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Creator History

William Wilson (1756-1828) of Clermont, Columbia County, New York, William Wilson (1756-1828) of Clermont, Columbia County, New York, was a physician, postmaster, and judge, and an estate manager for the Livingston family at Clermont. He was the first postmaster of the Town of Clermont, serving variously as a justice of the peace, town supervisor and school supervisor, and a Columbia County judge for the New York State Court of Common Pleas. Wilson was also a founder of professional societies in the fields of medicine and agriculture for Columbia and Dutchess Counties.

Born in Wooler, Northumberland, England, William Wilson was the son of Reverend Alexander Wilson, minister of the community's Scots (Presbyterian) Church. He graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1775, and succeeded his father as minister in 1778, but soon left the church to study medicine. Upon completion of his studies, he emigrated to New York in 1784, leaving his wife Mary Howey Wilson (1753-1801) and son Alexander (1783-1805) to follow him later. Upon arrival he went directly to Clermont in Columbia County and began the practice of medicine there, implying a connection with the Livingston family. Not long after, he became the estate manager for statesman Robert R. Livingston (1746-1813), known as "the Chancellor," who held Clermont, the "Lower Manor" of the Livingston family. Wilson became a trusted friend and an executor of his legal estate. Wilson knew other members of the Livingston family and acted on their behalf as well, including Edward P. Livingston, who became the proprietor of Clermont upon the death of Robert R. Livingston, his father-in-law, and General Henry Livingston, son of Robert Livingston Jr. (1708-1790).

William and Mary Wilson's American-born children were sons William H. (William Henry) Wilson (1791-1884), Robert L. (Robert Livingston) Wilson (1794-1830), and U.S. naval captain Stephen B. (Stephen Bayard) Wilson (1795-1863). Their daughters were Frances ("Fanny") Wilson (1787-1879), who married Fyler Dibblee; Elizabeth ("Eliza") Wilson (1797-1879) who married Fyler's brother Richard Dibblee; Mary Ann Wilson (1792-1887), who married George A. Shufeldt; and Alicia Ann ("Nancy" or Ann) Wilson (1799-1888), who married David Van Deusen. After Mary Howey Wilson's death in 1801, William Wilson married Hannah Shufeldt (1784-1876).

Alexander and Robert both attended Union College and became lawyers, but died at relatively young ages. Robert's law practice in New York City included acting on his father's behalf in local professional and personal legal matters. William H. Wilson studied medicine and served as a surgeon's mate during the War of 1812, but returned to Clermont to help his father in his business and civic affairs. He succeeded his father as postmaster of Clermont in the 1820s, and also sat as a judge for Columbia County in the Court of Common Pleas. Among other civic activities he was a founding trustee of the Claremont Academy, incorporated in 1834. He married Anne Hulme of Philadelphia in 1829 and had two surviving children, Elizabeth Hulme Wilson (1829-1904) and Harold Wilson (1836-1919).

Robert Livingston Jr. (1708-1790) was the "Third Lord" or proprietor of Livingston Manor in Columbia County, also known as the Upper Manor. The Upper Manor was bordered on the north by the towns of Claverack and Hillsdale, on the west by the Hudson River, north of Clermont and Germantown, and on the east by the border with Massachusetts. Since his son Peter R. Livingston was deeply in debt, he bequeathed the bulk of his land to sons Walter (1733-1797), Robert C. (1742-1794), Henry (1752/3-

1823), and John (1750-1822), each receiving one of four "Great Lots," numbered 1-4, respectively. The lots ran east-west through the central and eastern portions of the Upper Manor, with No. 1 bordering Claverack and Hillsdale to the north, and No. 4 bordering Dutchess County to the south. In 1788 the Upper Manor became the Town of Livingston, with the Lower Manor becoming the Town of Claremont.

The deaths of Robert Livingston Jr. and his sons Walter and Robert in the 1790s had repercussions on Livingston tenant lease-holders and others, especially throughout the great lots. Measures to secure the settlement of the Livingstons' personal estates and their title to land under the 1686 Dongan charter included the surveying of the great lots for farms, collection of back rents from tenants long in arrears and ejections for non-payment of rent, the removal of squatters who cleared farm lands from wood lots, and related legal actions. As a Livingston agent, Wilson was involved in such measures, and assisted in the management of Great Lot No. 2 with Peter Van Schaack. For most of the 1790s he served as a justice of the peace for Clermont.

