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Guide to the

Clapp family papers

1694-1815

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Summary

Creator: Clapp family

Title: Clapp family papers

Date: 1694-1815

Size: .4 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract: Clapp family members lived in New York City, Westchester and Dutchess Counties, N.Y., and Fairfield County, Conn. The Clapp family papers include 17th and 18th century financial records, land records, and estate records of the Clapp family of New York and Connecticut. The financial records primarily consist of promissory notes, 1722-1772, many of which relate to the debts of John Clapp. Also present are Thomas Clapp's accounting records, dating mostly from 1804-1815, and additional miscellaneous receipts and accounts. Land records relate to properties owned by the Clapps in New York City, Greenwich, Conn., 1723-1769, Westchester County, N.Y., 1705-1807, and Dutchess County, N.Y., 1740-1770. A purchase deed for land in the Bowery Ward of New York City by John Clapp is the oldest land record in the collection, dating from 1694. Estate records include wills, inventories, debts, sale accounts, and lists, notably the 1737 will of James Clapp. Family members include Benjamin, Cornby, John and James Clapp. Other family names mentioned in these documents include Cornell, Birdsall, Flamen, Franklin, Gerbrantz, Mean, Quinby, Sharpas, Vail, and Hallock.

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Creator History

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Custodial History

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Deeds
Financial records
Wills

Titles

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Subjects

Real property -- Connecticut -- Greenwich
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