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Chesebrough - Peckham family papers

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Summary

Creator: Chesebrough family

Title: Chesebrough - Peckham family papers

Date: 1789-1985

Size: .84 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Gift of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2008

Abstract: Correspondence and documents, 1789-1985, of members of the Chesebrough and Peckham families of New York, chiefly, of Robert and Constant Rathbone Chesebrough and their descendants, and of Walton H. Peckham and Margaret Horn and their descendants. The families were united through the marriage of Walton M. Peckham and Marie Louise Chesebrough.

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Creator History

Robert John Chesebrough (1798-1870), son of Robert Chesebrough and Content Rathbone, was born in New York City in 1798, graduated from Yale in 1817, and was admitted to the bar. His daughter, Marie Louise Chesebrough (d.1908), married Walton M. Peckham, the son of Walton H. Peckham and Margaret Horn. Their son, Wheeler Hazard Peckham (b.1880), married Ethel Anson Steel (b.1879), daughter of William W. Steel and Juliet Rauch in 1906. Their daughter, Content Rathbone Peckham (b.1909), married Joseph Cowan.

Custodial History

Donated to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society by Anson and Ellen Peckham, 2003.

Scope and Content Note

The papers contain letters, 1808-1839, to Robert John Chesebrough from family, friends and associates; and letters to Margaret A. Horn Peckham, 1849-1876, from her sister Charlotte and brother-in-law Marshall Pepon written from Europe; as well as letters, wills, military records, and other papers of various members of the Chesebrough and Peckham families. Also, and genealogical research files of notes, correspondence, and clippings.

Key Terms

Names

Peckham family

Container List

Correspondence 1789-1946

Chesebrough, Robert John

- b. 1 f. 1 Carroll, Anthony, 1882
- b. 1 f. 2 Carroll, G.H., 1822-1824
- b. 1 f. 3 Center, R.E., 1824-1832
- Chesebrough family, 1808-1839
- b. 1 f. 4 Caroline, 1813-1815, 1831, 1839
sister
- b. 1 f. 5 Harriet, ca. 1820
wife of Robert
- b. 1 f. 6 Henry, 1817-1836
brother
- b. 1 f. 7-9 Robert 1808, 1813-1815
father
- b. 1 f. 10 Degen, C.R., 1830-1837
- b. 1 f. 11 Rathbone, E.B., Samuel and John Jr., 1818-1824
- b. 1 f. 12 Strong, E.B., 1823-1826
- b. 1 f. 13 Wood, Spencer, 1817-1818
- b. 1 f. 14 Various, 1814-1835
- b. 1 f. 15 Cowan, Content Peckham and Joe Cowan 1946
- b. 1 f. 16 Elliot, D.P. circa 1827
- b. 1 f. 17-21 Pepoon, Charlotte Peckham to her sister Margaret A. Horn Peckham 1849-1876
- b. 1 f. 22 Rathbone, Content 1789
Letters from her parents
- b. 2 f. 1 Ruggles, Samuel B. 1837
- b. 2 f. 2 Unidentified recipients circa 1820-1847

Documents 1810-1935

- b. 2 f. 3 Chesebrough, Content, Last Will and Testament 1844
one original, one copy

Chesebrough, Robert

- b. 2 f. 4 Certificates 1819-1844
- b. 2 f. 5 Last Will and testament circa 1845
- b. 2 f. 6 Stock Certificates 1810-1845
- b. 2 f. 7 Testamentary for deceased wife Content Chesebrough 1864
- b. 2 f. 8 Codwise, David and wife 1845
Indenture to Robert Chesebrough
- b. 2 f. 9 Kearny, Philip R., Last Will and Testament 1869

Documents (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 10 Peckham, M. Louise, Surrogate Court Final Judicial Settlement 1902
- b. 2 f. 11 Rathbone, John, Last Will and Testament 1843
- b. 2 f. 12 Steel, Juliet Rauch, estate 1925-1935
Correspondence of Ethel Anson Steel Peckham and related documents.

Genealogical research files 1878-1985

- b. 2 f. 13 Chesebrough research notes
- b. 2 f. 14 Chesebrough, William
- b. 2 f. 15 Cowan, Content Peckham 1955-1977
- b. 2 f. 16 Genealogy notes
- b. 2 f. 17 Peckham family crest and essay
- b. 2 f. 18 Peckham family notes
- b. 2 f. 19 Union Club members list
- b. 2 f. 20 Photographs
unidentified persons

- b. 2 f. 21 Clippings 1878, 1985
Peckham and Chesebrough