Tenants used legal and illegal means to contest the feudal system of landholding. An increasing show of violence came to a head in the mid-1790s, as judicial and legislative interests upheld the Livingstons' titles with strict enforcement of the law. In 1803, Democratic-Republicans in state government succeeded in breaking the Town of Livingston into three townships. Livingston now anchored the area on the Hudson, while the great lots were incorporated into the townships of Granger and Gallatin, later recovering their traditional names of Taghanick and Ancram in 1814 before further subdivision. Robert R. Livingston, aligned with the Democratic-Republican party during the 1790s, switched his allegiance to the Federalists in 1806, not long after his tenure as U.S. Minister to France.

Although there was further tenant anti-rent unrest, notably in 1811 and the 1840s, the manorial system was already in decline by the time of Wilson's death on December 20, 1828. The transition in landholding patterns was marked by the gradual sale of land by Livingston descendants, and the building of a local civic structure within the context of state and national events.

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Scope and Content Note

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Correspondence forms the bulk of the collection and is arranged by a generational listing of immediate family members, in alphabetical order by sender within: William Wilson; his wife Mary Howey Wilson; and their children in alphabetical order by surname, then first name. These are followed by letters and postcards sent or received by William H. Wilson's family members, 1837-1870, along with a small amount of third-party correspondence. There are no letters to or from William Wilson's daughters Mary Ann Wilson Shufeldt or Elizabeth Wilson Diblee.

William Wilson's incoming correspondence, 1792-1826, concerns business transactions conducted on behalf of the Livingstons, or in his own interest, with some sharing of political and local news; there are also letters from family members. His outgoing correspondence is found in a few drafts and copies of letters sent, 1801-1824, and in the incoming correspondence of his son Robert. The tendency of correspondents to address letters to William Wilson as Judge or Postmaster, titles also held by William H. Wilson during his father's lifetime, can lead to some confusion.

There are a number of friendly and informative letters written by Edward P. Livingston, 1802-1824. The earliest is written from Paris, while his father-in-law Robert R. Livingston was serving as U.S. Minister to France, with most of the remaining letters written from Albany, sharing political news. There are also two written by Henry Livingston in 1797, and one by Robert R. Livingston, 1801 January 29, discussing estate business and politics. Other correspondents include Wilson's friend, New York City physician Nicholas Romaine, and lawyer Richard Varick, Mayor of New York City. Varick's letters, 1800-1804, are mainly concerned with settling the estate of Philip L. Hoffman, with mention of enslaved persons. Prominent Columbia County correspondents include Abraham Spencer, Jacob Van Ness, William W. Van Ness, Peter Van Schaack, and Jacob Rutsen Van Rensselaer. Few letters date from the 1790s, and there is generally only passing reference to tenants, showing rather day-to-day business, property and farming transactions.

Letters received by Robert L. Wilson, 1820-1830, concern business and family matters. They are mostly from his brother William H. Wilson, writing of their father's illness and death, and family affairs; there is also a letter from his father. Also present are certificates pertaining to Robert's profession as a lawyer, 1815-1821.

Letters received by William H. Wilson, 1822-1861, are from business, personal and family correspondents. Business matters concern his administration of local properties for others, and the settlement of Brodhead family personal estates. An 1843 invoice with remarks from A. J. Downing & Co. lists extensive plantings purchased by Wilson.

Of interest among the correspondence of the immediate family are letters to William Wilson from his son Alexander and daughter Frances discussing their school arrangements, as well as Alexander's legal training in Albany, and Stephen B. Wilson's letters to his father and his brother William H., pertaining to his service as a U.S. Navy officer prior to the Civil War and personal affairs. There are also letters from relatives in Great Britain, including William Wilson's brother Alexander and sister Isabella Minster, and his wife's Howey and Torrence relatives, some written to his sons after learning of William

Wilson's death.

Financial and legal documents, 1799-1870, include invoices, receipts, notes, insurance policies, a sheriff's bond, and other items, largely concerning the Wilson family's personal and professional affairs. A tuition bill from Union College, 1807, for an unnamed son is included.

