The comprehensive collection, donated by Linda T. Hubbard, a direct descendant to the Hart Nichols Family who inherited the family’s ancestral home “Heartsease” near Poughkeepsie, NY, encompasses family records and artifacts that had accumulated in the home’s attic since 1838.

The collection, curated by the Long Island Studies Institute at Hofstra University, with the support of the Robert D.L. Gardiner Foundation, spans the years 1730 to 1930 and covers the lives of two families who lived on Long Island that started out as farmers and clergy. The extensive collection of documents and artifacts ranges from personal letters to family artwork and everything in between. The collection, one of the most complete family histories in the region, mirrors many significant events in American history.

https://www.hofstra.edu/library/libspc/libspc-lisi-hart-nichols.html
Long Island Business and Industry Catalog

Long Island has transformed many times over the last 200 years; from an agricultural identity to, most recently, a suburban one. Evidence of these transformations are visible in the types of businesses Long Islanders pursued.

The Long Island Studies Institute, with support from the Robert D.L. Gardiner Foundation, has undertaken efforts to preserve the records of many of these businesses and industries, providing researchers, scholars, and students alike the opportunity to peer into Long Island’s past and learn about the thriving enterprises that helped shaped the communities and landscapes we know today. The Long Island Business and Industry Catalog project was launched to gather information about the business-related collections housed at the Institute in a single portal, presenting patrons with an overview of the records available through the LISI.

https://omeka.hofstra.edu/exhibits/show/long-island-business-and-indus