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Guide to the Certificate File ca 1700-present (Bulk 1790-1900) PR14

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Certificate File
Dates:	ca 1700-present (bulk 1790-1900)
Abstract:	The Certificate File contains certificates from private and civic societies, clubs and professional and other organizations. Diplomas, certificates of merit and various financial and legal documents are included as well. The collection includes fine examples of engravings, lithographs, and typography.
Quantity:	9.66 linear feet (9 boxes; 8 drawers of flat files)
Call Phrase:	PR 14

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Department of Prints, Photographs, and Architectural Collections

PR 014

CERTIFICATE FILE

1700 - 1991
(bulk 1790 - 1900)

9.66 lin. ft., 9 boxes
plus 8 mapcase drawers

Series I.	5 x 7 inches & smaller
Series II.	5 x 7 to 14 x 18 inches
Series III.	14 x 18 to 20 x 24 inches
Series IV.	20 x 24 to 24 x 36 inches
Series V.	Larger than 24 x 36 inches

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Provenance

The collection is made up of multiple purchases and gifts.

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Scope and Content Notes

The Certificate File spans the period from 1700 to the present and contains certificates from various societies, clubs and organizations. Diplomas, certificates of merit and various financial and legal documents are included as well. The collection is divided into five series by size: 5 x 7 inches & smaller, 5 x 7 to 14 x 18 inches, 14 x 18 to 20 x 24 inches, 20 x 24 to 24 x 36 inches, and Larger than 24 x 36 inches.

Series I. 5 x 7 inches & smaller is housed in a document box and is comprised of small certificates. The bulk of these are merit certificates given to children for school attendance and/or good work.

Series II. 5 x 7 to 14 x 18 inches

ART contains certificates of membership to museums and art related clubs and societies. Included are certificates of membership to the Allied Artists of America, the International Art-Union, New-York Gallery of Fine Arts, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Also included is John McComb's 1816 membership certificate for the American Academy of Fine Arts.

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS contains certificates related to the planning, funding, and participation of a variety of events. Miscellaneous certificates include an invitation to the dedication ceremonies of the New York State Monument at Gettysburg in 1893, a blank certificate for the New England Sanitary Commission Fair in 1863, and a souvenir of the Civic & Industrial Parade, in New York City, 1889. Also included are certificates for the 1939 New York World's Fair and two certificates, designed and engraved by the Major & Knapp Co., for the United States Centennial Exhibition.

CIVIC is comprised of certificates, both original and reproduction, for fire and police department certifications and appointments. New York City Fire Department certificates include several engraved by Peter Maverick from a drawing by Archibald Robertson. Another certificate, a fireman's exemption from jury duty, has an 1829 ten cent piece attached. Miscellaneous fire department certificates include certification for Albany, Paterson, San Francisco, and Toledo departments. Police department certificates include appointments to various positions in the New York City and Morrisania departments as well as a membership certificate to the Police Endowment Fund Association.

EDUCATION includes certificates given to teachers, students, and school and library supporters. Miscellaneous certificates include teacher certifications, course completion certificates for classes at Cooper Union, a certificate of apprenticeship from the New York State Board of Pharmacy, and membership certificates for the Free-School Society of New-York and the American University Popular Course of Home Reading. There are certificates to various clubs and organizations at Columbia University and Harvard University. Library certificates include two certificates of membership to the New York Society Library.

Certificates of Merit comprise much of the Education subseries. Miscellaneous certificates of merit are often blank or contain only a student's first name; two of these certificates were published by Currier & Ives. Merit certificates for schools in New York, Brooklyn and the Bronx are grouped separately. There are also several blank, uncut "Reward of Merit" sheets.

FINANCIAL contains bank notes, stocks and other financial documents. Bank notes include those for the Hungarian Fund and an uncut sheet of four bank notes from The Farmers Bank. New York stocks include stock in the Brooklyn Union Elevated Railroad, the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company, the New York Pier and Warehouse Company, the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corporation and the Bennett Combined Automatic, and Manual Organ Company of New York. Many of these certificates are illustrated.