Land documents, 1793-1823, 1872, consist of indentures, mortgages, deeds, and agreements concerning the leasing or conveyance of Livingston lands, as well as personal transactions of William Wilson and William H. Wilson. Most of the property is located in Columbia County.

Land surveys, 1790s-1842, notably illustrate the breakup of Livingston lands in the 1790s, especially the surveying of Great Lot No. 2 in the Town of Livingston. A set of maps signed by surveyor John Wigram show the laying out of farms for named individuals, and a large key map with an incomplete set of component maps, unsigned, shows the location of farms and other features in the township, dating from approximately 1800. Notebooks of surveys in Dutchess County taken by surveyor Alexander Thompson, 1794-1800, are also present.

Printed ephemera concern a legal case over Livingston land, dating after 1794, the opening and operation of the Claremont Academy, 1834-1844, and electoral politics in Columbia and Dutchess Counties, [1823]-1833.

Printed matter consists of the October 1794 issue of the *New-York Magazine, or Literary Repository*, and a clipped newspaper obituary for William H. Wilson [1884].

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Subjects

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Genre/Physical Characteristic

Cadastral maps
Certificates
Conveyances
Land surveys
Manuscript maps

Geographic Names

Clermont (N.Y. : Town) -- History
Livingston Manor (N.Y. : Estate)
Livingston Manor (N.Y. : Estate) -- Maps
New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865

Occupations

Jurists.
Land agents.
Landowners.
Naval officers.
Physicians.
Politicians.

Postmasters.

Surveyors.

Names

Livingston, Edward P. (Edward Philip), 1779-1843

Livingston, Henry, 1752-1823

Livingston, Robert R., 1746-1813

Thompson, Alexander (Surveyor)

Varick, Richard, 1753-1831

Wigram, John

Wilson, Robert L., 1794-1830

Wilson, Stephen Bayard, 1795-1863

Wilson, William H., 1791-1884

Wilson, William, 1756-1828

Livingston family

Wilson family -- Correspondence

United States. Navy -- Officers

Container List

William Wilson

- b. 1 f. 1 Letters sent 1801-1824
Letter to Victor Taylor of Red Hook, 1824 March 22, and copies of letters sent, including the fragment of a letter to his wife Mary's relative Ann Torrence, 1802 October 28.
Letters received
- b. 1 f. 2 Allen, Benjamin 1824 July 1
- b. 1 f. 2 Balcke, Frederick 1804-1805
Letter dated 1804 September 18 written on departure from New York for Europe; letter written 1805 February 1 from Lingen, Germany, concerns the voyage, his financial affairs and intent to return to America, and land holdings in Tecklenburg and Hanover.
- b. 1 f. 2 Bayard, N., Lieutenant 1800, 1811
- b. 1 f. 2 Beekman, John 1798-1802
- b. 1 f. 2 Bloom, George 1820 April 13
- b. 1 f. 2 Bogardus, James 1798-1801
- b. 1 f. 2 Brooks, D 1819 July 7
- b. 1 f. 2 Bryan, Samuel 1817 June 13
- b. 1 f. 2 Buel, Jesse 1813-1824
- b. 1 f. 2 Buttler, B. F 1817 March 13
- b. 1 f. 3 Clark, Samuel W 1808, 1817
- b. 1 f. 3 Coffin, Alexander 1824 June 28
- b. 1 f. 3 Coles, John B 1798 June 16
- b. 1 f. 3 Collins, P. B 1804 July 9
- b. 1 f. 3 Craufurd, James 1801 April 4
James Craufurd, British soldier and Governor of Bermuda, 1794-1796, was listed in an 1800 New York City directory at 30 Cortlandt Street, New York.
Craufurd accepts Wilson's offer to sell him a coach. The letter is endorsed "Governor Craufurd."
- b. 1 f. 3 Crookshank, Grace [1802?] September 8
- b. 1 f. 3 Cutting, W 1803-1804
- b. 1 f. 3 Dibblee, Fyler 1825
- b. 1 f. 3 Dibblee, Henry 1822 January 31
- b. 1 f. 3 Douw, John D. P 1798 November 27
- b. 1 f. 3 Downing, Silas 1820 May 25
- b. 1 f. 3 Drake, Peter 1824 March 1
- b. 1 f. 4 Edmonds, John W 1820 June 14
- b. 1 f. 4 Edmonds, S 1800 March 6
- b. 1 f. 4 Emott, James 1825 March 24
- b. 1 f. 4 Fleming, James 1817 November 6
- b. 1 f. 4 Gelston, Cotton 1802 December 22
- b. 1 f. 4 Gilbert, Ezekiel 1793-1796
- b. 1 f. 4 Grim, David 1798 April 10
- b. 1 f. 5 Habersham, Joseph 1799 November 13
- b. 1 f. 5 Hale, George 1798 January 2

