

**HENRY I. VAN RENSSELAER
PAPERS, 1698-1814**

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QUANTITY: 2 boxes (0.50 cu.ft.)
ACCESS: Open to research
ACQUISITION: Received in 1925

Biographical Note:

Henry (Hendrick) I. Van Rensselaer (ca 1742-1813) was the son of Johannes (John) and Engeltie (Livingston) Van Rensselaer who had inherited Claverack from his father Hendrick. Henry I. Van Rensselaer married Rachel Douw in 1765. In 1777 he was commissioned a colonel of the Continental forces, maintaining that rank in the 1780s when he was ordered by Governor George Clinton to acquire supplies for the militia. Johannes Van Rensselaer died in 1783 and in 1784 Claverack was divided among his children Robert, Henry I. (Hendrick), James, John (?), and Catherine (Mrs. (General) Philip Schuyler). Claverack originally encompassed lands south of Kinderhook, north of Livingston Manor and west to the Hudson River and was the "Lower Manor" to the "Upper Manor" of Rensselaerwyck. It was originally a part of Albany County, now Columbia County, New York.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers of Henry I. Van Rensselaer are primarily accounts, bills and receipts, for the most part dated 1770 to 1800. They encompass matters such as a school in Claverack in the late 1770s and militia supply orders from Governor George Clinton in the 1780s. Names that appear frequently are Laurance Fonda and the Muller (Muldor) family. Their descendants now go by the name Miller.

Land papers consist of a land conveyance by Killian Van Rensselaer of Rensselaerswyck to Hendrikus Whitbeck in 1698 and a map of a portion of Claverack, Columbia County, New York by Peter B. Ten Broeck, November 30, 1790. The map shows the lands of Henry I. Van Rensselaer, Adam Hydorn, Morrison, Joris Dacker, Herder (Harder), J. V[an] Deusen, Hudson Bush Farm, Peter Muller, Peter Hogeboom and Andries Lape.

Container List:

Box	Folder	Description
1	0	Van Rensselaer, Florence. <i>The Van Rensselaers in Holland and in America</i> (New York: s.n., 1956), pp.20-29.
		Financial and Legal
1	1	Document in Dutch, 1739. Signed by Samuel Ten Broeck, Jeremias Muller and Stiffanis Muller
1	2	Accounts, bills, receipts - 1760s
1	3	Accounts, bills, receipts - 1770s

Box	Folder	Description
1	4	Accounts, bills, receipts - Various dates ca 1740s–1780s
1	5	Accounts, bills, receipts - 1780s
1	6	Accounts, bills, receipts - 1790s
1	7	Accounts, bills, receipts - 1800, 1814
1	8	Accounts, bills, receipts - n.d.
		Land Papers
1	9	Conveyance, Killian Van Rensselaer of Rensselaerwyck Family manor to Hendricks Whitbeck, 1698. (In Dutch)
1	10	Map of a portion of Claverack, Columbia County, New York by Peter B. Ten Broeck, November 30, 1790, of the lands of Henry I. Van Rensselaer, Adam Hydorn, Morrison, Joris Dacker and Herder (Harder), J. V[an] Deusen, Hudson Bush Farm, Peter Muller, Peter Hogeboom and Andries Lape.
2		Account Ledger, 1735-1740, Schenectady, N.Y. (Partly in Dutch) Also includes family records, 1730-1766. Photostat of original held by the Albany Institute of History and Art.

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