

Collection: Myra Lane-John Ryle Research Files

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## Finding Aid

Date Range: 1773-2000

Bulk Date: 1860-1887

Creator: Myra Lane

Number and type of containers: 5 letter flip top boxes.

Storage Location: PCHS Library and Archives

Aid Created By: Karen Vick, volunteer

### **Biographical Information:**

MYRTLE E. "Skip", "Myra" LANE was born in Paterson, New Jersey on April 27, 1936. She resided there and West Milford before moving to Little Falls in 1960. She was a member of the Little Falls Jr. Womens' Club, Little Falls Athletic Committee, official Little Falls Township Historian and President Little Falls Historical Society, author of Historic Little Falls newsletter series, Morris Canal expert and lecturer, responsible for bringing the "Main Street" program to Little Falls which resulted in the beautification of the downtown area. She graduated Cum Laude from Montclair State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History in 1986. An independent study fueled her interest in Lambert Castle becoming a passion of hers for many years as she researched the lives of Catholina Lambert and John Ryle, two prominent figures in the history of "Silk City" (Paterson). She served as the president of the Lambert Castle foundation and was instrumental in bringing state attention to this local landmark. After retiring she pursued her own roots by delving into her family genealogy which enabled the family to become members of the DAR and SAR. Myra died on January 5, 2007.

### **Scope and Content:**

The Myra Lane-John Ryle Research Files is an archival collection which focuses on research that Myra Lane conducted on John Ryle who was known as the "father of the United States silk industry" and was the Mayor of Paterson, New Jersey from 1869 to 1870.

This collection consists of copies of manuscripts, genealogies, letters, newspaper articles, papers and photocopies of books and other material. Most of the material are copies of the original and the research was mostly conducted during the mid-1980's.

**Series:**

The collection is organized into folders containing like items of the same subject matter. At the writing of this finding aid, the collection had already been divided into folders.

For further inquiry into research of Myra Lane, researchers should check the Myra Lane-Catholina Lambert Research Files (2016.041.01) and Myra Lane Newspapers Collection (2016.041.03)