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Guide to the

Henry Packer Dering papers

1692-1885 [bulk 1780-1885]

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Summary

Creator: Dering, Henry Packer, d. 1822

Title: Henry Packer Dering papers

Date: 1692-1885 [bulk 1780-1885]

Size: .5 linear feet (1 box, 2 v.)

Source: Purchase, American Autograph Shop, 1941

Abstract: Henry Packer Dering (d. 1822) was a collector of customs, postmaster and military storekeeper in Sag Harbor, Long Island. He also traded at Aux Cayes, Haiti, as an agent of Nat Gardinier, during the 1780's. Collection consists of correspondence, diary, legal records, sermons, and other papers. Correspondence concerns family and business affairs, seafaring, United States Customs, and military stores; diary, 1787-1788, relates to sales at Aux Cayes, Haiti, of cargoes of fish and horses from the sloop Polly, of Sag Harbor, N.Y.; and deeds and other documents pertain to land on Long Island. Includes probated wills; a volume containing sermons, 1692-1694; cash accounts of contributions for preaching, 1791-1795; stud records, 1790, of the stallion Young Figure at Sag Harbor; and letters of Dering's father, Thomas Dering, and of his children and business associates. Also, drafts of eighteen letters, 1787, written from Aux Cayes, Haiti, while Dering was agent for Nat Gardinier, addressed to Gardinier and to relatives and friends in Sag Harbor concerning trade, local conditions, wages of ship captains while in port, and other topics.

Alternative Form Available: Diary, 1787-1788, and accounts, 1791-1795, available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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Key Terms

Subjects

Customs administration -- New York (State)
Fish trade
Horse trading
Horses -- Pedigrees
Postal service -- New York (State) -- Postmasters
Real property -- New York (State)
Seafaring life

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Names

Dering, Henry Packer, d. 1822
Dering, Thomas
Gardinier, Nat
Dearing family
Polly (Sloop)
United States Customs House (Sag Harbor, N.Y.)
United States. Bureau of Customs