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Schuyler-Malcom family papers

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Summary

Title: Schuyler-Malcom family papers

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Abstract: A small collection of letters and documents written or received by members of the family of Catherine V.R. Schuyler Malcom Cochran (1781-1857), the youngest daughter of General Philip Schuyler. Writers and recipients include Philip Schuyler, her sisters Angelica, Cornelia, and Elizabeth, her brother Philip, husbands Samuel B. Malcom and James Cochran, sons William and Alexander Malcom, and others.

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Creator History

Catherine Van Rensselaer Schuyler (1781-1857) was the youngest daughter of General Philip Schuyler and Catherine Van Rensselaer. The Schuyler and Malcom (later Malcolm) families were united through Catherine's marriage to Samuel Bayard Malcom (1776-1814) in 1803. Malcom was a lawyer who served as personal secretary to John Adams before and during his presidency. The couple settled in Utica, New York and had two sons, William Schuyler Malcom (1810-1890) and Alexander Hamilton Malcom. After Samuel Malcom's death Catherine married her first cousin, James Cochran (1769-1848).

Scope and Content Note

This small collection consists of personal letters and several documents written or received by members of the family of Catherine V.R. Schuyler Malcom Cochran, the youngest daughter of General Philip Schuyler. Writers and recipients include Philip Schuyler, her sisters Angelica, Cornelia, and Elizabeth, her brother Philip, husbands Samuel B. Malcom and James Cochran, sons William and Alexander Malcolm, and others.

Philip Schuyler materials consist of nine letters written to his wife, 1789-1795, and eight to his children, 1799-1804 plus four documents relating to his lands and estate, 1763-1805. Of particular note is a letter from Philip Schuyler to his daughter Elizabeth shortly after the death of her husband Alexander Hamilton (July 22, 1804). Letters written by Samuel B. Malcom to his mother include his eyewitness account of the inauguration of President John Adams and Washington's farewell address (March 4, 1797). Other of his papers include legal licenses, documents relating to property inherited from Philip Schuyler and a letter to Aaron Burr concerning Malcom's share of the estate of Samuel Bayard. A letter from abolitionist Gerrit Smith to James Cochran (the second husband of Catherine Schuyler Malcom) is accompanied by a temperance revival broadside (May 13, 1841).

Key Terms

Occupations

Lawyers

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Leases

Wills

Geographic Names

Utica (N.Y.)

Names

Schuyler, Philip John, 1733-1804

Malcolm family -- Correspondence

Schuyler family -- Correspondence

Container List

Philip Schuyler correspondence

- b. 1 f. 1 Letters to his wife Catherine Van Rensselaer Schuyler 1789-1795
- b. 1 f. 1 1789 May 13
- b. 1 f. 1 1789 July 27
- b. 1 f. 1 1789 July 29
- b. 1 f. 1 1789 August 9
- b. 1 f. 1 1790 May 12
- b. 1 f. 1 1790 June 13
- b. 1 f. 1 1790 June 19
- b. 1 f. 1 1790 June 20
- b. 1 f. 1 1795 August 18
- b. 1 f. 2 Letters to his daughter Catherine Van Rensselaer Schuyler Malcom 1790-1804
- b. 1 f. 2 1790 June 20
- b. 1 f. 2 1799 November 24
- b. 1 f. 2 1802 April 13
- b. 1 f. 2 1802 April 16
- b. 1 f. 2 1802 May 8
- b. 1 f. 2 1803 May 30
- b. 1 f. 2 1804 April 22
- b. 1 f. 2 Letter to his daughter Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton 1804 July 22
- b. 1 f. 3 Letter from his daughter Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton 1804 November 6
- b. 1 f. 3 Letter to Mrs. Philip Schuyler from her daughter Margaret 1782 June 5

