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Guide to the

Alexander Anderson papers

circa 1775-1870

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Summary

Creator: Anderson, Alexander, 1775-1870

Title: Alexander Anderson papers

Date: circa 1775-1870

Size: .21 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Ford Collection, Duyckinck Collection

Abstract: Alexander Anderson (1775-1870) was a New York engraver and physician. His papers consist of 38 letters to Anderson from his mother while he was serving as a physician at Bellevue Hospital during the yellow fever epidemic in 1795, a letter from his father to his mother, circa 1775, and two of his notebooks, one containing a chronological list of Roman emperors, the other his notes on botany, nosology, and stenography, 1795. In addition, the collection contains Evert A. Duyckinck's papers on Anderson, including reminiscences, transcripts from Anderson's diaries, and letters from Benson J. Lossing concerning the invitation he received to deliver a memorial of Anderson at the New-York Historical Society.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Botany -- Nomenclature

Engraving

Yellow fever -- New York (State) -- New York

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence
Notebooks

Occupations

Physicians -- New York (N.Y.)
Wood-engravers -- United States

Names

Duyckinck, Evert A. (Evert Augustus), 1816-1878
Lossing, Benson John, 1813-1891
Bellevue Hospital

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 **Letter from John Anderson to Sarah Anderson** circa 1775
written in verse

Parents of Alexander Anderson

- b. 1 f. 2 **Letters to Alexander Anderson from his mother** 1795 August 27-November 2
(including appended notes from his brother John)

- b. 1 v. 1 **Notebook** undated
Containing a chronological table of Roman emperors

- b. 1 v. 2 **Notebook** circa 1795 (48 pages)
Containing notes on botany (with drawings of plants); notes on Cullen's Nosological Table; list of botanical names in Latin; "Statistical Notices"; notes on stenography; list of botanical names.

Ford Collection. Many pages have been cut out.

- b. 1 f. 3 **Papers of Evert A. Duyckinck concerning Anderson** 1869-1870
Includes letters from Benson J. Lossing concerning the preparation of memorial of Anderson's life to be delivered to the New-York Historical Society; Duyckinck's reminiscences of Anderson; transcripts from Anderson's diaries and autobiographical sketch; plus notes and clippings.

Anderson bequeathed his diaries to the New-York Historical Society