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Title: Livingston, Gilbert, 1742-1806. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates: 1711-1862; (1760-1806, bulk).

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Description:

BIOGRAPHY

Gilbert Livingston, 1742-1806, a member of the powerful land-holding and political Livingston family of New York State, was a lawyer in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York. He practiced at first on his own and then in partnership, 1785-1793, with James Kent (1763-1847). Livingston was a member, 1775-1777, of New York's Provincial Convention; a delegate to New York's convention to ratify the United States Constitution, Poughkeepsie, June, 1788 (he was sent to the convention as an Anti-Federalist but eventually did vote for ratification); and a member of the New York Assembly, representing Dutchess County, 1777-1778 and 1788-1789.

Livingston was the son of Henry Livingston, 1714-1799, who was Dutchess County Clerk, 1742-1789, and, like his son, Dutchess County's representative to the Assembly, 1759-1868. Gilbert Livingston married Catherine Crannell, 1745-1830. Their daughter, Sarah, married Smith Thompson, 1768-1843, a law student of James Kent who went on to become a New York State legislator and chief justice; United States Secretary of the Navy, 1819-1823; a United States Supreme Court Justice; and, in 1828, a New York gubernatorial contender.

DESCRIPTION

Papers consist of eighteenth and early nineteenth century correspondence, accounts, legal documents, and land papers (relating chiefly to land in Poughkeepsie and vicinity) of Gilbert Livingston; his wife Catherine Crannell Livingston; his father Henry Livingston; cousin Robert G. Livingston Jr.; son-in-law Smith Thompson; other family members; and Livingston's law clients. Notes on debates that took place at the New York State Constitutional Convention of 1788, and some Dutchess County church, school, and public records are also included.

Correspondence, 1842-1836 (the bulk dates from 1860, early and late letters are addressed to other family members) consists of

letters received chiefly from family members and legal clients, and concerns legal, real estate, financial, and personal affairs of Gilbert Livingston's clients, members of his family, and himself.

Accounts, 1730-1840, land papers, 1738-1813, (including a group of survey maps of land mostly in Poughkeepsie and vicinity), and legal papers, 1717-1862 (the bulk dates only up to the 1820s) similarly document the affairs of Gilbert Livingston, his family, and his clients.

People represented by correspondents and documents include: John Beardsley (who was married to Catherine Crannell Livingston's sister); Dirck Brinckerhoff; James and Ezekiel Cooper; Gerardus Duyckinck; Catherine Crannell Livingston (letters to her daughter, Sarah Thompson, and a substantial group of legal, financial, and land papers significant for the view they give of the independent affairs of a woman of this period); Gilbert Livingston; Henry Livingston (including accounts and documents, 1744-1795, concerning the construction of the Poughkeepsie courthouse); James Livingston; Robert G. Livingston Jr.; members of the Mott and Stockholm families; Smith Thompson; and Robert and Stephen Van Rensselaer.

Also included are notes on the debates held at the New York Constitutional Convention, Poughkeepsie, June, 1788. Debate participants included: James Duane, Gov. George Clinton, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, John Lansing, Gilbert and Robert R. Livingston, Melancthon Smith, and others. Gilbert Livingston's speech notes, June 24, 1788, are also included.

The group of Dutchess County records consist of: act of incorporation of the Village of Poughkeepsie, March 27, 1799; a list of persons who sent children to a school kept by Peter Noxon in Beekman, November 1795 - February 1796, with the names of the children and the number of days they attended school; a petition opposing the division of Dutchess County, signed by a group of county residents, February 12, 1785; correspondence and accounts, 1802-1804 of the Dutchess Turnpike Company (in which Gilbert Livingston played a role); a field book (containing surveys) of the navigable waters and part of the roads in the town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, 1797; and some legal and financial papers of Dutch churches in Dover, Fishkill, and Poughkeepsie, 1775-1810.

Special Formats: Eighteenth century survey maps of land in Dutchess County, New York.

Temporary catalog card added entries:

Lawyers-Poughkeepsie (N.Y.)
Poughkeepsie (N.Y.)
Dutchess County (N.Y.)-Politics and government
Constitutional conventions-New York (State)
United States-Constitution
Real property-Dutchess County (N.Y.)
Women-Legal status, laws, etc.-New York (State)
Women heads of households
Widows-New York (State)
Churches-Dutchess County (N.Y.)
Schools-Dutchess County (N.Y.)

Beardsley, John
Brinckerhoff, Dirck
Cooper family
Duyckinck, Gerardus
Dutchess Turnpike Company

Gilbert Livingston PapersBox Listings

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|-----|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Correspondence | 1742-87 |
| 2. | " " | 1738-1806 |
| 3. | " " | 1807-36;n.d. |
| | Livingston, G. (Mrs.) | 1785-1830;n.d. |
| | Others | |
| 4. | Accounts | 1730-99 |
| 5. | " | 1800-40;n.d. |
| 6. | Land Papers | 1738-1805 |
| 7. | Land Surveys | 1767-1813 |
| | Legal Papers | 1711-63 |
| 8. | Legal Papers | 1764-1804 |
| 9. | Legal Papers | 1805-14;62;n.d. |
| 10. | Clowes to Vermont | |
| 11. | Beckman Town to Rumbouts Town | |

BOX 12

Notes on New York State Constitutional Convention of 1788
~~(handwritten)~~ originals & typescripts

Gilbert Livingston PapersBox 1 Correspondence

- F.1 1742
- 2. 1760-65
- 3. 1770-73 Mar.
- 4. 1773 Apr.-Dec.
- 5. 1774-79
- 6. 1780-81
- 7. 1782
- 8. 1783
- 9. 1784
- 10. 1785
- 11. 1786
- 12. 1787

