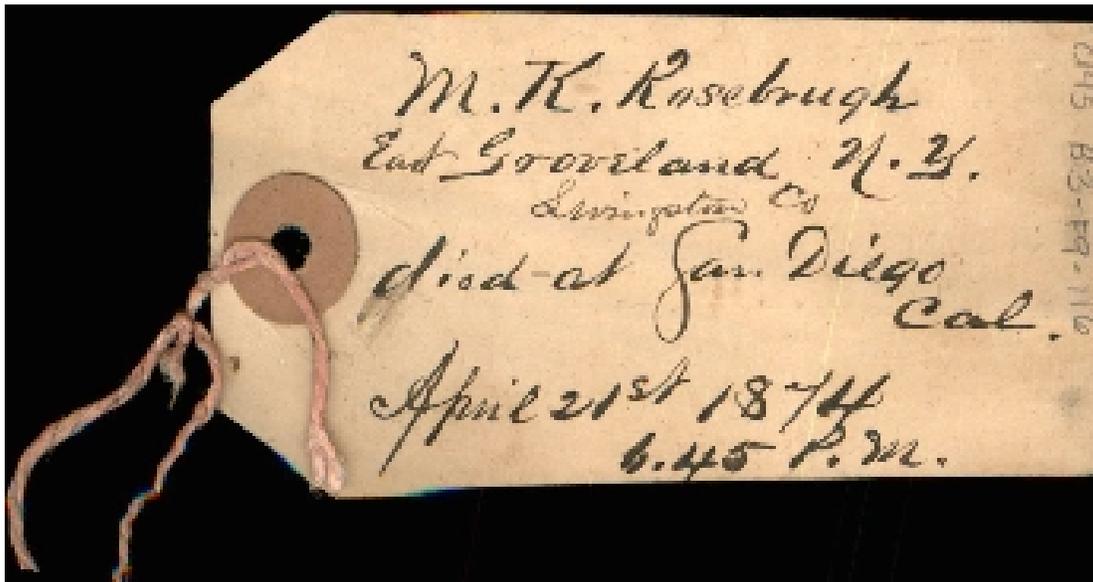


# Alberta Z. Rosebrugh Collection

## A Finding Aid



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### Livingston County Historian's Office

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## I. Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Alberta Z. Rosebrugh Collection
<b>Collection No.</b>	C145
<b>Extent</b>	1.2 linear feet
<b>Date Range</b>	c. 1821-1981 (bulk 1964-1980)
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This collection was created by Alberta Z. Rosebrugh (1902-1980), wife of James Ralston Rosebrugh (1893-1967), in the course of her family research from the 1940s to 1980. It comprises mainly genealogical notes and books, though there are a few letters and other original ephemera relating to Moses K. Rosebrugh (1833-1874), James R. Rosebrugh, family, and others. Information on Rev. John Rosebrugh, Revolutionary War chaplain, is also featured. Main surnames included in the genealogical material are Rosebrugh / Rosebrook, Kelly, Gardner, Dickerson, Neufang, Harrison, Reynolds, Warriner, Webb, and others.</p>
<b>Languages</b>	English, German
<b>Access and Restrictions</b>	<p>Use of the documents in the collection is for serious research and by request and permission of the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the material in publications must be cited as follows, "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York." Additionally, all documents should be handled with care.</p> <p>Some items have been digitized and can be shared by request.</p> <p>To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact the Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov">Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov</a>.</p>
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## II. Biographical and Background Information

The collection was compiled by Alberta Zenet (Neufang) Rosebrugh (1902-1980), wife of James Ralston Rosebrugh (1893-1967), of Atlanta, Steuben County, New York. A family historian and researcher, Alberta worked on writing a genealogy of the Rosebrugh family and collected information both through research and by contacting relatives and others. The materials appear to have been compiled between about 1962 and 1980, when Alberta passed away suddenly.

Alberta's husband, James R. Rosebrugh, was a sixth-generation descendent of Rev. John Rosebrugh, according to a letter. He served in Troop M, 1<sup>st</sup> New York Cavalry, during the Mexican Revolution and later worked for the Steuben Farm Supply in Atlanta, NY, as an agent, traveling to farms across Western New York to sell farm equipment.

Alberta and James's children were John H. Rosebrugh (1931-1942), Elinor Rosebrugh Klein, Margaret Jane "Jane" Rosebrugh Sage, and Donald Rosebrugh. Alberta was a daughter of Henry J. Neufang and Zena May Reynolds of Atlanta, New York. Though she was nearly a lifelong resident of Steuben County, she did teach in one-room schoolhouses around the area, including in Websters Crossing (Springwater) and Groveland, Livingston County, New York. She apparently moved to Cape Coral, Florida, near the end of her life.