FOREIGN includes certificates in Arabic, French, Italian and German. The certificates have not been translated but include religious, academic, and honorary subjects.

FRATERNAL includes certificates of membership to fraternal organizations and lodges including the Odd Fellows and the Freemasons. Freemason organizations represented include the Scottish

Rite, the Police Square Club, and Knights Templar. Several certificates use the Masonic calendar, recording years in AL or AO. Many of these certificates are printed on parchment and have wax or embossed seals.

GENEALOGICAL includes membership certificates to organizations that base their membership on lineage. Societies include the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, the General Society of Colonial Wars, and Sherwood Kindred of America.

HISTORICAL is comprised mainly of certificates of membership and acknowledgements of financial contributions. Organizations include the Ticonderoga Historical Society, the New Hampshire Historical Society, the American Flag House & Betsy Ross Memorial Association, and a number of presidential societies. The American Bank Note Company printed certificates of membership for the Roosevelt Memorial Association and the Alexander Hamilton National Memorial Association. Acknowledgements of contributions include those to the Washington National Monument, the Bunker Hill Monument Association, and the National Lincoln Monument in Illinois.

HUMANITARIAN contains membership certificates for the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Woman's Central Association of Relief, and the New-Jersey Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery. Certificates for the New York Marine Society, a group formed to provide assistance to widows and children of deceased sailors, include both reproductions and originals with wax seals.

LEGAL includes birth, marriage and death certificates, passports, and certificates of admission to the bar. Miscellaneous legal certificates include a hand-lettered document from the State of New York Executive Chamber. The certificate, created in 1913, is affixed with the pen that was used to sign a bill regarding the Highway Act into law. Legal documents include leases, receipts, a deed for land in South Dakota and a certificate from the London Trade Marks Registry Office. Certificates of Admission to the Bar contain certificates from 1809 to 1914. Many of these are on parchment and include wax or foil seals. Of particular interest is a certificate from Mexico dated October 22, 1912, with two attached Mexican stamps and a photograph of the recipient, Edward Schuster.

MEDICAL contains certificates related to the medical profession, including diplomas from medical schools, certificates of membership in medical societies, and registrations to practice medicine. Certificates from the American National Red Cross include two given to James Hazen Hyde in 1918 and 1919, for services rendered during World War I. Certificates of membership from the Society of the New-York Hospital are made out to John McComb, John McComb Jr., and James W. Beekman.

MEMORIAL is comprised of certificates from clubs and organizations honoring deceased members. These include certificates in memory of William de Groot from the Empire State Society, James C. Russell from the Coffee Exchange of the City of New York, and Edward L. Phalon from the John Bruning Bowling Club.

MILITARY includes certificates given to commemorate appointments and changes in rank, citations and discharges from service, as well as membership to various clubs and organizations. Miscellaneous military certificates include certificates of recognition for donation of time or funds to various military causes. One certificate from Hempstead, Long Island dated 1819, acknowledges a soldier's enrollment in "a troop of horse artillery...comprising part of a brigade in the second regiment of the state of New-York." Another is a Pension Office certificate showing payment owed to Revolutionary War widow Esther Hammond. Certificates of discharge include one for Fred W. Mather, member of the 24th Regiment, United States Colored Troops. Certificates of appointment from the Knickerbocker Greys and the National Guard are also included.

POLITICAL & GOVERNMENT is comprised of certificates from various government and political organizations. A certificate from 1870 from the New York City Department of Public Parks records Benjamin Crane's appointment to Superintendent of Central Park. Also included are two versions of certificates of membership to the Tippecanoe Club, both printed with images of William Henry Harrison.

REGIONAL & ETHNIC contains certificates of membership to societies with regional interests. Certificates include the Caledonian Society of the City of New York, the Society of St. George and

the South Carolina Society. Also among these certificates is John Stoneacre Ellis' certificate of membership to the Associated Pioneers of the Territorial Days of California.

