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Guide to the

Hugh Gainé papers

1740-1806

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Summary

Creator: Gainé, Hugh, 1726 or 1727-1807

Title: Hugh Gainé papers

Date: 1740-1806

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

Source: Various gifts and purchases, 1918-1967

Abstract: Hugh Gainé (1726 or 1727-1807) was a prominent American printer, bookseller, and newspaper publisher who maintained a flourishing shop in New York City from 1752 to 1804. From 1752 to 1783 he printed and published the New-York Mercury, later the New-York Gazette, and the Weekly Mercury. The Hugh Gainé papers, dated 1740 to 1806, consist of the indenture of his apprenticeship to Belfast printers Samuel Wilson and James Magee, 1740; the license for his marriage to Cornelia Wallace, 1769; land papers and a letter regarding the sale or lease of property; and receipts and other documents relating to his business, investments and legal affairs.

Access: Advance notice required.

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Related Materials:

Hugh Gainé receipt book. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Articles of apprenticeship

Indentures

Leases
Marriage certificates
Receipts (financial records)

Subjects

Booksellers and bookselling -- New York (State) -- New York
Printers -- New York (State) -- New York
Printers -- Northern Ireland -- Belfast
Publishers and publishing -- New York (State) -- New York
Real property -- New York (State)
Real property -- New York (State) -- New York

Container List

- f. 1 Indenture of apprenticeship of Hugh Gaine to Samuel Wilson and James Magee 1740 December 17
Samuel Wilson and James Magee were printers in Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland

Signed by Hugh Gaine and others
- f. 1 Hugh Gaine receipted bill to Evert Bancker 1765 August 27
- f. 1 Marriage license of Hugh Gaine and Cornelia Wallace 1769 September 5
- f. 1 *New-York Gazette, and the Weekly Mercury receipted bill to Charles Nichols for subscription* 1776 April 16
- f. 1 Indenture between John Kelly and Dominick Lynch for land in Montgomery County, New York 1786 August 17
Witnessed by Hugh Gaine and Philip Ten Eyck
- f. 1 Renunciation of executorship under will of Oliver Templeton 1793 February 26
Signed by Hugh Gaine and others
- f. 1 Bill for entry of merchandise imported from Dublin by Hugh Gaine 1793 November 2
- f. 1 Indenture between Trinity Church and Hugh Gaine 1794 April 1
Lease of ten lots in the Sixth Ward to Hugh Gaine
- f. 1 Indenture between Trinity Church and Hugh Gaine 1795 December 10
Lease of three lots in the Sixth Ward to Hugh Gaine
- f. 1 Certification of payment regarding mortgage from Benjamin Stephens to Hugh Gaine 1797 March 1
- f. 1 Hugh Gaine letter to Messrs. Webster 1806 December 19
Concerns the sale of his land in Canajoharie, New York
- f. 1 New-York United Whaling Company receipt to Hugh Gaine undated