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I. Title Ferree Family Collection, 1898-1981

II. The papers of the Ferree Family
    deposited in the Library on 1980, by Ruth Gill Foote
    as a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1/2
    Approximate number of items: 250 (including 5 volumes)

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VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note: This collection consists of photographs mainly
     of the five Ferree sisters, their spouses and families. They
     were the daughters of William Russell Ferree, 1817-1892, and
     Mary Seward, 1819-1888. William Russell was listed as a grocer
     at 415 State Street in the 1863 New Haven City Directory. At
     that time his home address was 409 State Street. In the 1883
     CD his home was given as 121 Lawrence Street where the family
     continued to live for the rest of their lives. Most of the
     family photographs in this collection were taken at that address.

     The five sisters and their spouses were:

     1. Mary Seward Ferree, 1843-1917, m. Webster DeForest Foote,
        1840-1917. He was a member of Yale Class of 1864. For
        the greater part of his life he operated a retail grocery
        business in and around New Haven, until in his declining
        years he took up the nursery business, which he followed
        until his death.

     2. Isabelle Green Ferree, 1846-1923, unmarried.


     4. Elizabeth Howell Ferree, n.d., m. Frank Warren Canada,
        1855-1912. The 1903 New Haven City Directory listed him
        as part-owner of Canada & Robertson, Hatters and Furriers,
        882 Chapel Street.

     5. Susan Trowbridge Ferree (Kelsey) Powell, n.d., m. 1st (cont.)

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Biographical note (cont)

Henry Kelsey, Jr., 1849-1883; m. 2nd Alfred Powell, n.d. He was listed in the 1903 New Haven City Directory as a real estate dealer at 58 Front Avenue, West Haven.

The donor of this collection was Ruth Gill Foote, 1886-1981, who lived at 632 Dixwell Avenue until her later years when she retired to Whitney Center. She was the daughter of John T. and Addie Russell Gill of West Haven. She married Arthur Ferree Foote, b. 1884, who was the son of Webster DeForest Foote and Mary Seward Ferree (one of the five sisters listed above.) He was a machine and tool designer in New Haven.

Analysis: This collection consists of one box of photographs. Most are in very good condition; the majority is identified. The first four folders contain loose photographs of the Ferree family. Folders E through H contain five small photographic albums and the pages removed from one larger album. The remainder is made up of photographs taken in and around New Haven, memorabilia and postcards. The trolley car material in Folders E, L and O is worthy of note.
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