William Wilson (cont.)
Letters received (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 5 Harrison, William 1821 January 9
- b. 1 f. 5 Hathaway, John 1805 April 17
- b. 1 f. 5 Hattrick, Mary 1804 August 21
- b. 1 f. 5 Hazard, B 1824 August 7
- b. 1 f. 5 Hedenberg, J. C 1817
- b. 1 f. 5 Hill, H., Jr 1824 September 10
- b. 1 f. 5 Hoffman & Van Beuren 1821 April 7
- b. 1 f. 5 Holt, Charles 1802 August 27
- b. 1 f. 5 Howland, Joseph 1819-1824
- b. 1 f. 5 Hulbert, Edward 1813 December 2
- b. 1 f. 5 Hyatt, James 1801 March 7, April 16 1801
- b. 1 f. 5 Hyatt & Van Hoezen 1801 August 15
- b. 1 f. 6 Jenkins, Robert 1816 September 3
- b. 1 f. 6 Killey, Samuel W 1804 June 5
- b. 1 f. 6 Kinney, Thomas T 1817 May 12
- b. 1 f. 6 Kissam, Adrian 1801 March 31
- b. 1 f. 6 Kortz, John 1800-1801
- b. 1 f. 6 Lawrence, David, William Jenkins and Robert Jenkins 1798 March 27
- b. 1 f. 6 Lawrie, David 1793 May 20
- b. 1 f. 6 Lee, James 1816 December 7
- b. 1 f. 6 Lewis, Morgan 1812 June 14
- b. 1 f. 6 Little, Lewis 1817 June 4
- b. 1 f. 7 Livingston, Edward P 1802-1824
Includes two loose covers, 1796 and undated.
- b. 1 f. 8 Livingston, Henry 1797 February 16, August 28 1797
- b. 1 f. 9 Livingston, Robert R 1801 January 29
- b. 1 f. 10 Ludlow, Giulian 1819 August 4
- b. 1 f. 10 Ludlow, William B 1820-1824
Letter of 1823 October 14 also signed by David Auchinvole.
- b. 1 f. 11 Marshall, Nathaniel 1820, 1827
- b. 1 f. 11 Mastin, James B 1820 February 29
- b. 1 f. 11 Minster, Isabella 1817 September 24
Sister of William Wilson, writing from 18 Philpot Lane, London.
- b. 1 f. 11 Newcomb, Zan ... [illegible] 1822 May 1
- b. 1 f. 11 Norman, W. E 1817-1826
- b. 1 f. 12 Paddock, Judah 1817 March
- b. 1 f. 12 Parkman, Henry D 1818 October 17
- b. 1 f. 12 Phillips, John R 1814 November 23
- b. 1 f. 12 Power, Thomas 1809 June 11
- b. 1 f. 13 Read, George, Jr 1817, 1820
- b. 1 f. 13 Rhodes, William 1799 April 27
- b. 1 f. 13 Richmond, James 1819 January 25

