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Samuel Adams Wells letter and document relating to Samuel Adams

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Summary

Creator: Wells, Samuel Adams

Title: Samuel Adams Wells letter and document relating to Samuel Adams

Date: 1826, undated

Size: .01 linear feet (1 folder)

Source: Purchased by the, Lenox Library from the Estate of George Bancroft, 1893

Abstract: Samuel Adams Wells (1787-1840) was a merchant and insurance-company executive who wrote a manuscript biography of his grandfather, the Revolutionary-Era politician Samuel Adams (1722-1803). The collection contains Samuel Adams Wells' autograph draft letter dated Boston, 1826 January 9, to the Honorable Jos. [Joseph] Allen, an American politician and nephew of Samuel Adams, at Worcester, Massachusetts (4 pages); also, Wells' undated copy of the 1694 will of Joseph Adams Sr. of Braintree (4 pages), initialled and endorsed by Wells. Wells transcribed the will from a copy once kept by John Adams, bearing his comment praising Samuel Adams. Wells' letter to Allen asks questions regarding Samuel Adams' ancestry and his participation in political events

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Key Terms

Occupations

Biographers

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Wills

Names

Adams, Samuel, 1722-1803

Allen, Joseph, 1749-1827