

**SCHUYLER FAMILY  
COLLECTION, 1679-1823****SC19811**

- QUANTITY:** 2 boxes (0.50 cubic ft.)
- ACCESS:** Open to research; some items are stored in the vault; special arrangements are required to view the originals.
- ACQUISITION:** Many items were part a gift from the Schuyler Mansion (Acc. No. NQ16363); remainder of items transferred from single accession collection.
- PROCESSED BY:** Honor Conklin, Archivist, Manuscripts and Special Collections, November 1990; revised by Billie Aul, Senior Librarian, December 1997

**Historical Note:**

Philip John Schuyler (1733-1804) was born in Albany, New York, a fourth-generation Schuyler, the son of Johannes and Cornelia (Van Cortlandt) Schuyler. He was a soldier, first seeing activity in the war between Great Britain and France in 1755, and was assigned by Washington to command New York during the Revolution, organizing the expedition against Canada in 1775-76.

As a statesman, Schuyler was a delegate to the Continental Congress, on the Board of Commissioners for Indian Affairs, and represented New York in the first Senate of the United States.

He was a landowner in the Saratoga Patent, at Cortlandt Manor, along the Mohawk, and in Dutchess County and owned stock in the Bank of the United States, the Bank of Albany and shares in the Northern Inland Navigation Company and the Western Inland Lock Company.

Two projects important to him were the establishment of the New York State Canal and Union College in Schenectady. He had a strong personal interest in mathematics, especially in regards to surveying, engineering, and astronomy.

**Description of Collection:**

This is a collection of family correspondence and records gathered from single accessions and one collection, relating primarily to Philip Schuyler (1733-1804), but including the correspondence of various other family members, such as his son-in-law, Alexander Hamilton.

The collection contains, foremost, correspondence by Philip Schuyler to others on land transactions, business matters, the Revolutionary War and government, with some to family members on family affairs. The correspondence also includes some to Philip Schuyler. Correspondents most frequently noted are John Jay, Stephen Van Rensselaer, Captain Varick, Colonel Varick, George Washington, Colonel Yates, and John Porteous.

Financial documents include accounts of purchases and bills against the state regarding Indian affairs.

Land documents consist of deeds, leases, and memoranda and directions for surveys concerning, in part, the Saratoga Patent and Claverack. Included is a circa 1761 map concerning an exchange of land with Abraham E. Wendell, Albany, New York.

Miscellaneous documents concern military, business, and governmental concerns.

The Schuyler family portion of the collection includes, among others, some correspondence from Alexander Hamilton to his wife, Elizabeth (Schuyler) Hamilton.

Land documents include a deed for land in Easton, New York, and a map of land in and near the City of Albany surveyed originally in 1808.

### Material Moved Out of This Collection:

Portrait of Egbert Benson. Originally single accession 3408. Now PRI5349.

Portraits of Philip Schuyler. Painted by J. Trumbull. Engraved by T. Kelly. Originally single accession 13813. Now PRI1107-3. Originally NQ16363-38, now PRI1107-4.

Portrait of Philip Schuyler. Painted by Alonzo Chappel. Originally single accession 1357. Now PRI1110-2.

Portrait of Philip Schuyler. Painted by Trumbull. Engraved by H.B. Hall. Originally single accession 13534-5. Now PRI5350.

Title page of L.B. Proctor's *Historic Memories of Old Schuyler Mansion* with an engraving of the mansion on the back. Originally NQ16363, #29. Now PRI5351.

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1	1	Correspondence and Notes Related to Philip Schuyler's Papers and Character (13534-2, 3, 4)
		Correspondence to Philip Schuyler
1	2	Letter to Philip Schuyler. New York, April 12, 1760 from William Smith, Elizabeth Livingston, Robert T. Livingston, Robert R. Livingston, Peter R. Livingston (NQ16363, 20)
1	3	Letter to Philip Schuyler. New York, July 27, 1767 from William Bayard (NQ16363, 30)
1	4	Letter to [Philip Schuyler?]. New York, May 30, 1768 from W[illia]m Smith (NQ16363,28)
1	5	Letter to Philip Schuyler. New York, May 27, 1776 from Benjamin Franklin (NQ16363, 7) – ORIGINAL IN VAULT
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1	8	Letter to General Schuyler. Easton, April 29, 1804 from P. Schuyler (3353)
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		<b>Land Documents</b>
2	27	Deed from Captain Philip Schuyler to Madam Maria Van Rensselaer for a house and lot on Jonker Street in Albany. Albany, April 7, 1679 (15372)
2	27	Memoranda and map concerning exchange of land with Abraham E. Wendell. After March 6, 1761 (927) Map 25½ x 28 cm. On 25½ x 40 sheet. Land originally granted by the corporation of Albany to Cortlandt Schuyler, deceased (927)
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2	27	Directions for a survey in Claverack and Hillsdale preparatory to a partition between the heirs of the late John Van Rensselaer. [1784] (947)
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2	31	Letter to Jan Wimpel, Arent Braedt, John Mynderse, and Jacob Glen. Albany, February 25, 1727/8 from Dirck Ten Broeck and Phil. Schuyler (NQ16363,4)
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2	31	Letter to Mrs. [A.] Hamilton. n.p., n.d. from Mrs. Anjelica Church (NQ16363,24)
2	31	Letter to Stephen Van Rensselaer. New York, January 31, 1812, from Ph[ilip] Schuyler (1207)
		<b>Land Documents</b>
2	32	Map. "Map of Land in and near City of Albany. Surveyed in June 1808 for the heirs of the late Philip Schuyler Esq., John Randall, June [or] 29 November 1808. Copy." Torn 42 x 53 cm. (NQ16363,37)
		<b>Oversize Material (missing 11/25/1997)</b>
		Deed of Sale. Between Schuyler and Teunis Walderan for land in Easton, Washington County. January 1, 1823. (7106? - doesn't match description in the accession log)
		Letter to John E. Van Allen from Philip Schuyler. Albany, July 20, 1794 (8010)

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