Special Collections and University Archives provides access to primary resources relating to globalization and the Raritan Valley. These include newspapers, broadsides, posters, printed ephemera and manuscript collections of individuals, organizations and institutions. Descriptions of these collections may be found on the library's webpage at: <http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/libs/scua/scua.shtml>

Manuscript Collections

Collections of personal papers of individuals and records of organizations and institutions are housed in closed stacks. They can be accessed via call slips at the New Jersey Room reference desk. Manuscript and newspaper collections housed offsite require advanced notice. Please call ahead to ensure the materials are available.

Descriptions of these collections are provided in diverse locations. Some manuscript collections are cataloged in IRIS. Finding aids furnishing detailed descriptions are available online for some collections at: <http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/libs/scua/manuscripts/manuscripts.shtml>

Other printed finding aids are available at the New Jersey Room reference desk. Consult Special Collections and University Archives reference staff in person, via telephone (732-932-7510) or email for assistance. The following offer a small sample of collections relevant to the conference.

James Bishop Papers, 1754-1946.

Correspondence, stock certificates, clippings and other papers relating to Bishop's activities as a shipping merchant; correspondence (1854-89) about the activities of the Know-Nothing Party in New Jersey; journal of a European trip; stock certificates (1809-24) of the Trenton and New Brunswick and Spruce-Run Turnpikes. 8 folder, 1 vol. Ac. 1677.

Buttler-Howell Company Records, 1852-1918.

New Brunswick, NJ sash and blind factory, Daybook, October 4, 1852-June 20, 1855; ledger, 1852-1855, with other accounts, 1856-1859; estimates and orders, with specifications, sketches, and prices for millwork, 1860-1865, 1880-1881, 1904-1911, and 1917 (11 volumes); stock account, 1884, 1890 (4 volumes); and time book, 1907-1909, United War Work Fund accounts, 1918. 18 volumes. MC 329.

Joseph Warren Cox Papers, 1829-1859.

Inventor, Malden, Mass. Correspondence, receipts, notes on experiments and inventions relating to rubber manufacture in New Brunswick, NJ, and elsewhere, and miscellaneous papers. 110 items. Ac. 659.

Kearny Family Business Papers, 1768-1851.

Ledgers, 1768-1776 and 1772-1776, of Philip Kearny (1733-1798); letterbook, 1809-1815, of Philip Kearny (1780-1849), relating to land investments, farming and import-export business, journal, (1849-1851), pertaining to his estate; letterbooks of Philip and John W. Kearny; letterbook of Philip Kearny (1814-1862) and his agent relating to land investments. 6 volumes. MC 658.

Richard P. McCormick Papers. (R-MC 50)

Materials accrued by Dr. McCormick during his life as a historian of the United States, New Jersey, and Rutgers University, and his academic and administrative career at Rutgers University. For more information please visit *The Guide to the Richard P. McCormick Papers* at:

<http://www2.scc.rutgers.edu/ead/showfile.php?filename=uarchives/mccormickf.html>

National Musical String Company, Records, 1897-1960.

Summary: Manufacturing concern located in New Brunswick, NJ; employed women and men. Letterbooks, order books, sales books, payroll records, ledgers, trade catalogs, publications and photographs. Finding aid available. Advance notice required to consult this collection. 19 boxes. Ac. 3131.

Neilson Family Papers, 1768-1908.

Correspondence relating to manufacturing and mercantile activity, shipping, canal and railroad records, financial documents, 1768-1808, papers relating to civic endeavors in New Brunswick and at Rutgers University. Advance notice required to consult this collection. 71 boxes. Ac. 589.

Waldron Family Papers, 1815-1893.

Includes records, 1862-1867, from his service on the New Brunswick Common Council. Papers of other family members include medicinal recipes of John J. Waldron, including printed labels for plant-based medicines. Papers of John R. Waldron, including daybooks, account books and records for Waldron Machine Works, later the John Waldron Company (1861-1913), international supplier of machines for printing and the manufacture of wallpaper. 2 boxes. MC 777. (Waldron Family Papers); 42 boxes. MC 681. (John Waldron Company).

Atlases and Maps

Maps depict New Jersey throughout its history. Highlights include the “Admiral’s Map,” an early representation of the New world and several dozen nineteenth-century wall maps of New Jersey cities and counties.

Printed maps of New Jersey, its regions, counties and municipalities, including most maps acquired through 1980, are listed in *Guide to New Jersey Maps in Special Collections and Archives* (SNCLNJ GA195.N5C37 1986) available at the New Jersey Room reference desk. Checklists of New Jersey atlases and wall maps are also available at the desk.

Printed aerial views of New Jersey municipalities are included in the map collection. A checklist of the aerial views, also known as bird’s eye views, is available at the New Jersey Room reference desk. Online versions of many aerial views are available online from the Library of Congress at http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/panoramic_photo//placeN.html (Scroll down to the section on New Jersey).

Manuscript maps of New Jersey, frequently in the form of photostatic reproductions, are listed in a separate, geographically-arranged checklist available at the New Jersey Room Reference desk. The manuscripts maps are stored in closed stacks and must be requested via call slips. Three examples are cited below:

Map of Plantation on Raritan, South, Millstone and Rahway Rivers and Cedar, Bound and Green Brooks, 1882. Manuscript, negative copy. Shows properties and names of proprietors. #13,028.

Map of Property of Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1893. Blue ink on white paper. Bounded by Hamilton Street, James Neilson’s property, and Delaware & Raritan Canal. #14,053.

New Brunswick Waterfront. Manuscript, ink on linen, colored. Shows property and streets along the Raritan River. Names industrial properties including the Gas Light Co. #14,016.