

Finding Aid to the Joseph Lamont Family Photograph Collection

Lamont, Joseph, 1840-1913

Joseph Lamont Family Photograph Collection, 1880s-1910s

36 photographic prints

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BIOGRAPHY

Joseph Lamont was born in Utica, N.Y. on January 1, 1840. He enlisted as a private during the Civil War in Co. D of the Seventh New York Cavalry on September 1, 1861. On September 29, 1862 he advanced to the position of the First Lieutenant of Co. D, Sixteenth Virginia Volunteers where he was until August 29, 1863 when he became the First Lieutenant of Co. I, Fourth West Virginia Cavalry. He was honorably discharged on March 7, 1864.

Joseph Lamont, along with his wife Carrie Rice Lamont, a writer of prose, poetry, and a composer, moved to Fargo in 1881-1882 where Joseph became the landlord for the Headquarters Hotel, which also contained the Northern Pacific Depot and the telegraph and telephone offices. Carrie Rice was born circa 1856 in Canada. At the time of his death in 1913 Joseph Lamont was a

deputy United States Marshall. Joseph was a member of numerous organizations including: the John F. Reynolds Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, Masons, Scottish Rite and Knights Templar.

Joseph and Carrie had three children: Charles J., Scott Lindsey and Grace Lilian. Apparently Charles, born ca. 1875 in Canada, died young (possibly in 1887) while daughter Grace Lilian was born in 1888 but died young in 1897. They are buried at Riverside Cemetery in Fargo. Sometime between 1894 and 1900 Carrie Lamont left her family. Joseph Lamont died April 11, 1913 in Fargo.

Scott Lindsey Lamont was born May 18, 1883 in Canada. He attended college at the North Dakota Agricultural College and married Elizabeth Grace Marquardt in Cooperstown, N.D. on November 26, 1908. They moved to Thief River Falls, Minnesota where Scott worked as a businessman for three years until moving back to Fargo. They had four children: Grace Elizabeth born October 26, 1909, who later married Thomas Paul Wilhelm, Winetta, Delores, and Jerome. Scott Lamont died May 12, 1951. Elizabeth Lamont died April 10, 1938. Both were buried at Riverside Cemetery, Fargo.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Joseph Lamont Family Photographic Collection contains 1 silhouette card, 8 photographic postcards, and 27 photographs. The collection is arranged by the person(s) in the photograph. Included are photographs of Joseph and Carrie Lamont and their children, Scott Lindsey and Grace Lilian. There are also photographs of Scott's wife Elizabeth Grace Marquardt and three of their children, Grace Elizabeth, Winetta, and Jerome. They were donated as part of a collection of family papers and photographs, related to the Lamont family.

The [Joseph Lamont Series](#) contains a photograph of Joseph Lamont's birthplace, a house located in Utica, N.Y., with an older couple standing on the porch. There is also a silhouette picture of Joseph Lamont at an unknown age along with two photographs of Joseph Lamont. One photograph was taken of him has a middle-aged man with two of his friends and his young son, Scott. The text on the back reads, "Col. Lamont after his parole & interview with his friends and wants to know if life is worth living." The second photograph is a portrait taken by Gilbert E. Flaten showing an older Mr. Lamont in a parlor sitting in a rocking chair smoking a pipe beside a piano.

The Carrie Rice Lamont file includes a portrait and two photographs of Joseph's wife, Carrie Rice Lamont, taken in 1885 by photographer Frank Jay Haynes of Fargo. The other two photographs include her with her two children and with her parents and husband beside a waterfall.

Grace Lilian Lamont's file includes a baby photograph of her, possibly in her baptismal gown, taken by Frank Jay Haynes along with a portrait taken by Samuel Logan as she sits on a donkey.

Most of the photographs in this collection are part of the [Scott L. Lamont Series](#), including of himself, his wife and children. There are two portraits of Scott as a baby and five portraits of Scott at various ages along with a few photographs of Scott with his wife, family, and friends. Two of the images of a younger Scott show him with long, curly hair. Also included are four portraits of Elizabeth Lamont, Scott’s wife. One photograph shows three of the Lamont children: Grace, Jerome, and Winetta as they sit in a little wagon pulled by a goat. The remainder of the photographs of the Lamont children are photographic postcard portraits of Grace Elizabeth Lamont. They include her reading by a table, wearing a winter coat and seated on a “man in the moon figure” and more formal portraits.

The [Miscellaneous Series](#) contains a carte de visite of Joseph Lamont’s unnamed brother in his Civil War uniform, and a photograph of a flooded Island Park on July 12, 1916 taken from south Broadway. Also included is a portrait of Ida Janneta Lamont that was mislabeled as Grace Lilian Lamont. Her connection to the family is unknown. The portrait was taken by Frank Haynes of Fargo, Dakota Territory and she appears to be ill or near death. Handwritten on the front is Born Oct. 23, 1880, Died May 28, 1881 or –7.”

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