William Wilson (cont.)
Letters received (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 13 Riggs, Caleb S 1816 August 13
- b. 1 f. 13 Robertson, J. S 1799 May 28, December 9 1799
- b. 1 f. 13 Romaine, Samuel B 1821 February 14
- b. 1 f. 13 Romaine, Nicholas 1799-1804
- b. 1 f. 13 Ruggles, Charles H 1814 June 25, July 26 1814
- b. 1 f. 13 Rutherford, John 1804 October 19
- b. 1 f. 14 Sampson, Charles 1813 March
- b. 1 f. 14 Savage, John 1824 October 5
- b. 1 f. 14 Scriba, George 1802
- b. 1 f. 14 Southwick, S 1821 February 4
- b. 1 f. 14 Spencer, Ambrose 1799-1801
- b. 1 f. 14 Stockton, Richard 1816-1821
- b. 1 f. 14 Swart, R., Mrs 1817 April 21
- b. 1 f. 15 Tillotson, T 1805 December 24
- b. 1 f. 15 Torrence, Ann 1802 June 25
Ann Torrence was the sister of William Wilson's wife Mary.
- b. 1 f. 16 Van Benthuyzen, John 1799 January 16
- b. 1 f. 16 Van Ness, David 1817 February 28
- b. 1 f. 16 Van Ness, Jacob 1816-1824
- b. 1 f. 16 Van Ness, William W 1802 December 10
- b. 1 f. 16 Van Rensselaer, Jacob Rutsen 1802-1824
- b. 1 f. 16 Van Schaack, Peter 1799, 1826
- b. 1 f. 17 Varick, Richard 1800-1804
- b. 1 f. 18 Walworth, R. A 1818, 1821
- b. 1 f. 18 Ward, Owen 1819, 1822
- b. 1 f. 18 Watson, Ebenezer 1821 January 1
- b. 1 f. 18 Wilbur, Solomon, Jr 1822 February 1
- b. 1 f. 18 Williams, Elisha 1818 December 12
- b. 2 f. 1 Wilson, Alexander 1792 August 8
Brother of William Wilson, signed Alex Willson.
- b. 2 f. 2 Wilson, Alexander 1799-1805
Son of William Wilson.
- b. 2 f. 3 Wilson, Frances 1802-1806
Daughter of William Wilson; she married Fyler Dibblee.
See also Dibblee, Frances Wilson.
- b. 2 f. 4 Wilson, Robert L 1816-1827
Son of William Wilson.
- b. 2 f. 5 Wilson, Stephen B 1822-1826
Son of William Wilson. Written during his U.S. Navy service on U.S. Schooners Shark, Grampus and Fox.
- b. 2 f. 6 Wilson, William H 1814 March 1
Son of William Wilson.
- b. 2 f. 7 Wiswall, Oliver 1824 July 19
- b. 2 f. 7 Wiswall, Samuel 1814, 1822

- b. 2 f. 8 Wilson, Mary Howey. Letters received 1792-1800
Wife of William Wilson.
Letter from her brother Henry Howey, 1792 April 19, and from her son Alexander Wilson, 1800 March 23.
- b. 2 f. 9 Dibblee, Frances Wilson. Letter received from Ann Wilson Van Deusen [1828]
December 12
Frances' sister baptized Alicia Ann, known as Ann and Nancy.
- b. 2 f. 10 Wilson, Alexander. Letter received from Frances Wilson 1802 May 19
Wilson, Robert L
Letters received
- b. 2 f. 11 H-V 1820-1829
- b. 2 f. 12 Wilson, William 1828 August 4
Wilson, William H
1828-1830
- b. 2 f. 13-17 1828-1830
- b. 2 f. 18 Incomplete letters No year
- b. 2 f. 19 Unidentified correspondent 1822 May 26
- b. 3 f. 20 Legal certificates 1815-1821
Wilson, William H. Letters received
- b. 2 f. 21 A-B 1843
- b. 2 f. 22 De Koven, Henry 1858-1861
- b. 2 f. 23 Dibblee 1825-1859
Letters from Fyler, Thomas B., and W. W. Dibblee.
- b. 2 f. 24-26 G-T 1824-1861
- b. 3 f. 1 V 1826-1844
Letters from Jacob Van Ness are accompanied by a letter from Wilson to Van Ness, 1829 December 16
- b. 3 f. 2 Wilson, Alexander W 1836 March 5
Alexander W. Wilson was William H. Wilson's nephew, born posthumously to his brother Alexander and wife Mary Livingston Wilson.
- b. 3 f. 3 Wilson, Robert L., 1822 November 22
- b. 3 f. 4 Wilson, Stephen B 1824-1842, 1861
Letters 1824-1842 are written from U.S. schooner Grampus, and ships Macedonian and Columbus; letter dated 1861 June [9] from Poughkeepsie, N.Y. concerns his interest in purchasing a residential property in Columbia County, and brief mention of his disabilities.
- b. 3 f. 5 William H. Wilson family correspondence 1837-1870
Miscellaneous letters and cards addressed to William H. Wilson's daughter Elizabeth, his son Harold and Harold's wife, and Harold's mother-in-law, Mrs. John Sanders. Included is a letter of introduction to General John A. Dix for Harold from H.A. Tilden, 1861 September 19, with two passes to the front for William H. Wilson.
- b. 3 f. 6 Third-party correspondence and empty envelopes 1830-1884
- b. 3 f. 7 Financial and legal documents 1799-1870
Land documents (Oversize documents remain folded.)
- b. 3 f. 8 1793-1799
- b. 3 f. 9 1801-1823, 1872
Land surveys (Oversize documents remain folded.)
- b. 3 f. 10 D. Brooks survey map of Samuel Hener's farm and meadow lot approximately 1800

Land surveys (cont.)

