



Weeks Family Papers, 1812 - 1953

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Biographical statement:

The Weeks family was one of the founding families of Oyster Bay and their genealogy can be traced back to the early 1600's. Francis Weeks left Massachusetts with Roger Williams and John Smith and later came to Long Island in 1657. Descending from this line was Samuel Weeks, who was a chair maker; he died in 1832. From a *New York Times* obituary we know that one of Samuel Weeks' sons, James Weeks, who died in 1852, was married to Miriam Weeks. Perhaps one of the more established branches of the Weeks family was Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weeks. John, who died in 1901, was a lawyer from the Weeks and Deforest law firm and his wife was the cousin of the mother of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Their son, John A. Weeks Jr. was an assemblyman from the Queens-Nassau district and the president of the New York Historical Association, according to his obituary in *the New York Herald Tribune*. Their other son, Frederic Delano Weeks died in 1936 and was a member of Weeks Bros. law firm and trustee of the Children's Aid Society.

Scope and content note:

This collection contains Weeks family biographical information, 1832- 1939; family letters and legal documents, 1812- 1856; photographs and sketches of Oyster Bay, 1863- undated; maps, 1924, undated; and materials related to Oyster Bay, 1842- undated.

SUBJECTS

Names:

Weeks Family.

Weeks, Franklin Delano.

Weeks, John A., Jr.

Weeks, Samuel.

Places:

Oyster Bay (N.Y.)--History

Form and Genre Terms:

Legal documents.

Letters.

Maps.

Form and Genre Terms:

Photographs.

Sketches.

Occupational Terms:

Lawyers.

The Weeks Family Papers are arranged in five series:

1. Weeks family biographical Information, 1832-1939
2. Letters and legal documents, 1812-1856
3. Photographs and sketches of Oyster Bay, 1863- undated
4. Maps, 1924, undated
5. Materials related to Oyster Bay, 1842- undated

Weeks Family Papers

Box and Folder List:

Series I: Weeks Family biographical information

<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description and Date</u>
1	The last will and testament of Samuel Weeks recorded in 1832.
2	Notice/advertisement for the sale of property of James Weeks, including Oyster Bay estate April 1, 1833.
3	<i>New York Times</i> article containing the obituary of Frederic Delano Weeks, the treasurer of Lying In Hospital and member of Weeks Brothers law firm Oct. 1 1939. <i>New York Tribune</i> article about the 40 th meeting of the New York State Historical Association may 25, 1926. <i>New York Herald</i> article about a Dr. Paul Dawson Eddy, President of Adelphi College addressing leaders of the New York State Historical Association Sept. 29, 1939.
4	Obituaries of John A. Weeks (May 5, 1939) and Frederick Delano Weeks (May 25, 1936). Article on the 35 th anniversary of the burglary of John A. Weeks.

Series II: Family letters and legal documents

5	Certificate concerning Elijah Cooks' military assignment, 1812.
6	Document, Caleb Wright and Charles Hill of Oyster Bay about using land for the Baptist church, 1818.
7	Letter to Silas F.D. Water from B. Underhill about Oyster Bay schools, March 3, 1825.
8	Letter from Wm. Ludlam to his daughter Mary about health of the family, Jan 24, 1827.
9	Financial document concerning Simon Weeks, undated.
10	Letters from a Dekay 1845.
11	Letters from 1854.
12	Receipt for payment to Dr. Wm. W. Strew, 1856

Series III: Photographs and sketches of Oyster Bay

- 13 Photograph of the Dekay-Weeks house in Oyster Bay, the original painting is in the possession of the John A. Weeks estate, 1939.
- 14 Photograph of structures built in 1667 in Oyster Bay, taken 1929.
- 15 Newspaper photograph of the Job Wright House, undated.
- 16 *The New York Sun* article by Virginia Starr about The Oyster Bay Wright House, focusing on the building techniques and time of construction of the house, June 22, 1940.
- 17 Photograph from 1935 of the historic Wright Homestead House built by Julia Wright in 1705. The land was originally owned by the Indian chief Asiapum and sold to the Wright family in 1653.
- 18 Sketch of Contiague Woods, undated.
- 19 Photograph of a painting of the Long Island Sound found in the Appletons' Journal, 1863.
- 20 Print or photograph of Raynham Hall in Oyster Bay, by George R. Avery, undated.
- 21 Photograph of a structure undated.

Series IV: Maps

- 22 Map, undated.
- 23 Map of Syosset Estates in the town of Oyster Bay, June 1924.

Series V: Oyster Bay Materials

- 24 Photograph of a portrait of Dr. Elijah Cullen Dick associate of General Washington, undated.
- 25 Document detailing the findings of the Oyster Bay Board of Auditors issued by Town Clerk Albert G. Carll, Oct 1, 1842.
- 26 Newspaper clippings about Democratic nominee of Queens and Suffolk County Senator, Solomon S. Townsend of Oyster Bay, undated.
- 27 An advertisement by James B. Pearsall for a Long Island property, March 1st 1888.

- 28 Notice or advertisement for an annual Oyster Bay School district meeting on the budget, Oct 8th 1875.
- 29 Mandate by the town of Oyster Bay for teachers in district no. 15 to be examined for qualification by the town clerk, undated.
- 30 Document of an auction to be held on April 2, 1857 of the items of Wm H. Weeks, March 20th, 1857.
- 31 Various newspaper clippings from the 1940's and 50's dealing with some of the founding families of Oyster Bay as well as Long Island's development.