RELIGIOUS includes certificates of baptism, communion and confirmation, as well as membership to various religious societies. Miscellaneous religious certificates include donation receipts, Sunday school attendance and merit certificates. One certificate from the American Bible Union records contributions made to the group to distribute bibles to "the Freedmen of America." A group of ephemera related to the Domestic Missionary Army of the Young Soldiers of Christ of the Protestant Episcopal Church includes a ribbon printed with the portrait of Jackson Kemper. Certificates of baptism include those of Anna and Helen Liebenow, sisters who died on the General Slocum, June 15, 1904. Temperance certificates include membership to the Boston Temperance Society, the Washington Temperance Society, and several Juvenile Temperance Societies. One particularly interesting certificate is a certificate of membership for the Connecticut Cold Water Army, which includes songs of the Cold Water Army. Early membership certificates for the American Bible Society include those for Mrs. John McComb, Jr. and Gerard Beekman.

SCIENTIFIC contains certificates of membership to societies such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Geographic Society, the New York Academy of Science, and the New York Zoological Society. Award certificates from various environmental, agricultural, and horticultural societies include several from the Aquidneck Agricultural Society of Rhode Island for best dog, an award for "a superior market wagon" from the Queens County Agricultural Society, and "best 12 ears of sweet corn" from the Horticultural Society of Morrisania. A certificate of membership in the Audubon Society is embellished with an engraved portrait of Audubon as well as a small image of Cedar Birds.

SPORTS & ATHLETICS includes certificates of membership to the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States and the New York Sadlers' Society. Also included is a certificate qualifying Louis Senar as an instructor in the art of fencing from the Amateur Fencers League of America.

TRADES includes certificates of membership to professional societies, as well as one certificate of recognition from the Building Trades Employers' Association. Two early certificates are located in this subseries. One, a membership certificate for the New York Coopers Society dated 1827, is illustrated with an engraving of men working along a harbor. The other, from the Society of Master Sail Makers of the City of New York dated 1795, is illustrated with several vignettes showing sail making, ship building and harbor scenes and has its original wax seal.

TRANSPORTATION contains certificates of membership, of commemoration, licenses, and an invitation. One certificate of membership records dues paid to the New York Cheap Transportation Association. Two licenses are included; one to operate motor boats carrying passengers for hire, the other to mate ocean or coastwise steam and motor vessels. Two certificates commemorate the opening of the New York & Erie Rail Road. An invitation to attend the ceremony of opening the Holland Tunnel is also included in this subseries.

OTHER CERTIFICATES is comprised of certificates that do not fit into the above subseries. Organizations represented in this group include the American Academy of Immortals, American Buttonists Society, the Flatbush Boys' Club and Ye Twilight Club of New York. One certificate of interest, printed by Peter Maverick, was given to Sarah Daniels for her "meritorious services" by the Society for the Encouragement of Faithful Domestic Servants.

Series III. 14 x 18 to 20 x 24 inches

ART contains certificates from various art organizations. Miscellaneous certificates contain a single hand lettered certificate, given to Samuel T. Shaw by the Salmagundi Club, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Shaw Purchase Prize. Certificates from the National Academy of Design include those given to J. Carroll Beckwith, Asher B. Durand, and Helen M. Turner.

BUSINESS includes a certificate of merit from the Rice Leaders of the World Association given to the Haloid Company and a certificate of membership to the American Society of Certified Public Accountants. One certificate of note is a certificate of membership to the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, given to General William T. Sherman in 1889. Certificates honoring retiring or resigning

workers are particularly beautiful. One hand-lettered certificate was presented to Edwin B. Moore upon his retirement from the New York Tribune. Another, given to Colonel J. Mayhew Wainwright upon his resignation as the Commissioner of the Westchester County Park Commission, is hand-lettered in the style of an illuminated manuscript.

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS includes certificates commemorating the Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration of George Washington, the World's Columbian Exposition, and the Sesquicentennial International Exposition. Two certificates from the 1877 Agricultural Society of New South Wales' Metropolitan Intercolonial Exhibition awarded John Rogers bronze medals for his statuary.

CIVIC includes commendations, membership, and professional certificates. Membership certificates from the Committee of Vigilance of the City of San Francisco include several that once belonged to John Stoneacre Ellis. Early certificates given to the firemen of the city of New York were engraved by Peter Maverick and include a scene of firemen in action. Police department certificates include three hand-lettered certificates of commendation, given to Inspector Thomas Byrnes for solving various crimes.