- b. 3 f. 11 **Frederick Hauser survey of four farms for Robert C. Livingston** approximately 1794 (Unbound manuscript notebook, 7 pages.)
Survey conducted July 10, 1794 in Lot No. 2, Town of Livingston.
- b. 3 f. 12 **Alexander Thompson surveys in Dutchess County 1794-1800**
Papers consist of manuscript instructions of James S. Smith to Alexander Thompson for land belonging to J.S. Robertson in Little Nine Partners, dated 1794 July 25, and three manuscript field books. These are a field book for Lot Nos. 24 and 44 in the town of North East, with remarks noting events since 1794; and two field books stitched together, for lands belonging to Walter Rutherford [sic, Rutherford]. The first, a 1799 copy made by Thompson at Wilson's request, is for Lot Nos. 2 and 19, surveyed in October 1794 under Smith's instructions; the second is for part of Lot No. 35, surveyed April 1800 by direction of William Wilson.
- b. 3 f. 13 **John Wigram survey maps, Lot No. 2, Town of Livingston 1790s**
Manuscript survey maps of farms laid out for identified individuals in Lot No. 2, in the central and eastern part of Columbia County, drawn and signed by John Wigram. The surveys were conducted in 1790 and 1793. The map for Adam Dings Jr. contains an addition made by Alexander Thompson for John P. Hauver's adjacent farm, surveyed in 1799. Eleven items, in dark ink, some with red wash.
- b. 3 f. 14 **Maps of surveys in the Town of Livingston** approximately 1800
Maps by an unidentified surveyor comprising a key map and related maps numbered 2, 3, and 4; 6 and 7 on one sheet; and 7, 8, and 9. The numbered maps show the central and eastern portion of the township, north of Ancram, running west to east in the Taghanic-Copake area. Also included is an undated map of seven wood lots adjoining the farm of Conrad Kline.
- b. 3 f. 15 **Survey map of Sanders and Van Deusen wood lots in Clermont** approximately 1842

Printed ephemera (Oversize documents remain folded.)

- b. 3 f. 16 **Claremont Academy 1834-1844**
Items comprise the school's Act of Incorporation, 1834 (3 copies); an information announcement of the school's opening, 1835 January 23; and printed instructions from the Regents of the State of New York regarding annual reports, 1844.
- b. 3 f. 17 **Canvass of the stump candidates, the enemies of the right of suffrage [1823]** (29.5 x 24 cm.)
A diatribe attacking the character and integrity of James Tallmadge, Gilbert Thorne, Alfred S. Pell, and John Klapp, addressed to the Republicans of Dutchess by A Republican of the Old School. The candidates were all elected in November, 1823, to represent Dutchess County in the New York State Assembly.
- b. 3 f. 18 **Columbia County election results 1828-1833** (8 items, various sizes.)
The "official canvass" or "statement of votes" for federal and/or state and local candidates in annual elections, tabulated by office and town. There are two copies of the 1832 election results.
- b. 3 f. 19 **In the Court of the Trial of Impeachments and Correction of Errors. James Jackson ex dem. Henry Livingston, ads. Jeremiah Schutt** after 1794 (41 x 33.5 cm.)
Pleading of counsel for the Defendant in Error, requesting affirmation of the Supreme Court's ruling for the plaintiff. The case, commenced "sometime in the year 1794," concerned Livingston's claim to land occupied by Schutt.
- b. 3 f. 20 **Tallmadge's Lament** approximately 1824 (23 x 15.5 cm.)
Seven stanzas, sung to the tune of "Oh cruel was the press gang," portraying Tallmadge as a political turncoat in the race for Lieutenant Governor of New York State.

Printed matter 1794, [1884]