Box 2 Correspondence

- F.1 1788-89
- 2. 178-?
- 3. 1790-92
- 4. 1793
- 5. 1794-95
- 6. 1797-99
- 7. 1800-02
- 8. 1803
- 9. 1804
- 10. 1805
- 11. 1806

Box 3 Correspondence

- F.1 1807-19
- 2. 1820-25
- 3. 1836
- 4. Undated
- 5. Mrs. Gilbert Livingston Corres. 1785-1805
- 6. 1806
- 7. 1807-14
- 8. 1817-30
- 9. n.d.
- 10. Henry Livingston Corres. 1760
- 11. " " " Corres. 1770-1827
- 12. BRINCKERHOFF, Dirck " 1765-68
- 13. THOMPSON, Smith " 1805-31
- 14. Van Rensselaer, Stephen " 1797-1828

Gilbert Livingston PapersBox 4 Accounts

- F.1 1730-59
- 2. 1762-69
- 3. 1770-72
- 4. 1773-78
- 5. 1780-82
- 6. 1783
- 7. 1784-85
- 8. 1786
- 9. 1787
- 10. 1788-89
- 11. 1790-92
- 12. 1793-96
- 13. 1797-99

Box 5 Accounts

- F.1 1800-01
- 2. 1802-03
- 3. 1804
- 4. 1805 Jan-Apr.
- 5. " May-June
- 6. " Jul-^Dec
- 7. 1806
- 8. 1807-23
- 9. 1826-40
- 10. N.D.
- 11. "

Box 6 Land Papers (New York State)

- F.1 1738-47
- 2. 1749
- 3. 1751-52
- 4. 1753
- 5. 1755-56
- 6. 1757-59
- 7. 1764;66
- 8. 1767-68
- 9. 1773-78
- 10. 1783-90
- 11. 1794-97
- 12. 1798-99
- 13. 1800-05

Gilbert Livingston Papers

- Box 7 Land Surveys (NY)
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| F.1 | 1767-88 | |
| 2 | 1792 | |
| 3 | 1793-99 | |
| 4 | 1800 | Mar;Jun |
| 5 | " | Dec. |
| 6 | 1804-05 | |
| 7 | 1806 | Feb. |
| 8 | " | Aug. |
| 9 | " | " 15 |
| 10. | 1808;13 | |
| 11. | N.D. | |
| 12. | " | |
| 13. | Legal Papers | |
| | 1717-45 | |
| 14. | 1747-58 | |
| 15. | 1759-61 | |
| 16. | 1762-63 | |
- Box 8 Legal Papers
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| F.1 | 1764-65 |
| 2 | 1767-69 |
| 3 | 1770-72 |
| 4 | 1773-74 |
| 5 | 1775-79 |
| 6 | 1782-83 |
| 7 | 1784-85 |
| 8 | 1786-88 |
| 9 | 1789-90 |
| 10. | 1791-94 |
| 11. | 1795-96 |
| 12. | 1797-98 |
| 13. | 1799 |
| 14. | 1800-02 |
| 15. | 1803-04 |
- Box 9 Legal Papers
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| F.1 | 1805-06 |
| 2 | 1807-14;62 |
| 3 | N .D. |
| 4 | Family Papers * |
| | Livingston, Catherine (Crannell) Mrs. Gilbert L. |
| | 1744-92 Accounts & Land Papers |
| 5. |1807-09 |
| 6. |1810-15 |
| 7. |1816-29 (also Will of Catherine Livingston 1826) |

Gilbert Livingston PapersBox 9

- F.9 Livingston, Henry (Poughkeepsie Courthouse) 1744-55;95
 10. " " Accounts & Land Papers 1769-89
 11.
 1793-99
 12.
 1800-04;n.d.
 13.
 1805-28;n.d.
 14. Livingston, Robert 1771;1780-86

Box 10

- F.1 Clowes, Samuel - Till, Timothy (Account 1715)
 2. Cooper, Ezekiel Book, Abstract of
 3. " James Acc't and Land Papers 1787-96
 4. Davies, Wm. - R. Williams (Legal Papers 1812)
 5. Harris, Benj. - Mosher, Elijah Deed 1802
 6. Lewis, J. Crannel Acc't 1749
 7.a Maxfield; John Will 1759, Dec. 28
 1760
 8.
 7b Mott Family 1751-60
 8. Stockholm Family 1790-1817
 9. Thompson, Smith 1799-1826 Acc'ts
 10. " " Legal Papers 1795-1807
 11. " " " " 1808-24;n.d.
 12. Van Rensselaer, Robert
 [List of persons to whom leases are to be delivered]
 13. Vermont, John P. Acc't 1795-1801

Box 11

- F.1 Beekman Town - School 1795-96
 2. Dutchess County 1785
 3. Dutchess Company--over
 (Reformed Protestant Dutch Church 1775)
 4. Dutchess Turnpike Co. 1803-04
 5. Fishkill - Dutch Church 1785, Dec. 22
 6. " Field Book 1797, Oct. 23

Box 11

- F.7 Highland Turnpike 1811, Aug. 1
- 8. Poughkeepsie - Act of Incorporation 1799
- 9. " Dutch Church 1787-1810
- 10. " Presbyterian Congregation 1788-96
- 11. " Town 1783-1818
- 12. Rumbouts Town
(Sprout Krick Road 1773, Mar. 30
- 13. Miscellaneous

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Notes on N. Y. S. Constitutional Convention of 1788.