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Chatten Family Collection

2017.13

Extent

2 boxes, .8 linear feet

Dates

1839-2000, primarily 1921-1999

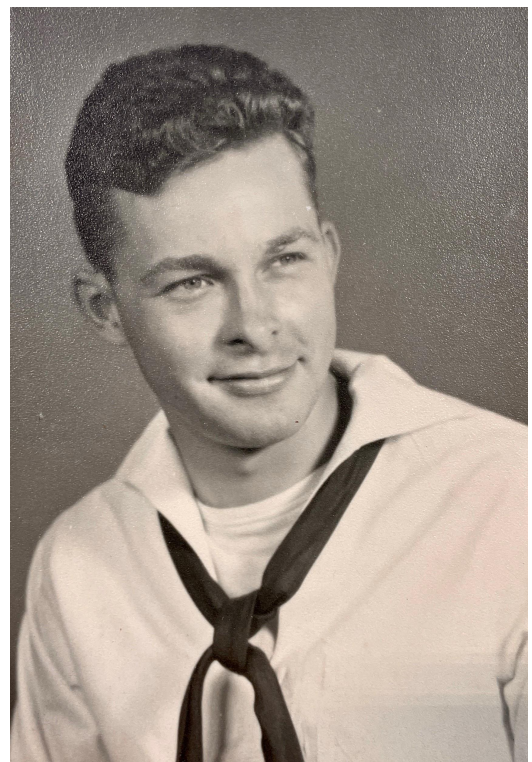
Creators

Chatten, Chauncy Corwynne, Jr., 1929-1999

Chatten, Helen Hulit, 1904-2002

Scope and Content

The collection documents the Chatten family of Pennington, N.J. It consists of newspaper clippings related to family members, correspondence, genealogical research, pages from a Hulit family bible, diaries and scrapbooks, and poems and writings of family members. Most genealogical notes by Helen Hulit Chatten.



Chauncy Corwynne Chatten, Jr.

The second box collects the contents of a scrapbook kept by Helen Hulit Chatten in which she documented family history with photographs, documents, and notes. She also collected documents relating to the military service, mayoral campaigns, and mayoral office of her husband, Chauncy Corwynne Chatten, Sr. Newspaper clippings illustrate Chatten's focus on fiscal policy during the Great Depression.

Materials were created by or relate to primarily the following family members, each of whom is described in a biographical note below:

- Samuel H. Chatten, 1874-1957
- Chauncy Corwynne Chatten, Sr., 1891-1965
- Helen Hulit Chatten, 1904-2002
- Chauncy "Chub" Corwynne Chatten, Jr., 1929-1999

Biographical Notes

Samuel H. Chatten, 1874-1957

Samuel H. Chatten was the postmaster of Pennington, N.J., 1893-1897, 1913-1922. He was also a trustee and charter member of the Pennington Fire Company, 1891.

Chauncy Corwynne Chatten, Sr., 1891-1965

Chauncey Chatten, Sr. served in World War I and was Mayor of Pennington from 1936 to 1939. Chatten served as mayor during the Depression, and during his term he focused on fiscal policy: taxes, property policy, public assistance, etc.

Helen Hulit Chatten, 1904-2002

Helen Hulit Chatten was the wife of Chauncy Chatten Sr. and the mother of Chauncy Chatten Jr. She was an active member of her community, and was a charter member of the Pennington Women's Club.

Chauncy Corwynne Chatten, Jr., 1929-1999

Chauncy “Chub” Chatten served in the Korean War in the Navy Band. After his service he was a professional trumpet player and a music teacher at South Brunswick High School, N.J.

Information in this note is taken from federal census data, materials in the collection, and Margaret J. O’Connell’s book *Pennington Profile: A Capsule of State and Nation*, 3rd digital edition, 2022: <https://hopewellhistoryproject.org/pennington-profile/>.

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Administrative History

Donated by Diane Fisher-Chatten in 2017.

Languages and Scripts of the Material

The collection is entirely in English.

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Subjects and Genres

Below is a list of personal names, subjects, and genre types to be found in the collection:

Chatten, Chauncy Corwynne, Jr.

Chatten, Chauncy Corwynne, Sr.

