

**Julia Diadema Sophronia Snow Papers**  
**S 920.72 S674p, Manuscript**  
**Inclusive dates: 1888-1972**  
**Bulk dates: 1923-1972**

## **Collection overview**

Long-time Greenfield, Massachusetts, resident Julia Diadema Sophronia Snow (1891-1984) operated a well-known antiques business in her home on Federal Street. Historic Deerfield and other museums purchased objects from her during the course of her long career. Miss Snow wrote several articles on largely local topics that appeared in *The Magazine Antiques*. Her writings on Greenfield craftsmen Daniel Clay and Samuel Pierce, and the short-lived Franklin Glass Co. in Warwick, Massachusetts, are still considered important contributions to those subjects. Miss Snow's papers largely document her antiques business and her research interests. One folder of material relates to her brother, Francis Williams Snow (1890-1961), a composer and organist.

Additional correspondence between Snow and Henry N. Flynt, founder of Historic Deerfield, can be found in Flynt's papers.

## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

Balloon ascensions – research notes and typescript of “The Clayton’s Ascent Bandbox” by J.D.S. Snow  
Candlesticks and glass – photographs  
Canova, Antonio - photographs  
Ceramics - photographs  
Clay, Daniel -- “Daniel Clay, Cabinetmaker of Greenfield” – typescript and manuscript by J.D.S. Snow  
Clay, Daniel – research notes  
Correspondence – Letters received  
    Allison, Anne (NY Hist. Soc.) – Nov. 25, 1940  
    Baldrige, H.A. (US Naval Academy) – Mar. 31, 1944  
    Barck, Dorothy (NY Hist. Soc.) – Dec. 9, 18, 1940; Jan. 23, Feb. 19, 1941; Mar. 18, 1944  
    Berger, Florence P. (Wadsworth Athenaeum) – Jan. 16, 27, 1941  
    Casper, Frank (*Art Digest*) – Feb. 12, 1941

Cheate, F.S. (Maine State Dept. of Health) – May 13, 1931  
Corrigan, John (Am. Consul, Venice) – Aug. 26, 1931; Jan. 13; Mar. 11, 1932  
Cotterell, Howard Herschel – Nov. 14, 1923; Oct. 21, 1928  
Dayton, J.H. – Oct. 26, 1926  
Derr, Jane C. – Sept. 15, 1934  
Gibbes, J. Wilson (S. Carolina House of Rep.) – July 28, 1931  
Godard, George S. (Ct. State Lib.) – Oct. 23, 1934  
Graf, J.E. (Smithsonian Inst.) – Dec. 6, 1941  
Green, William E. – Nov. 8, 12, 16, 30, 1926  
Hogg, Ima – Oct. 11, 1967; Oct. 23, 1968  
Holland, Leicester B. (Lib. Of Congress) – Feb. 13, 1941  
Ivins, W. M. (Metropolitan Mus. of Art) – Feb. 1, 1941  
Kerfoot, J.B. – June 4, 10; Sept. 27, 1926  
Keyes, Conrad Saxe – 1938  
Keyes, Homer Eaton – July 29, 1927; July 11, 1931; Sept. 6, 193?; n.d.  
Laughlin, Ledlie I. – Oct. 13, 29, 1970  
McCauley, Robert – Aug. 1, 1941; April 20, 1944  
Manning, Ethelwyn (Frick Art Lib.) – Jan. 31, 1941; Mar. 7, 1944  
Marsh, Elsie G. (Mansfield [CT] Library) – May 13, 1931  
Newsome, A.R. (N. Carolina Historical Comm.) – Aug. 3, 1931  
Newton, Nathaly – May 2, 1931  
Proper, David (Historic Deerfield) – Dec. 13, 1972  
Rice, Paul North (NY Pub. Lib.) – Feb. 14, 1941  
Scoon, Carolyn (NY Hist. Soc.) – Sept. 10, 1964  
Whitehill, Walter Muir – (Peabody Museum, Salem) – Jan. 31, 1941  
Winchester, Alice – Feb. 15, Jan. 23, 1941; Feb. 2, 1945; July 12, 1968

Correspondence – Letters sent (includes manuscript drafts)

Barck, Dorothy (NY Hist. Soc.) – Dec. 10, 20, 1940; Jan. 11, Feb. 26, 1941  
Berger, Florence (Wadsworth Athenaeum) – Jan. 13, 22, 1941  
Curator of prints (NY Pub. Library) – Feb. 5, 1941  
Perrin, Louise – 1969  
Reference librarian (NY Hist. Soc.) – Nov. 17, 1940; n.d.  
Reference librarian (Peabody Museum) – Jan. 28, 1941  
[Spang], Peter – Sept. 12, 1970; n.ed.  
Winchester, Alice - Jan. 25, 1941; Oct. 8, Dec 11, 1964; Jan. 12, 1966; May 2,  
14, Aug. 3, 1967; Jan. 11, 1968; n.d.

Dolls- photographs

Franklin Glass Co. – research notes and correspondence

Furniture - photographs

Historical Geology Laboratory Notebook (c. 1910)

“King versus Ellsworth” (typescript by J.D.S. Snow), and partial, unidentified  
typescript

Lawrence, Capt. James – photographs

Lawrence, Capt. James – research notes

Miscellaneous

Newspaper clippings

**Box 2**

Prints – photographs

Research notes

Silhouettes – photographs

Snow, Eugenia Williams -- graduation essay, Greenfield High Sch., 1888

Snow, Francis Williams - published compositions

Snow, Julia -- autobiographical

Snow, Julia -- photographs

Whately pottery – research notes

Auction catalogues annotated by Snow:

Sack, Israel. *American Colonial Furniture & Silver* (New York, 1931)

Anderson Galleries. *Hooked Rugs, Early American Furniture, Glass...* (New York, 1928)

Buckley Antique Shop. *Catalogue of Rare and Beautiful Colonial Treasures* (Binghamton, c. 1930)

American Art Assoc. *Early American Furniture, Staffordshire & Pewter* (New York, 1928)

American Art Assoc. *Historical Blue Staffordshire China* (New York, 1937)

American Art Assoc. *Early American Glass* (New York, 1935)

American Art Assoc. *American Antiques Collection of Israel Sack* (New York, 1929)

O'Dea, W.T. *Aeronautica* (London, 1966)

Parke-Bernet Galleries. *Important American Furniture* (New York, 1966)

O. Rundle Gilbert. *Public Auction Sale Antiques and Real Estate* (Center Sandwich, NH, c. 1930)