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Key Terms

Geographic Names

New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865

United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865

Occupations

Physicians

Politicians

Presidential candidates

Statesmen

Subjects

Presidents -- United States -- Election -- 1800

Names

Armstrong, John, 1758-1843

Burr, Aaron, 1756-1836

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Livingston, Brockholst, 1757-1823

Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836

Livingston, Robert R., 1746-1813

Tillotson, Thomas

Livingston family