

Markham Collection

Overview of the Collection

Repository: South County History Center 2636 Kingstown Road Kingston, Rhode Island 02881
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Title: Markham Collection

Dates: 1734-1979

Media: Paper, Photographic Print, Personal Objects

Quantity: 2 boxes, .83 linear feet

Location: Shelf 12, Boxes 16-17

Identification: Rec. Gr. 2

Language: English

Historical Note

Alton Maine Markham (1905-1948) and his wife Elizabeth Roley Gilbert (1911-1993) moved to South Kingstown in the 1930s. Alton, son of Harry Lester Markham (1875-1935) and Abbie Marian Maine (1881-1933), had previously lived most of his life in Providence and Warwick. Elizabeth was the daughter of Roland Wolston Gilbert (1881-1948) and Robey Louise Hull (1890-1970) and sister to Roland Wolston Gilbert, Jr. (1918-1998). Elizabeth's family had ties to Helme, Adams, Babcock, and Hall families.

The Markhams lived in the James Helme house in Tower Hill. The James Helme house was the last 18th century building surviving in 1965, when it was sold by Elizabeth Roley Gilbert Markham to a Mr. Boudreau who later tore it down.

Scope and Content

The records of the Markham Collection include correspondence, financial records, legal records, and miscellaneous. This collection contains photographs, personal objects, tax books, lectures, books, tickets, certificates, deeds, jail records, court records, correspondence, plot maps, and other miscellaneous documents. It is likely an accumulation of a number of acquisitions that took place between 1960 and 2000.

Administrative Information

Access: Any qualified person doing personal or scholarly research is permitted to utilize materials in the South County History Center collections.

Preferred Citation: [item], Folder [number], Box [Number], Markham Collection, South County History Center

Provenance: These records have undergone processing at many points in the previous decades. Due to the number of times these documents have been rearranged, the original identification, provenance, and organization of the documents have been lost. The collection likely reflects acquisitions from multiple sources. When available, a catalog number is provided that may give more insight into the provenance of individual items.

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Subject Terms

South Kingstown (R.I. : Town) -- History.

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Markham family.

Related Materials

Researchers interested in this collection may also wish to consult the following sources in the South County History Center holdings:

Individual/Family Vertical Files—contains materials on various members of the Markham family.

Library Genealogy Collection—contains published and unpublished genealogy of the Markham family.

Contents Listing

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Box	Folder	Description	Date
1	n/a	Miscellaneous	1814-1880, n.d.
1	1	Miscellaneous	1806-1979, n.d.
2	1	Land Evidence	1734-1979, n.d.
2	2	Jail Records	1847-1859, n.d.
2	3	Court Records	1812-1897
2	4	Miscellaneous Legal Documents	1831-1910
2	5	Financial Records	1813-1949
2	6	Correspondence	1829-1959