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Guide to the

**Callister family papers**

approximately 1741-1788

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## Summary

**Creator:** Callister family

**Title:** Callister family papers

**Date:** approximately 1741-1788

**Size:** 5 volumes (in one carton)

**Abstract:** Correspondence, business records, and miscellaneous manuscripts of members of the Callister family, chiefly Henry Callister, merchant (ca. 1716-ca. 1768) and his wife, Sarah Trippe Callister (1731-1805), including items about Mrs. Callister's schools for girls in Chestertown and Baltimore (1783-1788). Henry Callister came to Maryland as factor for Foster Cunliffe Sons, of Liverpool, England, and was resident at Oxford, Talbot County, and "Townside", an estate in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, Md. Original manuscripts have not been counted, but photostatic reproductions fill 869 pages, plus an index volume. They contain a wealth of information concerning economic, mercantile, political, social, and cultural conditions on the Eastern Shore during the period, and include correspondence with persons in Great Britain; with Rev. Thomas Bacon (came to Maryland, 1745, d. 1768), compiler of The Laws of Maryland, organizer of the first charity school in the British colonies, and a pioneer in relations with the African American population; with Robert Morris, merchant of Talbot County, and his son, Robert Morris, Jr. (1734-1806), financier of the American Revolution; and with members of the Bolton, Bordley, Comegys, Earle, Eccleston, Goldsborough, Ridout, Gordon, Hesselius, Hollyday, Lloyd, Ringgold, Wright, and many other Maryland families.

**Location of Originals:** Originals held by the Archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, Episcopal Diocesan Center, Baltimore, Md.

**Preferred citation:** Callister family papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

**Language of the Material:** Materials in English

## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Agriculture -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)  
Girls -- Education -- Maryland -- Baltimore  
Girls -- Education -- Maryland -- Chestertown  
Merchants -- Great Britain -- Correspondence  
Merchants -- Maryland -- Correspondence  
Schools -- Maryland -- Baltimore  
Schools -- Maryland -- Chestertown

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Business records -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)  
Family papers -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)

### **Occupations**

Commission merchants -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)  
Plantation owners -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)

### **Geographic Names**

Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- Commerce -- Great Britain  
Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- Economic conditions -- 18th century  
Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- History -- 18th century  
Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- Politics and government -- 18th century  
Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- Social life and customs -- 18th century  
Great Britain -- Commerce -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)

### **Names**

Bacon, Thomas, approximately 1700-1768  
Callister, Henry, approximately 1716-approximately 1768  
Callister, Sarah Trippe, 1731-1805  
Morris, Robert, 1710 or 1711-1750  
Morris, Robert, 1734-1806  
Bolton family  
Bordley family  
Callister family  
Comegys family  
Earle family  
Eccleston family

Eggleston family  
Goldsborough family  
Gordon family  
Hesselius family  
Holliday family  
Hollyday family  
Lloyd family  
Ridout family  
Ringgold family  
Wright family  
Foster Cunliffe & Sons (Liverpool, England)