

Warner Lake (1765-1848) Collection

A Finding Aid



C207 #33 David P. and Anne (Lindsley) Lake

Livingston County Historian's Office

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I. Collection Summary

Title	Warner Lake (1765-1848) Collection
Collection No.	C207
Extent	90 items; digital extent 45.6 MB
Date Range	1791-2008 (bulk c. 1815-1890)
Abstract	<p>This collection comprises personal correspondence, papers, and photographs of the Warner Lake family, which migrated from Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York, to Mt. Morris and Portage, Livingston County, New York, and beyond. The papers help trace the family's life as they moved west and document Lake, Clarke, Parmelee, and Bennett descendants into the 20th century. Correspondence includes letters from Matthew L. Lake and William D. Lake in the Civil War. Photographs are of Lake, King, Clarke, Parmelee, and Bennett family members. The collection also includes biographical reminiscences and a family register of David P. Lake of Portage and a list of Mt. Morris marriages from c. 1830s.</p>
Languages	English.
Access and Restrictions	<p>The collection is digital and may be accessible by advance request and permission from the Livingston County Historian's Office. The register of marriages in Mt. Morris has been indexed by name on the County Historian's Online Record Index. Any use of the material in print or online publications must be cited as follows: "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York."</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 Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov.</p>
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II. Biographical Information

Elder Warner Lake (1765-1848) and wife Elizabeth “Betsey” (Williams) Lake (1765-1834) were originally from Connecticut. The couple lived in Kortright, Delaware County, New York, before moving west and eventually settling in Mt. Morris, Livingston County, New York by the 1830s.

Partial family tree of the Lakes and descendants

1. Warner Lake and Betsey (Williams) Lake
 - a. John Lake
 - b. Mary Lake, who married _____ Dayton
 - c. Annis Lake
 - d. David P. Lake (1796-1880), who married Anne Lindsley (1797-1880) and lived in Mt. Morris and Portage, Livingston County, for most of their lives
 - i. Matthew Lindsley Lake (1821-1866)
 - ii. Jane Lake (1825-1913), who married Leonard H. King
 - iii. Warner W. Lake (1826-1924), who married Sarah P. Gaylord
 - iv. Charles R. Lake (1832-1879), who married Sarah M. Hayward
 1. Harry Lake
 2. Mollie Lake
 3. Virginia Lake
 - v. William Dayton Lake (1835-1864) (d. in Andersonville Prison during Civil War)
 - vi. Harriet S. Lake (1836-1911), who married Charles Leslie Parmelee
 1. William Dayton Parmelee
 2. Mary Leslie Parmelee, married _____ Bennett
 - a. Theodore Lake Bennett
 - b. Donald Milne Bennett
 - c. Evelyn Huldah Bennett, married _____ Droman
 - d. Leslie Parmelee Bennett
 - e. Robert Hunt Bennett
 3. Fred Lake Parmelee
 4. Evelyn Huldah Parmelee
 - vii. Sarah A. Lake
 - viii. John Lake
 - ix. Elizabeth Lake
 - x. Huldah S. Lake
 - xi. Kate Lake, married Clark W. Tabor
 - e. Huldah Lake
 - f. Rhoda Lake, who married _____ Clark
 - g. Sally Lake
 - h. Orrin D. Lake (1805-1899), who married Sarah P. Gunn (d. 1849), Martha B. Gunn (d. 1877), and Mrs. Elmira B. Mead and was a resident of Mt. Morris
 - i. Jerome A. Lake, who married Louise M. Curtis
 1. Harry P. Lake
 2. Orrin C. Lake
 3. Sarah Louise Lake
 - i. Warner Lake

III. Background Information

The digital collection was donated on a CD to the Livingston County Historian's Office in 2008. Unfortunately, the donor and provenance information was lost, and the collection remained minimally described on the filed CD until further collection processing in early 2022. The digital collection is now stored solely on the Livingston County network drive, where regular, automatic backups help preserve the items. The original CD was disposed of at this time.

The donor identified the subjects in photographs and included some extra information for items in a separate digital text file, which was burned on the CD and correlated to original file names/numbers. These descriptions were retained and entered into the catalog during the collection processing in 2022. The JPG and PDF files were renumbered to indicate the collection number and item number. Correspondence and similar items spanning more than one JPG file were merged into a single PDF file. Original JPG and text files were not retained.

IV. Contents List

Correspondence, lease agreements, receipts for Warner Lake in Delaware and Cayuga counties, New York, 1797-1820s

Correspondence to Anne Lindsley Lake from relatives, c. 1819-1824s

Photographs, Lake and Clarke gravestones in Livingston County, 2005-2008

Correspondence from Matthew L. Lake and William D. Lake during Civil War, 1863-1864

Photographs, David P. Lake and Anne Lake and family; Elizabeth Lake Clarke and Ichabod Bradley Clarke and family; Jane Lake King and family; Harriet Lake Parmelee and Parmalee / Bennett family; and others

Family register for David P. Lake and Anne Lindsley Lake

Register of marriages in Mt. Morris, likely officiated by Warner Lake, 1827-1839

Reminiscences of David P. Lake and assorted obits