EDUCATION is comprised of certificates of merit, diplomas, and teaching certificates. The bulk of the merit certificates and grammar school diplomas came from public schools in New York City. Diplomas include those from Columbia University, Cooper Union, Eastman National Business College, Princeton University, Rutgers Female Institute, the University of Maine and Yale University. Many of these certificates were printed on parchment and have elaborate seals.

FINANCIAL is comprised of bond and insurance certificates. The majority of these certificates are Confederate States of America coupon bonds, used to raise capital for the war effort. Also included is a copy, probably printed as an advertisement, of a life insurance policy for Robert E. Lee, issued by the State Mutual Life Insurance Company.

FOREIGN contains certificates in French, Greek, Italian, Latin, Polish and Spanish. Certificates in French are mainly honoring soldiers who served in World War I. One of these certificates of honor has the Chateau-Thierry Medal attached. The medal depicts the busts of Washington & Lafayette and the Legion of Honor on the reverse. A 1907 membership certificate records aviator Alan Hawley's membership in L'Aero-Club de France.

FRATERNAL is comprised of certificates of membership to fraternal organizations and lodges including the Ancient Order of the Druids, the Odd Fellows and the Freemasons. Freemason organizations represented include the Knights Templar and the Scottish Rite. The collection includes several certificates of membership, given to John Stoneacre Ellis, to both California Freemason and Odd Fellow organizations. A colorful lithograph, titled *Masonic Chart* and printed by Strobridge & Co., contains religious and symbolic imagery.

GENEALOGICAL includes membership certificates to organizations that base their membership on lineage. Societies represented include the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Holland Society, the Huguenot Society of London, the National Society of the United States Daughters of Eighteen Hundred and Twelve, the Order of the Founders & Patriots of America, the Saint Nicholas Society, the Society of the Cincinnati, the Society of the Colonial Dames of America, the Sons of the Revolution, and the Society of Americans of Royal Descent. Many of these certificates are printed on parchment and have original wax seals.

HISTORICAL includes membership certificates to historical societies, acknowledgements of contributions, and invitations. Historical society memberships include those to the American Antiquarian Society, the American Historical Association, the Massachusetts Historical Society, and the New-York Historical Society. New-York Historical Society membership certificates are illustrated with an engraving of the arrival of Henry Hudson, engraved by Asher B. Durand. Blank New-York Historical Society fellow and patron certificates include an original drawing of the certificate by its designer, E. D. French. Monument association certificates include a certificate acknowledging a donation to provide a pedestal for the Statue of Liberty.

HUMANITARIAN contains certificates from the Cape Palmas Female Orphan Asylum Society, the Lawrence Benevolent Institution of Pennsylvania, the New York House of Refuge, and the U.S.

Sanitary Commission. Also included are certificates from various maritime organizations that provided assistance to sailors and their families.

LEGAL contains marriage certificates and certificates of admission to the bar. These certificates include an ornate lithograph recording the marriage of Henry Lockwood and Zana Rowland in 1885. Cartes de visite of the bride and groom are attached to the verso.

MEDICAL includes certificates of donation, diplomas, licenses, and membership certificates. Certificates related to New York Hospital are illustrated with images of the building. John McComb's certificate of appointment as surgeon at the New York Hospital is included in hospital certificates.

MEMORIAL contains certificates honoring the deceased. Two certificates were printed to honor fallen Civil War soldiers, including one printed by Currier & Ives. Also included are certificates in memory of James P. Harper and John McEntee Bowman.

MILITARY is comprised of certificates of appointment, citation, discharge, and membership from various military organizations. Many of these are printed on parchment with original seals. Certificates of appointment include several from both John Stoneacre Ellis and Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright.

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT includes certificates of appointment and membership. Two certificates of appointment have Warren Harding's signature. Tammany Society certificates contain one printed by Samuel Maverick and two that are illustrated and hand-lettered.

