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Guide to the

**Thomas Poppleton papers**

1812-1813

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## Summary

**Creator:** Poppleton, Thomas H.

**Title:** Thomas Poppleton papers

**Date:** 1812-1813

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

**Source:** Purchase, ca. 1905, from A. S. Clark.

**Abstract:** A small quantity of papers belonging to Thomas Poppleton, a surveyor from Baltimore, including a journal kept while Poppleton was employed as commissioner to prepare a plan for draining the Collect Pond and Lispenard Meadows near Canal Street. The journal also mentions meetings with Robert Fulton, Anthony Bleecker, and Eli Whitney. Collection also contains letters to Popple from Bleecker, receipts for services and supplies; and a copy of the act appointing him as commissioner.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Scope and Content Note

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## Key Terms

**Subjects**

Civil engineering -- New York (State) -- New York -- 19th century  
Streets -- New York (State) -- New York -- 19th century  
Surveying -- New York (State) -- New York -- 19th century

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Diaries  
Receipts (financial records)

**Occupations**

Surveyors -- United States -- 19th century

**Names**

Bleecker, Anthony, 1770-1827  
Fulton, Robert, 1765-1815  
Whitney, Eli, 1765-1825