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Guide to the

**Lenox family papers**

1718-1836

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## Summary

**Creator:** Lennox family

**Title:** Lenox family papers

**Date:** 1718-1836

**Size:** .3 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift, purchase, Maitland, Robert L.; J. Benjamin; etc, 1912

**Abstract:** Three Lenox brothers, David, James and Robert, of Kirkcudbright, Scotland, immigrated to the U.S. and became successful businessmen. David Lenox (ca. 1753-1828) settled in Philadelphia and became a banker. James Lenox (1753-1839) was a New York City merchant who eventually returned to Scotland. Robert Lenox (1759-1839), a wealthy New York City merchant, was a philanthropist who was active in the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. Collection consists of papers of David, James and Robert Lenox. David Lenox's papers, 1779-1826, all relate to business except for a few items of his wife's correspondence. Papers for James Lenox are letters, 1809-1811, he wrote to his brother David. Robert Lenox materials contain both business and personal papers, 1791-1836; and items concerning the First Presbyterian Church, 1718-1825. There are also copies of entries from the Lenox family Bible recording births, baptisms and marriages.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

Bankers  
Merchants  
Philanthropists

### **Subjects**

Banks and banking -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia  
Business  
Charities -- New York (State) -- New York  
Church buildings -- New York (State) -- New York

### **Geographic Names**

New York (N.Y.) -- Commerce

### **Names**

Lennox family  
Lenox, David  
Lenox, James, 1753-1839  
Lenox, Robert, 1759-1839  
Lenox, Tacy Lukens, 1783-1833  
First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York