REGIONAL & ETHNIC contains two certificates of membership, one from the Hispanic Society of American and the other from the German Society of the State of New York. The German Society certificate is written in German and has its original wax seal.

RELIGIOUS includes certificates of donation, confirmation, and membership. Several certificates record donations made to the American Tract Society, the New York Bible Society, and the American Bible Society.

SCIENTIFIC is comprised of certificates from the American Geographical & Statistical Society, the American Institute of the City of New York, the American Museum of Natural History, the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, and the Astronomical Society of Michigan. A hand-lettered certificate by Tiffany & Co. from the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society commemorates the retirement of Daniel Parish, Jr. Tiffany & Co. also designed the membership certificates for the American Museum of Natural History's.

TRADES includes diplomas as well as award and membership certificates. A certificate awarded to John Rogers for his statuary groups from the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association is included. Certificates of membership in the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, printed by Samuel Maverick, include those of John McComb and John Snook.

TRANSPORTATION includes certificates related to ship, steamboat, and railroad transport. Of interest are two certificates of inspection for the steamers New York and Daniel Drew.

OTHER contains certificates that do not fit into any of the above categories. Included is a membership certificate for the Loyal National League and a certificate of thanks for a donation to the New York State Assembly.

Series IV. 20 x 24 to 24 x 36 inches

BUSINESS contains certificates commemorating retirement. These large certificates are all hand lettered and beautifully illustrated. Certificates include those for Columbus Ryan, George Rivet Van Namee, and John W. Chambers. An albumen photograph of John Chambers is included on his certificate.

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS includes certificates given at expositions, fairs, and events. Certificates given to J. Carroll Beckwith commemorate his participation in the Universal Exposition in St. Louis, the Exposition Universelle of 1900, the First International Exposition of Modern Decorative Arts in Turin, and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Asher B. Durand's certificate for engraving from the 1876 International Exhibition in Philadelphia is included as well. Certificates from the American Institute Fair are heavily illustrated and engraved by the American Bank Note Company.

CIVIC is comprised of fire and police department certifications as well as certificates of retirement. One fire department certificate is a colorful lithograph printed by Currier & Ives. Certificates of appointment from John Stoneacre Ellis make up the San Francisco Fire Department certificates. Police Department certificates, given to Inspector Thomas Byrnes to commemorate cases solved, are hand-lettered and illustrated. One of these has an albumen portrait of Police Chief Levi D. Little attached.

EDUCATION includes diplomas from a variety of colleges and universities. Many of these are in extremely fragile and should be handled with care.

FRATERNAL includes certificates of membership to the Freemasons and the Order of United Americans. A memorial certificate for Benjamin S. Clark records his history with the masons and includes an albumen portrait.

GENEALOGICAL contains membership certificates to organizations that base their membership on lineage. Organizations include the General Society of Colonial Wars, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York, the Society of California Pioneers, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Many of these certificates have large, decorative wax seals.

MEMORIAL is comprised of two certificates, one for Louis Agassiz from the German-American Society of the United States and the other for Horace Greeley from the American Institute. The Horace Greeley memorial certificate is elaborately hand-lettered and includes an albumen portrait.

MILITARY contains appointment, membership, and memorial certificates. Included are several Civil War Soldiers' Memorial certificates, which include names and ranks of regiment soldiers as well as their battle history.

POLITICAL & GOVERNMENT is comprised of certificates of membership in the Tammany Society, also known as the Columbian Order.

REGIONAL contains two certificates of membership in the Cape Cod Association. The certificates are lithographs by Sarony, Major & Knapp and are heavily illustrated with maritime images as well as views of Provincetown, Massachusetts.

OTHER contains certificates of membership to organizations that do not fit into the above categories. Organizations include the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Literary and Philosophical Society, and the Patrons of Husbandry. Also included is a lithograph for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers printed by the Strobridge Lithographing Company.

Series V. Larger than 24 x 36 inches contains oversize memorial, merit and retirement certificates. The majority of these are hand-lettered. A certificate recording the resignation of fireman Zophar Mills includes an albumen photograph of a fire engine. Also included is a certificate awarded to John Rogers for his plaster sculpture displayed at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893.

