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Guide to the

**Dudley and Samuel Woodbridge correspondence**

1777-1793

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## Summary

**Creator:** Woodbridge, Dudley, 1675-1710

**Title:** Dudley and Samuel Woodbridge correspondence

**Date:** 1777-1793

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Abstract:** Dudley Woodbridge was a lawyer in Norwich, Connecticut. By 1778, he had become a merchant, along with his brother Samuel, dealing primarily in rum and other foodstuffs. The correspondence consists of letters to Dudley and Samuel Woodbridge from various business associates located in New York and New England, with many referencing the Revolutionary War and the British blockade. Also included are three letters between members of the Backus family

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Physical Location:** MssCol 19030

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## Key Terms

### Geographic Names

Connecticut -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

New York (State) -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

Rhode Island -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

### Occupations

Merchants

### Subjects

Merchants -- Connecticut -- 18th century

Merchants -- New York (State) -- 18th century

Merchants -- Rhode Island -- 18th century  
Rum industry -- United States

**Names**

Woodbridge, Dudley, 1675-1710  
Backus, Elijah, 1726-1798  
Loudon, Samuel, 1727?-1813  
Penfield, Samuel, 1734-1811  
Ripley, Hezekiah, 1743-1831  
Woodbridge, Samuel, active 1778