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William H.W. Sabine, 1903-1994

Papers, 1949-1977

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Main Entry: Sabine, William Henry Waldo

Title: Papers, 1949-1977

Size: 1.3 linear ft. (3 boxes)

Source: Gift of William H.W. Sabine, 1980; 1983; 1985

Description: William H. W. Sabine (1903-1994), an English-born author and editor, emigrated to the United States in 1947. He became interested in the local history of Queens and in the history of the American colonial and revolutionary eras. In particular, he researched William Smith (1728-1793), an American jurist and Loyalist, and Nathaniel Woodhull (1722-1776), an American military officer killed in the Revolutionary War, and Revolutionary War officer, Lt. Jabez Fitch.

The collection consists of papers relating to three of Sabine's historical projects and an autobiographical manuscript. Box 1 contains papers relating to Sabine's transcription of William Smith's diary. These consist primarily of research correspondence with historians and archivists leading to the publication of *The Historical Memoirs of William Smith* (published 1956-1970). Box 2 has Sabine's research papers of Gen. Nathaniel Woodhull which includes his research notes; correspondence regarding the Woodhull Monument in Jamaica, Queens; papers concerning Sabine's book *The Suppressed History of General Nathaniel Woodhull*; and research notes on Robert Bayard (1739-1819). Box 3 has correspondence and related materials regarding the publication of *The New York Diary of Lt. Jabez Fitch*. In addition, there is a manuscript written by Sabine describing American social customs in Queens, New York, as perceived by an English immigrant in the 1940s-1950s. The manuscript also includes sections on the beginning of his research into Gen. Woodhull and related local photographs.

Added Entries: Robert Bayard; Historical research; New York (City)—Queens; New York (City)—Social life and customs; William Smith; United States—History—Colonial period, 1600-1775; United States—History—Revolution, 1775-1783; Nathaniel Woodhull, Jabez Fitch.

Container List

Box	Folder	
		Correspondence re <i>The Historical Memoirs of William Smith</i>
1	1	1953-1958
	2	1959-1964
	3	1965-1970
	4	1971-1977
	5	Canadian correspondence and miscellaneous papers
	6	Corrections
		Woodhull Monument Correspondence
2	1	1949-1951
	2	1952
	3	1953
	4	1954-1955
	5	New York City Board of Education, 1950-1955
	6	Press, 1950-1955
	7	Address to the Flushing Historical Society, 1951
		<i>The Suppressed History of General Nathaniel Woodhull</i>
	8	Correspondence
	9	Illustrations
	10	Photostats
	11	Robert Bayard
	--	Pamphlet: <i>A Letter About Distorted History from a member of the New-York Historical Society to a friend</i> [by William H.W. Sabine, 1975]. 2 copies.
		<i>Autobiographical Material</i>
3	1	<i>General Woodhull's Fate, or Incidents of New York Suburban Life</i> (as experienced by William H.W. Sabine shortly after his arrival in New York from England in 1947). Typescript, 218 pp.
	2	Photographs and drawings for <i>General Woodhull's Fate</i>

Box**Folder***The New York Diary of Jabez Fitch*

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| 3 | 3 | Correspondence re Jabez Fitch, 1956; 1958 |
| | 4 | Correspondence, 1951-1976 regarding the editing and publishing of <i>The New York Diary of Lt. Jabez Fitch</i> , transcribed and annotated from the original diary in The New York Public Library |
| | 5 | Illustrations, maps, and miscellaneous papers |