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Pierre Van Cortlandt correspondence

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Summary

Creator: Van Cortlandt, Pierre, 1762-1848

Title: Pierre Van Cortlandt correspondence

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Abstract: Pierre Van Cortlandt, Jr. (1762-1848) was a soldier and politician from Westchester County, New York. He was a U.S. Congressman from 1811-1812 and a brigadier general in the Westchester militia during the War of 1812. His first wife, Catharine Clinton Taylor, was the daughter of George Clinton, governor of New York from 1777 to 1795 and 1801 to 1804, and vice-president under Jefferson and Madison, 1804-1812. Van Cortlandt was the son of Pierre Van Cortlandt (1721-1814) who had been the first lieutenant-governor of New York. Collection consists mainly of letters received by Van Cortlandt. Letters concern family, political and personal matters and are from members of the Van Cortlandt family, the Clinton family, as well as political figures.

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865

New York (State) -- Social life and customs

United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865

Occupations

Politicians

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Soldiers

Names

Van Cortlandt, Pierre, 1762-1848

Clay, Henry, 1777-1852

Clinton, DeWitt, 1769-1828

Clinton, George, 1739-1812

Coxe, Tench, 1755-1824

Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893

Genet, Edmond Charles, 1763-1834

Tallmadge, Mathias B

Van Cortlandt, Pierre, 1721-1814

Clinton family

Van Cortlandt family