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Summary

Creator: Hamilton, James A. (James Alexander), 1788-1878

Title: James A. Hamilton papers

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Abstract: James Alexander Hamilton (1788-1878), the son of Alexander Hamilton, was an American lawyer and politician. He served as United States District Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Collection consists of Hamilton's correspondence, ca. 1820-1867, with John Quincy Adams, Horace Binney, Lewis Cass, Salmon P. Chase, Edward Everett, Hamilton Fish, Washington Hunt, Andrew Jackson, W.C. Rivers, Martin Van Buren, and others. Also, deeds and other legal documents, ca. 1740-1870, relating to land in Manhattan and New York State, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere (some material relates to land owned by Trinity Church, N.Y.); legal documents and correspondence, ca. 1829-1832, relating to the court case of Constant Polani v. District Court of the U.S. for the Southern District of N.Y.; a manuscript of Hamilton's reminiscences of his father; and miscellaneous documents.

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Key Terms

Subjects

District courts -- New York (State)
New Orleans, Battle of, New Orleans, La., 1815
Real property -- New York (State)
Real property -- New York (State) -- New York
Real property -- Pennsylvania

Occupations

Lawyers
Politicians

Geographic Names

United States -- Politics and government -- 19th century

Names

Hamilton, James A. (James Alexander), 1788-1878
Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848
Binney, Horace, 1780-1875
Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866
Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873
Everett, Edward, 1794-1865
Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893
Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804
Hunt, Washington, 1811-1867
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
Polani, Constant
Rivers, W. C. (Walter Courtenay)
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862
Republican Party (N.Y.)
Trinity Church (New York, N.Y.)
United States. District Attorney (New York : Southern District)