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Location 5-g-1 (L)

Title Vanderpoel, Aaron, 1799-1870[71]. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1770-1866

Date of receipt 1899, 1901

Received from Mrs. E.N. Vanderpoel

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 4 boxes and 2 oversized folders. 1.5 linear ft.

Condition Many items are on brittle paper; some are very fragile or already damaged; copies of letters on thin paper are fading.

Restrictions

Description

Aaron Vanderpoel, 1799-1870 (or 1871) was a lawyer, later a judge, in Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, and New York City, where he lived on East Sixteenth Street near Irving Place. Vanderpoel was the administrator of the estate of William Temple Franklin, 1760-1823. Temple Franklin was the grandson of Benjamin Franklin, and the son of William Franklin, 1731-1813, the last royal governor of New Jersey. He served as Benjamin Franklin's secretary in Paris for eight years, beginning in 1776, and later edited his grandfather's papers. Temple Franklin married Hannah Collier (or Collyer), an Englishwoman, in Paris a few days before his death.

Note: A small collection of papers, 1791-1886, of the Vanderpoel family of Kinderhook, including Aaron Vanderpoel, is at the Columbia County Historical Society, Kinderhook, New York.

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 Artifacts Machine-readable records
 Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog card added entries

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DESCRIPTION

Vanderpoel's papers document his legal practice, his judgeship, and, to a lesser extent, his personal life. A group of legal papers, most of which appear to have belonged to his father-in-law, James McBride, is also included.

Papers documenting Vanderpoel's administration of the William Temple Franklin estate make up the bulk of his legal papers. The Franklin estate papers, 1770-1834, consist of correspondence (some arranged in an alphabetical file, the rest included among the legal and financial documents), legal and financial documents, copies of and extracts from the wills of Benjamin Franklin and Governor William Franklin, and maps. A small amount of this material is in French, and letters written by Hannah Collier Franklin, Governor William Franklin, and William Temple Franklin, are included. Topics covered include: claims of Hannah Collier Franklin and other heirs; lands owned by the Franklin family in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Georgia, New York, and Indiana; legal affairs of Governor Franklin, particularly a debt owed him by Col. George Croghan; and Vanderpoel's termination of his role as administrator in 1866.

Also included are drafts or copies of Vanderpoel's letters, 1824-1845, concerning his legal practice (some additional Franklin matters are discussed here); legal opinions he issued while a judge, 1844, 1848, and n.d.; financial papers, 1824-1858; and a "cistpool" permit, 1844, for his Sixteenth Street house.

James McBride, Vanderpoel's father-in-law, was also an attorney. He represented clients living in Ireland who had legal or real estate interests in New York City. McBride also appears to have had real estate interests himself. A group of files arranged alphabetically by client name containing correspondence and legal documents, 1811-1848, largely reflects McBride's legal and real estate activities. Included is an undated map showing land in Greenwich Village owned by Aaron Burr (the connection to McBride, if any, is not apparent); significant amounts of papers concerning the estates of Terence Connolly and John Flack, and smaller amounts concerning the legal affairs of other clients (see the container list for a complete listing); and correspondence and legal and financial documents, 1835-1847, concerning transactions of land in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Genesee, and Wyoming counties in New York State, between McBride (with others) and the Holland Land Company.

Vanderpoel - Container list

Box

Legal and personal papers, 1824-1858

- 1 Letters, 1824-1845; financial documents, 1825-1858;
"cistpool" permit, 1844; legal opinions, 1844, 1848, n.d.

William Temple Franklin estate papers, 1770-1866

Correspondence, 1791-1855

- 1 A-K
2 L-W

Correspondence, legal and financial papers, 1770-1866

- 2 American affairs, 1770-1811
Debt of Col. Croghan, 1771-1813
1785-1826
Georgia lands, 1786-1796
Copy of Benjamin Franklin's will, July 17, 1788
- 3 Land papers, 1788-1826, n.d.
Extract from Gov. William Franklin's will, 1814
Hannah Collier Franklin, 1827-1834
Vanderpoel's discharge as administrator, 1866

James McBride legal papers, 1811-1848

- 3 Aaron Burr (undated map of his property in Greenwich Village)
Terence Connolly (See oversized box V)
Sarah Duncan and Samuel Boyd
John Flack

- 4 Charles French
John G. Glover
Holland Land Company
Thomas Atherton Howard
Barnard Keenan
John Kelly (See oversized box V)
Peter McLaughlin (See oversized box V)
James Twigg

Oversized Box V Contains:

Additional Franklin legal papers and maps

Additional James McBride legal papers:

Terence Connolly (See box 3)

Maria Cushman - a painting of a flower done by Cushman at Litchfield before
her marriage, May 1814

Daniel Ewen

John Kelly (See box 4)

Peter McLaughlin (See box 4)

James Newman

Nicholas Prendergast and Winifred Bulger Prendergast

James Whitley