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Guide to the

Lenox family papers

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Summary

Creator: Lennox family

Title: Lenox family papers

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Abstract: Three Lenox brothers, David, James and Robert, of Kirkcudbright, Scotland, immigrated to the U.S. and became successful businessmen. David Lenox (ca. 1753-1828) settled in Philadelphia and became a banker. James Lenox (1753-1839) was a New York City merchant who eventually returned to Scotland. Robert Lenox (1759-1839), a wealthy New York City merchant, was a philanthropist who was active in the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. Collection consists of papers of David, James and Robert Lenox. David Lenox's papers, 1779-1826, all relate to business except for a few items of his wife's correspondence. Papers for James Lenox are letters, 1809-1811, he wrote to his brother David. Robert Lenox materials contain both business and personal papers, 1791-1836; and items concerning the First Presbyterian Church, 1718-1825. There are also copies of entries from the Lenox family Bible recording births, baptisms and marriages.

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Key Terms

Occupations

Bankers
Merchants
Philanthropists

Subjects

Banks and banking -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
Business
Charities -- New York (State) -- New York
Church buildings -- New York (State) -- New York

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.) -- Commerce

Names

Lennox family
Lenox, David
Lenox, James, 1753-1839
Lenox, Robert, 1759-1839
Lenox, Tacy Lukens, 1783-1833
First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York