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Guide to the

**Webb family papers**

1773-1882

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## Summary

**Creator:** Webb, Samuel Blatchley, 1753-1807

**Title:** Webb family papers

**Date:** 1773-1882

**Size:** .4 linear feet (1 box); 1 microfilm reel

**Source:** Gift (formerly part of Ford Collection), Morgan, J. Pierpont, 1899

**Abstract:** Samuel Blatchley Webb (1753-1807) was a general with the American army during the Revolution and a founder of the Society of the Cincinnati. His son, James Watson Webb (1802-1884) was a soldier, publisher and diplomat. For three decades he published the Morning Courier and New York Enquirer in New York City. In 1861 he sold his publishing interests to serve as U.S. minister to Brazil for eight years. Collection consists of correspondence and other papers of Samuel Blatchley Webb and his son, James Watson Webb. Bulk of Samuel Webb's papers is correspondence, 1777-1789, relating to financial matters, personal and family affairs, Shay's Rebellion, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Other materials include legal and business papers, 1773-1791; biographical sketch of Webb; and miscellaneous items. Papers of James Watson Webb consist mainly of correspondence, 1840-1882, when he was minister to Brazil, from his subordinate, James Monroe. Other correspondence concerns Webb's career as publisher and diplomat. Also, newspaper clippings about Webb and printed biographical sketch.

**Alternative Form Available:** Letters from James Monroe, 1863-1864, available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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## Key Terms

### Geographic Names

Brazil -- Relations -- United States  
China -- Commerce -- United States  
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United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783  
United States -- Politics and government  
United States -- Relations -- Brazil

### Subjects

Diplomacy  
Publishers and publishing -- United States  
Shays' Rebellion, 1786-1787

### Occupations

Diplomats  
Publishers

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Soldiers

### Names

Webb, Samuel Blatchley, 1753-1807  
Monroe, James, 1758-1831  
Webb, J. Watson (James Watson), 1802-1884  
Society of the Cincinnati  
United States  
United States. Continental Army