Related Materials

Additional certificates can be found in the Graphic Arts File (PR 022) and the Bella C. Landauer Collection of Business and Advertising Ephemera (PR 031). Certificates can also be found in the Manuscript Department, usually as part of business or family papers.

Box Folder

Series I. 5 x 7 inches and smaller 1809-1876, undated

Certificates are arranged by subject.

EDUCATION

1 Certificates of Merit 1868, 1876, undated

Certificates of Merit – Cased 1847, 1854
(2 folders)

Certificates of Merit – New York City Schools undated

LEGAL

Passports 1869

RELIGIOUS

Sunday School – Certificates of Attendance & Merit 1809-1817

Sunday School – Certificates of Attendance & Merit 1818-1838

Box Folder

	Series II. 5 x 7 to 14 x 18 inches	1700-1991, undated
	Certificates are arranged by subject.	
	ART	
2	Art Societies – Misc.	1816-1991
	Society of Iconophiles of the City of New York	1905
	Museums & Galleries – Misc.	1827-1940
	CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS	
	Miscellaneous	1863-1958
	United States Centennial Exhibition	1876
	1939 World's Fair	1939
	CIVIC	
	Fire Departments – Misc. States	1828-1858, undated
	Fire Departments – New York (2 folders)	1778-1883
3	Police Departments	1851-1929
	EDUCATION	
	Miscellaneous	1810-1912, undated
	Diplomas	1870-1947
	Columbia College	1802-1837, undated
	Harvard University	1903-1923
	Certificates of Merit – Misc.	1820-1893
4	Certificates of Merit – Brooklyn/Bronx Schools	1864-1901
	Certificates of Merit – New York City Schools	1822-1875
	Certificates of Merit – Blank Sheets	undated
	Libraries	1833, 1870

Box Folder

	Series II. 5 x 7 to 14 x 18 inches, cont.	1700-1991, undated
	FINANCIAL	
[4]	Bank Notes	1852, n.d.
	Stocks & Bonds – Misc.	1852-1913
	Stocks – New York	1866-1941, undated
	FOREIGN	
	Miscellaneous	1817-1929, undated
	FRATERNAL	
	Miscellaneous	1891-1922, undated
	California Lodges	1860-1890
	New York Lodges	1808-1937
	GENEALOGICAL	
5	Miscellaneous	1880-1940
	HISTORICAL	
	Miscellaneous	1910-1935, undated
	American Flag House & Betsy Ross Memorial Association	1889-1913
	Bunker Hill Monument Association	ca. 1823
	Presidential Societies – Misc.	undated
	Presidential Societies – Lincoln	1869-1928
	Presidential Societies – Washington	1923-1938, undated
	HUMANITARIAN	
6	Miscellaneous	1857-1879, undated
	New York Marine Society	1700-1862
	LEGAL	
	Miscellaneous	1913, 1951
	Documents – Misc.	1836-1959, undated

Box Folder

	Series II. 5 x 7 to 14 x 18 inches, cont.	1700-1991, undated
	LEGAL, cont.	
[6]	Certificates of Admission to the Bar	1809-1914
	Birth & Death Certificates	1850s, 1936
	Citizenship Certificates & Passports	1831-1925
7	Marriage Certificates	1856-1917
	Licenses – Misc.	1864-1931
	Legal Societies – Misc.	1850-1927, undated
	Legal Advisory Board	1917-1919, undated
	MEDICAL	
	Miscellaneous	1821-1924
	Medical Societies	1876-1898
	American National Red Cross	1916-1946
	Society of the New-York Hospital	1817-1850
	MEMORIAL	
	Miscellaneous	1899-1913
	MILITARY	
8	Miscellaneous	1819-1947, undated
	Appointments	1861-1943, undated
	Citations	1918-1937, undated
	Discharge	1861-1959
9	Military Societies – Misc.	1859-1942, undated
	Knickerbocker Greys	1896-1898
	National Guard	1857-1940
	POLITICAL & GOVERNMENT	
	Miscellaneous	1840-1943, undated

