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Accession # \*86 M 33

Location DS-K-4

Title William Law, Jr. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1800-1818

Date of receipt December 23, 1908

Received from Dr. William Law of Cheshire,  
Conn.

Volume on arrival unknown

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2 FB 2 linear ft.

Condition good

Restrictions n.a.

Description see attached sheet

Container List

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| Box 1 | Correspondence and papers regarding the voyage of the ship <u>Lion</u> ,<br>1815-1818 |
| Box 2 | Other correspondence and papers, 1800-1818  |

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary catalog card added entries

China trade Thomas C. Butler  
Merchants--New York(City)  
Merchants--Connecticut  
Minturn & Champlin  
Opium trade  
LION (ship)

Accessioned by Melanie Yolles

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### Biographical Sketch

William Law, Jr. was a merchant of New York City and Connecticut. He spent several years, 1798-1800, as a lawyer and land agent in the Western Reserve looking after the land interests of his father, William Law of Cheshire, Connecticut. After his return east he worked as an agent and supercargo for the New York City merchant firm of Minturn & Champlin, 1804-1817.

### Description

The William Law, Jr. Papers consist of correspondence and financial accounts, 1807-1817, generated while Law acted as agent and supercargo for the merchant firm of Minturn & Champlin of New York City. The bulk of the papers consist of letters, accounts, and notebooks relating to the cargo and voyage of the ship LION from New York to Canton, China, December 1815-June 1816 and its return, December 1816-April 1817. Included are Law's correspondence with Minturn & Champlin and the ship's owner, Thomas C. Butler; a list of the crew; extracts from the ship's log; and notebooks, manifests, account books, sales receipts, and invoices recording goods shipped to and purchased in China, including tea, textiles, china ware, opium, and furs. Other papers include Law's accounts with Minturn & Champlin, 1807-1814; claims against Denmark for the ships RESOLUTION, NEMROD, and SWIFT which were captured by privateers, 1810-1811; affidavits relating to a mutiny on the LION, 1816; and some correspondence and accounts regarding the sale of the LION's cargo in New York City.

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