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Guide to the

**William Smith documents and John Tabor Kempe draft letter**

1734-1766

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## Summary

**Creator:** Smith, William, 1697-1769

**Title:** William Smith documents and John Tabor Kempe draft letter

**Date:** 1734-1766

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Various donations, 1908, 1969 and undated

**Abstract:** William Smith (1697-1769) was a New York City lawyer and a Justice of the New York Supreme Court of Judicature. He was the father of American Loyalist William Smith Jr. (1728-1793). The collection consists of three documents signed by William Smith (1697-1769), 1734-1766, and a rough draft of a letter addressed to Smith by the Province's Attorney General, John Tabor Kempe, 1766 April 18. Documents comprise a receipt for a loaned legal document, 1734 March 25; John W. De Peyster's declaration, signed by De Peyster, Smith and others, that he was acting in trust for Smith in signing a land grant petition, 1754 September 30; and Smith's attestation for a land deed, 1766 July 30. Kempe's letter expresses displeasure over Smith's recent remarks to him concerning a case under Smith's adjudication. Declaration of trust, 1754 was transferred from the George Peabody Wetmore papers relating to William Smith Jr.; Smith attestation, 1766, was transferred from William Smith Jr. letters and documents.

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## Key Terms

### Occupations

Lawyers

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Legal documents

**Subjects**

Real property -- New York (State) -- 18th century

**Names**

Kempe, John Tabor

Smith, William, 1697-1769