

THE CHURCH PAPERS 1802 -1926

4 boxes

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Located in The Warren Hunting Smith Library
New Cold Storage

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PROVENANCE:

The Church Papers, containing correspondence, financial records, wills, genealogical materials, newspaper articles, and a scrapbook of the family were collected by Marian Cruger Coffin and Warren Hunting Smith and donated to the Archives of Warren Hunting Smith Library.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Church Papers contain correspondence of both personal and business nature, along with financial records, wills, newspaper clippings, and genealogical materials that span over a century, from 1802 to 1926.

The largest part of the collection is comprised of Church family papers. There are many wills and handwritten bequests to family members, family correspondence, genealogical sketches, financial and property records, as well as a scrapbook of newspaper clippings about the Church's. Included in the collection are correspondence to and from France where the Church's had family and friends.

Some photographs and copies of photographs exist within the collection. A few members of the Church Family are pictured. A postcard picture of the Belvidere home and a photograph of a chapel near Belvidere are included as well. Some pictures of Hobart College taken at the beginning of this century are a nice addition to the collection.

Due to the first series having been previously arranged, described, and processed, the first series contains materials similar and in some cases identical to the other series. The Church Papers are arranged in 22 series: Church family papers, Church Family Genealogical Papers, Belvidere Home, J. B. Church, Philip Church, Elizabeth Barker Church, Anne Matilda Stewart Church, Catherine Church Cruger, Sophia Church Hosack, Angelica Church Warren, Alice Church Coffin, Elizabeth Church Horwood, J. B. Church, Richard Church, Maria Trumball Church, Mary T. Morse, Henrietta Hubbard Church, Walter S. Church, A. Hamilton Church, William Henry Church, Philip Schuyler Church, and the Church Family Scrapbook.

Added to the collection in Spring 2000 is a Master's thesis by Melissa Carrie Naulin who researched the papers' information related to Belvedere and used some of this material in her Thesis.

The records are stored in folders, which are in 4 different boxes. The first box measures 39 X 30 X 8 (centimeters), and contains 15 envelopes. The second box, 39 X 26 X 8, contains 21 envelopes, and the last box, 32 X 25 X 8, contains the Church Family scrapbook. and sketches of Belvedere. The fourth box contains Naulin's Thesis and measures 23x10x3 cm.

SERIES TITLES:

1. Church Family Papers
2. Church Family Genealogical Papers
3. Belvidere Home
4. J. B. Church
5. Philip Church
6. Elizabeth Barker Church
7. Anne Matilda Stewart Church
8. Catherine Church Cruger
9. Sophia Church Hosack
10. Angelica Church Warren
11. Alice Church Coin
12. Elizabeth Church Horwood
13. J.B. Church
14. Richard Church
15. Maria Trumbull Church
16. Mary T. Morse
17. Henrietta Hubbard Church
18. Walter S. Church
19. A. Hamilton Church
20. William Henry Church
21. Philip Schuyler Chum
22. Church Family Scrapbook

CONTAINER LIST:

Encapsulated items: insurance policy for ship *Favourite* on its voyage from Havana to Pittsburgh, September 16, 1784. Insurance Company of North America policy on ship *Mary Ann James*, on voyage from Philadelphia to Falmouth, Great Britain. (box 1), Bill from Naval Hospital for service to ships passengers (*Favourite*) signed Benjamin Rush, September 8, 1785.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
1	
	1 Catherine Church 3 letters to Colonel Trumbull (1796 & 1797 & n.d.)
	2 Anne Matilda Church letter to daughter-in-law, Maria (1874)
	3 John B. Church, Jr. letter to his mother (1810)
	4 Philip Church letters about Lake Erie Turnpike (1818 & 1819)
	5 Philip Church letters from William Adam and Lord Grenville (1810 -1815)
	6 Philip Church letters from Stephen Van Renssalaer (1821 -1829)
	7 Angelica Cruger and Comte Auguate de Bastard wedding announcement (1823) announcement of death of the Comte de Bastard d'Estang (1825)
	8 Note about print of Lady Isabella Gordon (1789)
	9 Miscellaneous pieces signature of J.B. Church poems, author unknown letter to Maria from J.B. Church (1848)
	10 John B. Curch Legal document involving Evert Van Winkle (1808)
	11 Miscellaneous bills and receipts
	12 Wills Matilda Church and Elizabeth Church

13 Judge Philip Church
Biography written by his son (1875)

14 Land records and contracts

15 Church family
Genealogy

Box
2

Envelope

1 Church family
genealogy including particulars of Cruger family, Pacey family,
and Schuyler family
story of original Col. Philip Pieterston Schuyler

2 Belvidere Home
inventory of library at Belvidere home
picture of Chapel at Belvidere
postcard picture of Belvidere
list of paintings at an auction

3 J.B.Church (died 1819)
2 stories :glass bottles and why he changed his name
photo (1876)
note about his secret marriage to Angelica Schuyler
brief history of his life

4 Philip Church (1776 -1861)
biography of the Honorable Philip Church
2 letters
will, proof of will, (1874)
warranty deed (1857)
document giving Richard Church responsibility for will of Philip
Church (1870)
memorandums of his death
2 ads selling his real estate and personal property

5 Elizabeth Barker Church
records of accounts (1805 -1816)

6 Anne Matilda Stewart Church
2 wills
informal wills (1802)
will of mother, Mary Ann Stewart
story of her father, Major General Walter Stewart

- 7 Catherine Church Cruger
letter (1866)
- Daughter, Angelica Cruger (1805-1886)
letter to M. Toupaint
marriage announcement (1823)
- Son, John Cruger
biography (1865)
- 8 Sophia Church Hosack
will (1887)
surrogate court document (1891)
documents about her estate
letters about her will and estate (1892)
newspaper announcement of her death
- 9 Angelica Church Warren
4 wills
letter (1926)
- 10 Alice Church Coffin
newspaper article about Coffin family
letters (1926 & 1928)
letter from France, with photo, (n.d. & n. identification)
- Son, Julian Coffin
letter (1863)
- 11 Elizabeth Church Horwood (Aunt Lizzie)
bequests of Aunt Lizzie (1892)
will
account records
- 12 J.B. Church (son of Philip and Anne)
2 letters (1892 & 1905)
records of estate and accounts
- 13 Richard Church (1803 -1889)
records of debts (1832 -1837)
accounts of infant R. Church (1805 -1806)
letters (1888-1898)
note about burial

- 14 Maria Trumbull Church
 bequests (1880)
 release of contract to heirs (1885)
 letter (1840)
- 15 Mary T. Morse
 2 wills
 history of gold locket
 list of books to be given to Albany Library
 library acknowledgement of receiving books
 letters (1892)
- 16 Henrietta Hubbard Church
 letters from Louis Dufane (1898 -1899)
 letters (1924 & 1926)
 will (1926)
 Surrogate's court document (1926)
 official document about her estate (1926)
 federal tax return (1926)
 history of wood boxes
- 17 Walter S. Church
 letter (1898)
 petition for Henrietta Church to be the executrix of his will
- 18 Hamilton Church
 letter to Miss Morse (n.d.)
- 19 William Henry Church
 settlement of his estate (1927)
- 20 Philip Schuyler Church (Hobart, class of 1912)
 2 letters (1926)
 business letter
 article about him in Alumni News
- Son, Philip S. Church (Hobart, class of 1945)
 photocopied pictures of campus
 article in Alumni News

Box
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"All That A Genteel Family Need Require: The Church Family's
Frontier Experience At Belvidere, Allegany County, New York
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