

American Antiquarian Society

Manuscript Collections

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**NAME OF COLLECTION:**

Riccius Family, Papers, 1856-1937

**LOCATION:**

Misc. mss. boxes "R"

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**SIZE OF COLLECTION:**

1 folder (8 items)

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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:**

For biographical information, see AAS Newsclipping File.

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**SOURCE OF COLLECTION:**

Gift of Hermann Riccius, 1959

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:**

Ida Adelia Barton (1847-1911) was a niece of Clara Barton (1821-1912), founder of the American Red Cross. Ida married Adolf Gustav Riccius (1841-1895?), a German immigrant, in 1879. They lived in Millbury, Mass., with their four children: Edith J. (1881?- ), who married George E. King ( - ); Hermann P. (1884-1965); Saidee F. ( -1959); and Walter Harold ( - ). Saidee Riccius received most of Clara Barton's papers and contributed much to the organizing of biographical studies of and memorials to her great-aunt.

This collection revolves around the Riccius' family life in Millbury, Webster, and Worcester, Mass., in the 1890s. A forty-six-page history written by Edith Riccius King in 1937 provides much family information through a variety of anecdotes and descriptions of schools, neighborhoods, Worcester's first telephone and electric cars, interesting town characters, fashions, housing problems, and adjustments to life in Worcester. Also included in the collection are: a list of rules and items needed for a voyage in 1856; the Riccius' marriage certificate, 1879; Adolf Gustav Riccius' certificate of birth, written in German; a printed memorial of Ida Adelia Riccius written by Clara Barton, 1911; Adolf Riccius' notebook written in German, giving an account of his voyage to America in 1856; and photographs of Riccius and his wife.