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Abstract

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Accession No: H99-1371
Provenance: John Vander Broek (1888-1962)
Donor: John Keppel Vander Broek (1922-2008)
Photographs: 927 images (243 in Box 1, 666 in Box 2, 18 in Box 3 [11 slides])
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Biography

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Container List

Box 1
Correspondence, Prof. H. W. Van Tricht with Dr. A. C. Van Raalte Gilmore, 1933
Photocopy of original Wedding Banns (wedding announcement) of Dr. A. C. Van Raalte’s parents, 1795
Photograph Album, Small
  1910-1922, n.d. (106 images)
  1917, n.d. (97 images)
Photographic Negatives, n.d. (6 images)
Photographs
  Family, (Identified), n.d. (6 images)
  Small, 1914, n.d. (19 images)
  Large, 1915, n.d. (9 images)

Box 2

Oversized Photographs, n.d. (7 images)
Large Photograph Album
  1917, 1918 (168 images)
  1912-1922 (491 images)

Box 3

Oversized Photographs, n.d. (7 images)
Slides, n.d. (11 images)