Catherine V.R. Schuyler Malcom correspondence

- b. 1 f. 4 Letters received 1795-1820, undated
Letters from her sisters Cornelia L. Schuyler, Angelica Schuyler Church and Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, her brother Philip Jeremiah Schuyler and his wife Mary Ann, brother-in-law Stephen Van Rensselaer, her nephew Robert Schuyler, and niece Elizabeth Hamilton Holly.
- b. 1 f. 4 Cornelia L. Schuyler 1795 August 4
- b. 1 f. 4 Stephen Van Rensselaer 1801 December 31
- b. 1 f. 4 Angelica Schuyler Church 1804 December 8
- b. 1 f. 4 Philip J. Schuyler 1818 September 15
- b. 1 f. 4 Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton 1818 November 8, 1820 June 7
- b. 1 f. 4 Mary Ann Schuyler 1819 January 10, undated 1819
- b. 1 f. 4 Elizabeth Hamilton Holly 1850 (?)
- b. 1 f. 4 Robert Schuyler 1851 August 12
- b. 1 f. 5 Correspondence with her son William Schuyler Malcolm 1830-1842, undated
- b. 1 f. 5 William Schuyler Malcolm 1830 August 6, 1834 May 3
- b. 1 f. 5 Catherine Schuyler Malcolm Cochran 1842 March 27, after 1847

Correspondence of Samuel Bayard Malcom

Correspondence of Samuel Bayard Malcom (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 6 Letters to his mother and brother circa 1797-circa 1811
- b. 1 f. 6 To his mother 1797, undated
- b. 1 f. 6 To his brother William 1804
- b. 1 f. 6 To his mother after 1811
- b. 1 f. 6 Letter to Aaron Burr 1814 January 5
- b. 1 f. 7 Letters received 1798-1815
- b. 1 f. 7 Peter Augustus Jay 1796 June 22
- b. 1 f. 7 Thomas William Moore 1815 March 25
- b. 1 f. 8 Letters to William Schuyler Malcom
- b. 1 f. 8 A. Branson (?) 1841 June 11
- b. 1 f. 8 Emma Malcom 1851 January 5
Sister of William Malcom

- b. 1 f. 8 Eliza Malcom 1857 September 12
Wife of William Malcom

- b. 1 f. 8 Philip Schuyler Malcom 1867 May 8
Son of William Malcom

- b. 1 f. 8 Letter to Andrew Roberts 1850 November 27
Father (?) of Sarah Roberts Malcom, wife of Philip Schuyler Malcom

- b. 1 f. 9 Letter to Alexander Hamilton Malcom 1840 July 17
From James Cochran (stepfather) and William Schuyler Malcom (brother)

- b. 1 f. 9 Letters to James Cochran
From Gerrit Smith (with an 1841 temperance revival broadside) and Ellen Walter. The verso of Walter's letter contains a reply from Walter Livingston Cochran.

Gerrit Smith 1841 May 13
Accompanied by a temperance revival broadside

Ellen Walter undated
With a reply from William Livingston Cochran

Family documents

- o. 1 Grant "To erect a Mill and Build a Dam" 1763 October 1
Between Roelif Martionuse Van Der Worken and Philip Schuyler

- o. 1 Land lease 1790
Philip Schuyler to Uriah Alverson

- b. 1 f. 10 Last will and testament of Richard Max Ayscough 1793 May 6 (Copy)
Attested by William Livingston

- o. 2 Appointment of Samuel B. Malcom, Examiner, Court of Chancery, New York
1800 January 15

- b. 1 f. 10 Bill of sale to Miss Schuyler 1800 February 8

- b. 1 f. 10 License to Samuel B. Malcom to practice as a solicitor before the Court of
Chancery, New York 1801 June 15

Family documents (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 10 **Inventory and appraisalment of the Estate of Philip Schuyler**
Being the bequest to Samuel B. Malcom et ux

not found 5/27/2016
- o. 1 **Statement of lands owned by the late Philip Schuyler which have been leased** 1805 January 20
Saratoga Patent, Lot No. 3
- b. 1 f. 10 **Last will and testament of Samuel B. Malcom** 1805 February 5
- b. 1 f. 10 **Release for a tract of land in Cosby's Manor** 1808 March 24
From Samuel Cushing to Samuel B. Malcom
- b. 1 f. 10 **Account of Samuel B. Malcom with the Estate of Philip Schuyler** 1809
- b. 1 f. 10 **Answer to petition Ann L. Malcom vs. Samuel B. Malcom** 1812 June 23
Instructions to Frederick Rohde re accounts of R. Malcom
- b. 1 f. 10 **Senate bill S. 362** 1856 July 8
A bill for the relief of Catharine V. R. Cochrane, sole surviving child of the late General Philip Schuyler