

GUIDE TO THE NORTH HEMPSTEAD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION RECORDS

Collection Abstract: Records of the North Hempstead Library Association in Port Washington (New York), including minutes, accounts, and expenditures of the association.

Collection Title: THE NORTH HEMPSTEAD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION RECORDS

Inclusive Dates: 1791-1855

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INTRODUCTION:

The North Hempstead Library Association was founded in 1871 by a group of landowners who met at the home of Martin Schencks. The Association was “for the purpose of instituting a public library in said Town of North Hempstead for the promotion of useful knowledge”. The five original trustees were Richard Thorne, Samuel Wood, Andrew and George Onderdonk, and Samuel Mitchell, all of whom were prominent residents of the community. Records for the 1830’s and 1840’s list Singleton Mitchell, George Purdy, Henry Morrell, Robert Mott, William Underhill, Whitehead Hewlett, Joseph L. Hewlett, Henry Allen, and John Sands as trustees.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The records are made up of two volumes which include the regulations of the association, minutes, accounts, lists of books, names of subscribers, and expenditures.

BOX LIST:

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Volume 1 (1791-1830)

Volume 2 (1833-1855)