Chatten, Helen Hulit

Chatten, Samuel H.

Great Depression, 1929

Local governments--United States

Mayors

Pennington, N.J.

Scrapbooks

Inventory

Box	Folder	Title	Date	Description of Item
1	1	Brochure: Clan Chattan	Undated	Clan Chattan - family crest and arms from Edinburgh Scotland. Denoted as "From Aunt Edna, 1753 Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach, FL" (note different spelling of last name Chattan vs. Chatten)
1	1	Letter from Nigel, Jackie and Grace Victoria Chatten, with attachments	6/9/1997	Letter to Evelyn Sebestyn of Trenton NJ dated June 9, 1997 re: family research on potential Chatten relatives in England and other parts of the world
1	1	Bible pages of family record	12/13/1865	Family Record of Marriage of Jerome Hulit to Emma Harvey on Wednesday, December 13, 1865 in Princeton, NJ
1	1	Bible pages of family record	6/26/1839	Family Record of births of Hulit family from 1839 to 1882
1	1	Bible pages of family record	8/8/1886	Family Record of birth of Ama Nynne Hulit born August 8, 1886
1	1	Bible pages of family record	8/8/1886	Family Record of deaths of Willie Anna, Marrian Anna, and Emma Rachel of Hulit family
1	1	Card	1/18/1882	Joseph Karge Hulit Born January 18, 1882 Died Manhattan, Kansas June 16, 1904
1	1	Handwritten note	8/18/1968	"Margaret passed away August 18, 1968, George 1960
1	1	Handwritten note	9/7/1868	"Harvey - Sept 7, 1968 to March 2, 1933 died, Married Nov 27, 1902. Fannie May Cruser Born May 3, 1884 died Anna Almeda Hulit born Dec. 8, 1903
1	1	Handwritten note	7/29/1926	Died July 29, 1926
1	1	Handwritten note	3/2/1933	Died March 2, 1933, Born Sept 7, 1868. They were married in November 1902.

1	1	Handwritten note	5/25/1880	Emma Rachel, daughter of Jerome & Emma Elizabeth Hulit Born May 25, 1880; Emma Elizabeth Harvey Hulit was the daughter of Patrick & Rachel Ann Harvey. Emma was born Aug. 22, 1847; Emma Elizabeth harvey married Jerome Hulit of Hightstown, NJ, Dec. 18, 1865 at Princeton NJ by the Rev. P. Hartwell of Hopewell, NJ
1	1	Certificate of Marriage	4/20/1957	Certificate of Marriage for Chauncy Chatten and Joan Martin at Grace Bpatist Church, Trenton
1	1	Handwritten note	6/26/1839	"My father and mother Jerome Hulit born June 26, 1830 to Emma Elizabeth Harvey born August 22, 1847
1	1	Handwritten note	2/20/1905	Note "Davis S. Chatten 1810-1878 and Mary Ann Chatten 1817-1907"
1	1	Handwritten note	6/19/1815	Note "Clark R. Hughes 6/19/1815 to 10/9/1891 and Cornelia Hughes 7/17/1819 to 1/11/1886"
1	1	Handwritten note	Misc.	Miscellaneous notes with births and deaths
1	1	Letter	12/21/1993	Letter from Robert A. Smallwood, Jr. for genealogy search of great grandmother Ida Chatten of Pennington and her father Daniel Chatten.
1	1	Letter	Undated	Letter re: tracing grandfather, William Ellsworth Chatten family tree.
1	1	Typewritten chronology	Undated	"Stryler's Men (NJ) in the Revolution of Sam H. Chatten boarn Dec. 26, 1844, son of Daniel Chatten and Nancy Anthony, Daniel was the son of John Chatten who was private, 3d Batalion Glocester Co Militia...original family record from 'Ayres" bible in possession of Chas. Ayres of Hightstown, NJ
1	1	Typewritten chronology	Undated	Robert Ayres family record of marriages, births and deaths
1	1	Illustration	Undated	Family Tree of Chauncy Corwynne Chatten approx. 16 x 23
1	1	Handwritten note	Undated	Annie Rogers Birth date of 8/21/1790 died 2/21/1868; Married 1/21/1813 Henry Allen Born 7/19/1789, Died 12/27/1870, son 7/19/1789 of Michael and Marget Lippincott, Michael married 1837 to Elizabeth Chatten
1	1	Handwritten note	Misc.	Misc with Jemison names, deaths, marriages
1	1	Handwritten note	Misc.	Martha Irvin died Jan 17, 1907, buried Jan 21, 1907, Ruth Jamison died Feb. 23, 1907 and buried Feb.

