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H02-1461. Laarman Family, Herman. Papers, 1848-2002. 0.25 linear ft. PARTIALLY RESTRICTED

Hope College
Jan Laarman was one of the first Dutch settlers to the Holland area, settling in Holland Township. His son, Herman Laarman, is thought to be the first white child baptized by Rev. A. C. Van Raalte in the Holland Colony, near Prospect Park, and later was a resident of the North Holland (New Holland) area with his four children, John, Grace, Reka, and Fannie. There they attended South Olive Christian Reformed Church. The children never married and are all buried in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. The collection includes: Jan Laarman’s United States citizenship paper; a 1900 receipt from Dr. M. Notier, embalmer and undertaker to Herman Laarman; original property deeds for the Laarman family, dating from 1848-1901, and including one signed by Albertus C. Van Raalte and his wife, Christina. The collection also includes a photocopy of Reka Laarman’s New Holland Schools report card from 1903 (RESTRICTED); photographs and copy slides of family photographs, farming scenes and domestic work at the Holland Rusk Factory (East 8th Street), South Olive Christian Reformed Church, Gysbert Van Wynen family, a bridge being built over the Black River for the Pere Marquette Railroad; tax receipts dating from 1851-1929 for the City of Holland, Holland Township and Olive Township; an insurance policy dating 1907; and obituaries for many of the Laarman family dating from 1950-1981.

Accession No: H02-1461
Provenance: Laarman Family
Donor: Peter Van Der Wall and Herrick District Library
Photographs: 22 images (13 slides)
Processed by: Jessica Bodtke, June 2005

Biography

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**Container List**

- Citizenship paper for Jan Laarman, 1854
- Embalming and Undertaker Receipt, 1900
- Insurance policy, 1907
- Obituaries for Laarman family members, 1950-1981
- Photocopy, Reka Laarman report card, 1903 *(RESTRICTED)*
- Photographs, n.d. (9 images)
- Property Deeds, 1848-1901 (1848 deed is in One Folder Oversized collection)
- Slides, n.d. (13 images)
- Tax receipts, 1851-1929