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Guide to the

**Genet family papers**

ca. 1719-1925

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## Summary

**Creator:** Genet family

**Title:** Genet family papers

**Date:** ca. 1719-1925

**Size:** .8 linear feet (3 boxes)

**Source:** Purchase, transfer, French Book Corp.; Ford Collection, 1940

**Abstract:** Edmond Charles Genet (1763-1834), known as "Citizen Genet," was the first Minister of the French Republic to the United States. He later became a United States citizen and settled in New York State. Collection consists of land papers, correspondence, family records, photographs, and printed matter. Deeds, leases and other documents relate to the Genet family property in New York City and in Rensselaer and Chenango Counties, N.Y., ca. 1719-1851. Correspondence among Genet family members concerns primarily family matters, including genealogy and land owned by family members, early 19th century to ca. 1925. Miscellaneous Genet family accounts, receipts, stock certificates, clippings, broadsides, photographs, and legal documents date from the 19th to the early 20th century. Also, account book, 1827-1831; school book containing notes on geometry; miscellaneous fragments of essays; drafts of two letters, 1847, addressed to "Dear Brother" from John Jackson; drawings; early 19th century letters; bills, accounts, land papers, and miscellaneous documents of Edmond Charles Genet; and letters to his wife Cornelia Clinton Genet from her father George Clinton.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Broadsides  
Photographic prints

### **Occupations**

Diplomats

### **Subjects**

Geometry -- Study and teaching -- United States  
Real property -- New York (State)  
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### **Geographic Names**

New York (State) -- Social life and customs

### **Names**

Genet family  
Clinton, George, 1739-1812  
Genet, Cornelia Clinton  
Genet, Edmond Charles, 1763-1834  
Jackson, John