Some materials in the collection relate directly to the Kellys, Gardners, and Rosebrughs. A brief outline of the family tree provides some context:

1. **James Ralston Rosebrugh** (1803-1864) m. 1831 to Christiana Kelly (d. 1881), dau. of Maj. Daniel and Mary Roup Kelly
  - i. **Moses Kelly Rosebrugh** (1833-1874) m. Caroline Dickerson (1846-1923)
    - I. Nellie Julia Rosebrugh (1868-1874)
    - II. **Ralston H. Rosebrugh** (1871-1938) m. to Marietta M. Harrison (1871-1941)
      1. **James Ralston Rosebrugh** (1893-1967) m. to **Alberta Z. Neufang**
      2. Several other children
  - Caroline Dickerson Rosebrough m. second to Winfield Scott Gardner (1851-1918)
  - III. Several Gardner children
- ii. Several other children

This collection was discovered in a garage on Dartmouth St., Rochester, New York, by Cheryl Gerstner's daughter when the house's new owner was renovating the property. A fire had damaged the home at some point prior. A possible connection of the papers to the property is that Alberta's daughter, Elinor Rosebrugh Klein, lived on Dartmouth St. until at least 1980.

After the collection was discovered, Cheryl Gerstner donated the majority of the collection to the LDS Family History Library in Pittsford, Monroe County, New York. During a reassessment of holdings, the library transferred the collection to the Livingston County Historian's Office in 2017.

In January 2022, Tracy Walker, a grandson of James R. and Alberta Rosebrugh, donated several more items from the collection of Rosebrugh materials discovered on Dartmouth St. The items that were retained comprise Folder 6 of the collection housed at the County Historian's Office.

In November 2023, Tracy Walker donated more photographs, papers, and postcards relating to the Rosebrugh Collection. These materials were processed and now make up Folders 7 and 8 in Box 4.

### III. Contents List

#### Box 1

- Folder 1** *Rosbrugh, a Tale of the Revolution, or Life, Labors and Death of Rev. John Rosbrugh* by Rev. John C. Clyde, 1880
- Folder 2** Early Rosebrugh genealogy booklets (2 items)
- Folder 3** *The Rosebrough Book*, by Mary Bosborough Bair
- Folder 4** Genealogy notebook, Warriner, Webb, Reynolds, Rosebrugh, c. 1970s-1980
- Folder 5** Genealogy notebook, Rosebrugh and related families, c.1970s-1980
- Folder 6** Correspondence on Rosebrook, Rosebrugh, mainly 1964-1965
- Folder 7** Various Rosebrugh items, correspondence, etc., 1856-1971
- Folder 8** Gardner, Dickerson, Rosebrugh vital records and family records, c. 1850s-1980
- Folder 9** Correspondence between the Rosebrugh, Kelly, and Dickerson families, c.1850s-1874

#### Box 2

- Folder 1** Harrison and Kelly family records, genealogy, correspondence, 1965-1966 (9 items)
- Folder 2** Samuel Reynolds and Philena Warriner Webb genealogy correspondence and notes, 1963-1980
- Folder 3** Warriner, Webb, Reynolds genealogy correspondence and notes, 1964-1972 (10 items)
- Folder 4** Neufang genealogy notes, c. 1965-1981 (3 items)
- Folder 5** Assorted genealogical material, Mulvaney, McGavern, Rogersville M. E. Church, c. 1821-1960. (6 items)
- Folder 6** Programs for anniversary suppers of Troop M, 1<sup>st</sup> NY Cavalry, 1923-1924 (2 items)  
Photos and certificate relating to James R. Rosebrugh's work as a farm agent in Livingston and Steuben County. (18 items)
- Folder 7** Postcards to Mrs. Henry neufang (1 item) and Paul Paul Rosebrugh (1897-1982) (4 items)

Photographs of James Ralston Rosebrugh (1893-1967) and his wife Alberta (Neufang) Rosebrugh's (1903-1980) family living and working with horses and agriculture around the 1920s-50s (14 items)

**Folder 8** James Ralston Rosebrugh (1893-1967) photographs and papers on his work as a NY State Trooper (6 items)  
James Ralston Rosebrugh (1893-1967) photographs and papers on his work for the Batavia Branch of the Messey-Harris Co. (5 items)

**Folder 9** *The Rosebrugh Family Story* by Harold Rosebrugh, 1971

**Folder 10** James Rosebrugh (possibly 1803-1864) scrapbook, includes transcriptions of John Rosebrugh Revolutionary War letters, and clippings from c. 1836-1861

**Box 3** (Map Tube) Rosebrugh family tree

**Box 4** (Map Tube) Warriner family tree

#### IV. Related Materials

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Other Rosebrugh related items were donated to the Steuben County Historian in 2023 by Tracy Walker.