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Guide to the

Webb family papers

1773-1882

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Summary

Creator: Webb, Samuel Blatchley, 1753-1807

Title: Webb family papers

Date: 1773-1882

Size: .4 linear feet (1 box); 1 microfilm reel

Source: Gift (formerly part of Ford Collection), Morgan, J. Pierpont, 1899

Abstract: Samuel Blatchley Webb (1753-1807) was a general with the American army during the Revolution and a founder of the Society of the Cincinnati. His son, James Watson Webb (1802-1884) was a soldier, publisher and diplomat. For three decades he published the *Morning Courier* and *New York Enquirer* in New York City. In 1861 he sold his publishing interests to serve as U.S. minister to Brazil for eight years. Collection consists of correspondence and other papers of Samuel Blatchley Webb and his son, James Watson Webb. Bulk of Samuel Webb's papers is correspondence, 1777-1789, relating to financial matters, personal and family affairs, Shay's Rebellion, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Other materials include legal and business papers, 1773-1791; biographical sketch of Webb; and miscellaneous items. Papers of James Watson Webb consist mainly of correspondence, 1840-1882, when he was minister to Brazil, from his subordinate, James Monroe. Other correspondence concerns Webb's career as publisher and diplomat. Also, newsclippings about Webb and printed biographical sketch.

Access: Advance notice required.

Alternative Form Available: Letters from James Monroe, 1863-1864, available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

Brazil -- Relations -- United States
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United States -- Relations -- Brazil

Subjects

Diplomacy
Publishers and publishing -- United States
Shays' Rebellion, 1786-1787

Occupations

Diplomats
Publishers

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Soldiers

Names

Webb, Samuel Blatchley, 1753-1807
Monroe, James, 1758-1831
Webb, J. Watson (James Watson), 1802-1884
Society of the Cincinnati
United States
United States. Continental Army