				27, 1907
1	1	Handwritten note	1813-1889	Elizabeth Ann Ayres married Smith Jemison, Elizabeth Ann born 1/21/1813, Smith Jemison born 8-30-1809, Catherine Amanda born 1850. Enoch H. Jemison 4/10/1805 born 10/12/1882 wife Elizabeth D. 3/10/1813, 10/6/1889
1	1	Letter	10/22/1996	Letter to Evelyn Sebesty from Nigel Chatten with information on family geneology with photocopies photos and newspaper clippings.
1	1	Letter	3/13/1972	Letter from Kenneth R. Chatten of the E.M. Chatten Equipment Co. J. I. Case Equipment in Quincy, IL researching the geneology of the Chatten Family.
1	1	Newspaper clipping	8/30/1975	Obituary of Elmer E. Chatten, 95, native of Pennington, died in Waynesboro, VA
1	1	Newspaper clipping	8/19/1999	South Brunswick Post article of Mr. Chatten, an accomplished Dixieland trumpet player and South Brunswick High School's first music teacher died August 12, 1999
1	2	Diary, Helen Hulit Chatten - 1957	1/1/1957	Daily accounts of weather, events, activities and some stories of local friends
1	2	Book of Poems	10/18/1966	"Rumblings of the Rambling Mind" of Elmer Ewing Chatten 1966" given to Helen Chatten from the author, E. Ewing Chatten 10/18/1966
1	3	Memorabilia	Undated	USN Pin, Dog Tag & Mayor of Pennington Pin for C.C. Chatten
1	4	Letter, poems, Chauncy Chatten Jr.	6/8/1996	Handwritten letter dated 6/8/1996 to the family with reasoning for marrying Dianne Fisher after the death of his wife. Also notes, poems and possible music lyrics.
1	5	US Naval Training Center Yearbook 1951, Press clippings, photos and postcards	1/1/1951	The Keel US Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, Companies 319-320, 1951. Chauncy Chatten Jr.
1	6	Family Crest	Undated	Chatten Family Crest - Touch not the cat, but the glove (meaning of crest is explained further in the 1957 diary)
1	7	Photos	1990s	Family photos and snapshots, various times - most in the 1990's

1	8	Musical Program	5/21/2000	Program entitled "Golden Apples of the Sun" written by the late Chauncy "Chub" Chatten and produced/narrated by his wife Dianne Fisher-Chatten. The theme was based on the treatment of Bruno Hauptmann accused of kidnapping the Lindbergh baby in Hopewell. The production was held 5/21/2000 at the 1860 House Inc., Montgomery Cultural Center in Skillman, NJ as a fundraiser
1	9	Diary/Scrapbook	1921	Diary of Helen Hulit Chatten 3/7/21 and forward. Scrapbook of notes, cards, clippings, accounts of Corwynne health when he was a baby. Many clippings of poems and writings of Edgar A. Guest and Anne Campbell. Holiday cards, valentine cards, birthday cards and drawings. Names of trees on property catalogued on 12/20/1926.
2	NA	Scrapbook: genealogy notes, Helen Hulit Chatten	Undated	Births, deaths, budgets, photographs, History of Pennington, Chauncy C. Chatten, Pennington Mayor, service records and documents, birth certificates, family history, Certificate signed by Lyndon B. Johnson, President honoring the memory of Chauncy C. Chatten. Last Will & Testament of Chauncy C. Chatten, Program of burial, Geneology of Stout Family written by members of the D.A.R. Emma Hulit, 6/10/1929 & geneology notes. Photos and notes of David Stout Hill, Great Grandmother Annie Runyon Hill of Chauncy Corwynne Chatten. Many family photos

Updated June 2023 by Katie Chase.