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Guide to the

Gouverneur and Kemble cash book

1800-1805

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Summary

Creator: Gouverneur & Kemble

Title: Gouverneur and Kemble cash book, 1800-1805

Size: .21 linear foot (1 box)

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Abstract: The Gouverneur and Kemble cash book documents the business dealings of the prominent New York City mercantile firm from 1800 to 1805.

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Creator history

Gouverneur and Kemble was a prominent New York City mercantile firm owned by Isaac Gouverneur, Samuel Gouverneur, and Peter Kemble (1739-1823).

Scope and content note

The Gouverneur and Kemble cash book documents the business dealings of the prominent New York City mercantile firm from 1800 to 1805. Entries detail the company's activities in local finance and international trade, and reveal the spending habits of the Gouverneur and Kemble families.

The volume is a double-entry day book, containing the chronological accounts of the company. Entries relate to shipping, purchases of goods and services, insurance, taxes and duties, interest on loans, and rent. The firm distributed all of their credit and debt transactions among three banks: the New York Bank, the Branch Bank, and the York Bank. Their clients were some of the most prominent families and companies in New York, such as Samuel G. Ogden and Munroe and Roe. Entries of note include payments to Alexander Hamilton (March 14, 1803), Cadwalader D. Colden (August 12, 1803), Christopher Duyckinck (December 15, 1803), and Stephen Jumel (June 12, 1804).

The volume also documents the personal expenses of Peter Kemble, Isaac Gouverneur, Samuel Gouverneur, and their families, who often took cash and paid debts from company funds. Expenses include education for their children (both sons and daughters); dancing lessons; imported goods from

Europe; services, such as lamp lighting; and food.

Arrangement

Entries are in chronological order.

Key terms

Names

Gouverneur & Kemble
Gouverneur family
Gouverneur, Isaac
Gouverneur, Samuel
Kemble, Peter, 1739-1823

Places

New York (N.Y.) -- Commerce

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