

Guide to the Crime Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains information on a number of local crimes, mostly murders from the early 19th century to the mid-20th century. Much of the collection is composed of local news reporting on the crimes, with most of the stories reported in the Ithaca Journal, Ithaca Daily News, and The Ithacan. However, the collection also contains a wealth of other interesting historical materials. Many of the nineteenth century cases in particular provide various primary sources offering rich details on the lives of the murderers as well as the historical context in which the crimes were committed. A booklet of trial proceedings on Guy Clark's murder of his wife in 1831, for example, provides a brief biography of the murderer's life and a poem reflecting his perturbations in prison while awaiting his sentenced hanging. Researchers may also be delighted to read the letter correspondence between Caroline Angus and her son, providing a telescope in which to view how a local Ithacan perceived Elizabeth Heggie's murder of her own daughters in 1864. Additional materials in the collection include transcripts of confessions from family members, arguments for the defense, and reports of trial minutes and testimonies. Overall, the collection provides a variety of sources for researchers to examine local murder cases from multiple different perspectives.

CONTAINER LIST

Folder #1	Miscellaneous data on crime and criminals in Tompkins County and New York State
Folder #2	Guy C. Clark murder of his wife, Fanny Clark, Ithaca, 1831
Folder #3	John graham murder of John Jones, Ithaca, 1841
Folder #4	William Freeman murder of Van Nest family, Auburn, 1846
Folder #5	Albert Baham murder of Nathan Adler, Cayuga County, 1849
Folder #6	Lucy Criddle/Montgomery Cornell suicides, Ithaca, 1861
Folder #7	Elizabeth Heggie murder of her daughters, Mary and Lottie Heggie, Ithaca, 1863-1864
Folder #8	Michael Ferguson murder of Lungers, Ulysses, 1870
Folder #9	Richard Barber murder of _____Mason, Tompkins County, 1888

- Folder #10 James Churchill murder of his wife, Minnie Churchill, and his father-in-law, Daniel Minturn, Newfield, 1901
- Folder #11 Hazel Crance drowning, Cayuga Lake, 1919
- Folder #12 James Hall murder of Ralph MacArthur, 1930
- Folder #13 Joseph Riley murder of Marjorie Sharp, Ithaca, 1945
- Folder #14 Beatrice Boyce/Lowell Leo Hecht shooting-suicide, Varna, 1947
- Folder #15 Shurger/Douglas murder of Harry Rosen, Lynn, Massachusetts, 1947
- Folder #16 Edward Bailey murder of Robert Bergman, Dryden, 1996