Box Folder

	Series II. 5 x 7 to 14 x 18 inches, cont.	1700-1991, undated
	REGIONAL & ETHNIC	
[9]	Miscellaneous	1798-1903, undated
	RELIGIOUS	
	Miscellaneous	1826-1899
	Baptism, Communion & Confirmation	1849-1901
	Missionary Societies	1822-1874
	Temperance Societies	1836-1843
	American Bible Society	1830-1874, undated
	Society of Black Friars	1792-1795
	SCIENTIFIC	
	Misc. Science Societies	1887-1947
	National Geographic Society	1907-1936
	Environmental/Agricultural/Horticultural Societies	1820-1927
	Societies for Promoting Agricultural & Domestic Manufactures	1819-1822
	Animals & Birds	1879-1926
	New York Zoological Society	1911-1916
	SPORTS & ATHLETICS	
	Miscellaneous	1800s-1933, undated
	TRADES	
	Miscellaneous	1795-1939
	TRANSPORTATION	
	Miscellaneous	1851-1941
	OTHER CERTIFICATES	
	Memberships – Misc.	1810s-1951

Box Folder

Series III. 14 x 18 to 20 x 24 inches	1785-1985, undated
Certificates are arranged by subject.	
ART	
Miscellaneous	1928
National Academy of Design	1841-1937
BUSINESS	
Miscellaneous	1922, 1932
Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York – Membership	1889-1899
Resignation / Retirement	1871-1936
CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS	
Miscellaneous	1877-1926
CIVIC	
Committee of Vigilance of San Francisco	1851, undated
Fire Departments – Miscellaneous	1852, 1893, undated
Fire Departments – Morrisania	1856-1875
Fire Departments – New York City (2 folders)	1808-1914, undated
Police Departments	1866-1918
EDUCATION	
Certificates of Merit – Miscellaneous	1855-1885
Certificates of Merit – Grammar School for Boys	1871-1881
Certificates of Merit – Grammar School for Girls	1857, 1875-1886
Certificates of Merit – Roll of Honor	1886, 1888
Diplomas – Primary & Secondary School (2 folders)	1856-1903
Diplomas – College & University - A-G	1865-1946
Diplomas – College & University - H-P	1884-1924

Box Folder

Series III. 14 x 18 to 20 x 24 inches, cont.	1785-1985, undated
EDUCATION, cont.	
Diplomas – College & University - R-Z	1829-1942
Columbia University (2 folders)	
Cooper Union	1864-1904
Harvard University	1857-1906
Normal College	1873, 1899
Yale University	1868-1907
Teaching Certificates	1852-1895, undated
FINANCIAL	
Miscellaneous	1862-1906, undated
FOREIGN	
Miscellaneous	1852-1933, undated
French	1907-1947
FRATERNAL	
Masons & Lodges	1844-1910
GENEALOGICAL	
Miscellaneous	1903-1935
Daughters of the American Revolution	1902, 1905, 1931
Holland Society of New York	1885-1937
Order of the Founders & Patriots of America	1911, 1924
Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York	1835-1894
Society of the Cincinnati	1785, 1858-1861
Society of the Colonial Dames of America	1900, 1926
Sons of the Revolution	1892, 1917-1918

Box Folder

Series III. 14 x 18 to 20 x 24 inches, cont.	1785-1985, undated
HISTORICAL	
Miscellaneous	1925-1930
Monument Associations	1860-1897, undated
New-York Historical Society – Blank/Proof prints	undated
New-York Historical Society – Membership	1846-1891
New-York Historical Society – Membership	1915-1974
New-York Historical Society – Fellows / Patrons	1905-1960
HUMANITARIAN	
Miscellaneous	1825-1870s
Maritime Societies	1848-1855, undated
LEGAL	
Certificates of Admission to the Bar	1883-1926
Marriage Certificates	1867-1903
MEDICAL	
Miscellaneous	1859-1921
Hospitals	1854-1924
MEMORIAL	
Miscellaneous	1862-1873, 1931
MILITARY	
Miscellaneous	1863, 1910-1930
Appointments	1860-1920
Appointments – National Guard	1870-1916
Citations	1816, 1870-1926
Discharge	1867-1904
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