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Summary

Creator: Clinton, George, 1739-1812

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Abstract: George Clinton (1739-1812) was a soldier in the American Revolution; the first governor of New York State, 1777-1795 and 1801-1804; and Vice-President of the U.S. under Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, 1805-1812. Collection consists of correspondence, accounts, military commissions, legal documents, copies of Clinton's papers, genealogical notes, autographs, financial papers, and printed matter. Correspondence, 1776-1812, concerns Revolutionary War, gubernatorial, Vice-Presidential, and personal matters and includes some letters of other members of Clinton's family. Accounts, 1777-1791, are for personal and family expenses; military commissions, 1779-1803, are signed by Clinton as Governor of New York; with land grant, 1790, and other family legal documents, 1813, 1819. Copies of Clinton papers located in other repositories include manuscript copies of letters and speeches, 1787-1788. Also, genealogical notes, autographs, signed bank checks, clippings, and other printed matter; volume of Clinton's proclamations issued as Governor, 1777-1781; and part of the Great Seal of the State of New York.

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Key Terms

Subjects Constitutional conventions -- New York (State)

Occupations

Governors Vice-Presidents

Geographic Names

New York (State) -- History -- 1775-1865 New York (State) -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865 United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 United States -- Politics and government -- 1801-1815

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Seals Soldiers

Names

Clinton, George, 1739-1812 Clinton, George Washington Clinton family New York (State). Convention of the Representatives (1776-1777) New York (State). Governor