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Summary Information

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Abstract: Consists of miscellaneous professional and personal papers created by various members of the Delafield, Livingston, and other related families, including Edward Livingston (1764-1836), Philip Livingston (1740-1810), and Philip Schuyler (1788-1865), among others. Materials about family members are also included.
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This collection consists of miscellaneous professional and personal papers created by, and in relation to, various members of the Delafield, Livingston, and other related families, such as Edward Livingston (1764-1836), Philip Livingston (1740-1810), and Philip Schuyler (1788-1865), among others. The papers document the professional lives of individuals, particularly those involved in politics and law, as well as the histories of these families; and in doing so, document various aspects of colonial America and the early Republic, in particular, as well as the areas in which the families lived, especially the Hudson Valley region of New York.

Materials are arranged by creator.

Access
The collection is open for research.

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The collection, comprised of individual acquisitions through the Delafield Fund, adheres to a Departmental practice of combining into one collection material of various accessions relating to a particular person, family, or subject.


Appraisal
No materials were separated during 2015 processing.

Accruals
The Library continues to add materials to this collection on a regular basis with purchases made through the Delafield Fund.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Delafield Family Papers (C0391)
Edward Livingston Papers (C0280)
1st Canadian Regiment, Continental Army, Payrolls and Muster Rolls (C1537)

Processing and Other Information

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Princeton University Library collection of General John Ross Delafield family materials, Box and Folder Number; Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

Encoding

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Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Subject Headings

- Delafield, Joseph, 1790-1875.
- Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836.
- Livingston, Philip, 1740-1810.
- Schuyler, Philip, 1788-1865.
- Politicians -- United States -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
- New York (State) -- History -- 1775-1865 -- Sources.
- Schuylerville (N.Y.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
- United States -- Foreign relations -- 19th century -- Sources.
- United States -- Politics and government -- 19th century -- Sources.
- Account books -- 19th century.
- Correspondence -- 19th century.
- American history/Early national
Schuyler, Philip, 1788-1865, 1814-1845

Biography/History: Philip Schuyler (1788-1865) was the only son of John Bradstreet Schuyler (1765-95), the eldest surviving son of General Philip John Schuyler and Catharine Van Rensselaer, and Elizabeth (Van Rensselaer) Schuyler, the only daughter of Stephen Van Rensselaer II (grandson of the Patroon) and Catarina Livingston, all natives of the area of Saratoga, New York. Philip Schuyler married Grace (Hunter) Schuyler with whom he had five daughters, Ruth, Grace, Elizabeth, Catharine and Harriet.

Description: Includes an account book and a couple of letters to Schuyler.

Schuyler, Philip, 1788-1865, Account Book, 1814-1825

accessionnumber: AM 2015-92

Description: A ledger of accounts and real estate transactions of the Schuyler family of Schuylerville (formerly Saratoga), New York, in the hand of Philip Schuyler, dating from 1814 to 1825. Documenting various transactions with residents and businesses in Schuylerville, some of the names represented include: Abraham van Deusen, Luther Bibbens, James Marshall, Joab Tombs, Samuel Marshall, Isaiah Townsand, Levi Daggett, Hemphill, Alpheus Bullard, William Leigh, Rensselaer Schuyler, Stephen Toms, John Sullivan, Felix Fitzsimmons, John Strove, Ferris Hill, George McCready, and Benjamin Rogers. A number of manuscript notes on the fly-leaf dated 1819 detail family real estate transactions.

Schuyler, Philip, 1788-1865, Letters, 1841, 1845

accessionnumber: AM 2015-92

Description: One, dated March 17, 1845, is from Thomas E. Vermilye of New York, to President James K. Polk, recommending Schuyler for employment with the federal government. The other, written from London and dated December 24, 1841, is possibly from Colonel John Church Hamilton (1795-1882), son of Elizabeth Schuyler and Alexander Hamilton, to Philip Schuyler, who at the time was the United States Counsel to Liverpool.

Livingston, Philip, 1740-1810, Documents Relating to His Will, 1811-1814

accessionnumber: AM 2016-31

Biography/History: Philip Livingston (1740-1810) served as New York State Senator (Southern District) from 1789 to 1793 and from 1795-1798. He was the son of Peter Van Brugh Livingston (1710–1792) and great-grandson of Robert Livingston (1654-1728).

Description: Includes 5 documents relating to Livingston's will and its execution.

Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836, 1806 August 19-1835 March 21
Biography/History: An American jurist and statesman, Livingston was an influential figure in the drafting of the Louisiana Civil Code of 1825; represented both New York, and later Louisiana in Congress; and served as the U.S. Secretary of State from 1831 to 1833.

Description: Includes letters to and from Livingston as well as letters about him.

Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836, Letter to Senator Littleton W. Tazewell, 1832 April 23
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Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836, Letter to James Wolfe Ripley, 1818 August 16
accessionnumber: AM 2016-71

Description: Concerns a Quarter Master's delinquency regarding a request Livingston had made for wood.

Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836, Letter to Levi Woodbury, 1832 February 6
accessionnumber: AM 2016-71

Description: Lobbies on behalf of a friend's application for his son's appointment as midshipman in the U.S. Navy.

Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836, Letter Concerning Chalkley Farm, 1825 November 12
accessionnumber: AM 2016-72

Wool, John E., 1784-1869, Letter to Congressman William Baylies, 1835 March 21
accessionnumber: AM 2016-73

Description: Part of the letter discusses Livingston's efforts as minister plenipotentiary to France.

McLane, Louis, 1786-1857, Letters to Senator Littleton W. Tazewell, 1832 January 4-July
accessionnumber: AM 2016-31

Description: Consists of 5 letters written while McLane was Secretary of the Treasury to Tazewell, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. One, dated January 5, 1832, concerns whether Secretary of State Edward Livingston was an accountant with the government before becoming secretary.

Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836, Letter to a Colleague Concerning Publication of a Register, 1829 March 23
accessionnumber: AM 2016-104

Description: Als from Livingston to a colleague apologizing for being unable to promote his publication of a register.
Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836, Conveyance to Daniel Clark of a Plantation of 18 Acres, 1806 August 19

accessionnumber: AM 2017-31
Description: Manuscript deed granting Daniel Clark an 18 acre plantation on the left bank of the Mississippi River.

Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836, Letter to Henry Dilworth Gilpin, 1834 April 9

accessionnumber: AM 2018-71
Description: Signed six-page autograph letter by Edward Livingston as Minister Plenipotentiary to France while trying to fulfill the terms of the Indemnity Treaty and describing the second French Revolution. The letter is addressed to Henry Dilworth Gilpin (1801-1860), who later became the Attorney General of the United States under President Martin Van Buren.

Livingston, Charles Ludlow, 1800–1873, Letter from H. Burkett Concerning a Damaged Horse, 1805 September 12

accessionnumber: AM 2016-31
Biography/History: Son of Philip Livingston.

Delafield, Joseph, 1790-1875, Letter to Samuel Akerly, 1826 November 1

accessionnumber: AM 2016-74
Description: Letter accompanying ten dollars that Akerly, late U.S. Army Surgeon and Commander of Disbanded Officers, had requested.

Delafield, Harriet Cecil, Family Papers, 1869-1915

accessionnumber: AM 2018-71
Description: Consists of a group of family papers collected by Harriet Cecil Delafield, the daughter of Major General Richard Delafield (1798-1873). Materials include letters to her husband, Edgar J. Shipman, and other family members, scrapbooks related to her marriage and European travels, and genealogy papers related to the Delafield and Shipman families.

Correspondence, 1869-1915, bulk 1876-1883

accessionnumber: AM 2018-71
Description: Consists of over 50 signed autograph letters, mostly to Harriet Cecil Delafield's husband, Edgar J. Shipman, at addresses in San Francisco, Mexico, Nevada, New York City, and Florida, primarily written from Washington, D.C, New York City, and Mexico. The vast majority of letters are from Harriet Cecil Delafield, though there are also several letters from other family members, including Margaret C. Shipman, Susan P. Delafield, Laura Delafield, George E. Shipman, Julia Livingston, and Helen Janin.
Correspondence, 1869 June-1876 April

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Correspondence, 1876 April-1877 November

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Correspondence, 1877 December-1879 May

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Correspondence, 1879 October-1882 January

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Correspondence, 1882 February-May

accessionnumber: AM 2018-71

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Correspondence, 1882 May-1883

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Description: Includes an engraved invitation to the inaugural ball and reception for President Grover Cleveland and Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson on March 4, 1893, with an explanatory note by Helen Janin.

Correspondence, 1891-1915

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Description: Consists of correspondence between members of the Shipman family.

Delafiel and Shipman Families Genealogy Papers, circa 1840s-1915

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Description: Includes a printed lineage of the Delafield family, headed "Delafield of Fieldston," which describes descendents of the Delafield family of Alsace, France; a handwritten family tree beginning with John Delafield (1748–1824) and Ann Hallet; and a Shipman family coat of arms.

Marriage of Harriet Cecil Delafield and Edgar J. Shipman Scrapbook, 1880

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Description: Consists of a scrapbook documenting the marriage of Harriet Cecil Delafield and Edgar J. Shipman, including their original marriage certificate signed by Union Generals Irvin McDowell and Quincy A. Gillmore as the two witnesses, newspaper clippings about the marriage, a list of wedding guests and gifts, and congratulatory letters and cards.

European Travels Scrapbook, 1876

accessionnumber: AM 2018-71

Box: B-001179
Folder: 2
Description: Consists of a scrapbook, signed "H. Cecil Delafield/Crystal Palace, London/Nov. 28th 1876," which includes 159 photographs, mostly of European architecture, paintings, and sculptures, each captioned by Delafield. Locations include London, Paris, Milan, Florence, Naples, and Venice.