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Guide to the

**John H. Remsen ledgers**

1795-1798

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## Summary

**Creator:** Remsen, John H., 1769 or 1770-1798

**Title:** John H. Remsen ledgers

**Date:** 1795-1798

**Size:** 1.69 linear feet (11 volumes)

**Source:** Purchased from Donald A. Heald, 2017.

**Abstract:** John H. Remsen (1769 or 1770-1798) was a New York City lawyer during the late eighteenth century and, at the time, one of the seventeen notary publics in New York City. Remsen also served as Governor John Jay's private secretary beginning in 1795. He was a regular at the Tontine Coffee House, a precursor to the New York Stock Exchange. He died on September 14, 1798, at age 28. The John H. Remsen ledgers (1795-1798) document New York State Supreme Court cases and notary public activities overseen by Remsen.

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## Custodial History

Volumes bear stamps from the New York Bar Association Library.

## Key Terms

### Subjects

Court records -- New York (State) -- 18th century

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Dockets

Doodles  
Judicial records  
Ledgers (account books)  
Registers (lists)  
State government records

### **Occupations**

Lawyers -- New York (N.Y.) -- 18th century  
Notaries -- New York (N.Y.) -- 18th century

### **Geographic Names**

New York (N.Y.) -- 18th century  
New York (N.Y.) -- History -- 1775-1865 -- Sources  
New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865

### **Names**

New York (State). Supreme Court.

## Container List

### New York State Supreme Court registers

The registers contain chronological entries listing the names of plaintiffs and defendants; attorney names (for some, but not all entries); judgments; damages, debts, fees, interest; and payments made, if any. The 1797 to 1798 volume ends with Remsen's death; the unused pages in the volume contain a few doodles (including a Revolutionary War soldier) and tic tac toe games. Both contain alphabetical indices in the front.

- v. 1 1796 September-1797 December
- v. 2 1797 December-1798 September

### Notary Public Books

The nine notary public ledgers or "protest books" provide details regarding promissory notes, loans, and bills of exchange. The pages were preprinted with Remsen's name; entries are chronological. Some of the notarized actions were witnessed by John Jay and John Varick.

- v. 3 **Book 1** 1795 June-December  
Index in front of volume.
- v. 4 **Book 2** 1795 December-1796 June  
Index in front of volume.
- v. 5 **Book 3** 1796 June-October
- v. 6 **Book 4** 1796 October-December  
Index in the front of volume.
- v. 7 **Book 5** 1796 December-1797 February  
Index in front of volume.
- v. 8 **Book 6** 1797 February-May  
Index in front of volume.
- v. 9 **Book 8** 1797 September-1798 January  
Index in front of volume.
- v. 10 **Book 9** 1798 May-September
- v. 11 **Book 10** 1798 January-May