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3. Receipt of Jellis Fonda for 7 pounds and 10 shillings to John Fonda, 1730
4. Bond of Barent Ten Eyck to G. Fonda, Merchant for 300 pounds for lot in the 2nd ward. Witness by R. Cartwright, and J.R. Bleecker, 1751
5. Levy and Solomon promise to pay fifty pounds of butter to Abraham Douw or Gysbert Fonda, 1760
6. Receipt of Jellis and Abraham Fonda to Gysbert Fonda, no amount listed, 1770
7. Bond of Philip Walter of Schoharie and Christopher C. Terahn [Zerahn] of Stone Arabia to Gysbert Fonda one hundred and ninety pounds, 1771
8. A collection of notes marked a to i to Gysbert Fonda, 1771
9. Bond of Gysbert Fonda to John S. Stevenson, Albany merchant, for one hundred and two pounds. Witness Abraham H. Wendell and Jacob A. Wendell, 1773
11. Four pages listing details of Gysbert Fonda account with Isaac Low. Related to item 12, 1773
12. Note of Gysbert Fonda to Issac Low for fifty pounds, 1773
13. Three notes from John Dumbleton, marked a, b, and c. The largest was for three hundred and twenty three pounds. Witness, Robert Yates and John Lansing, Jr. 1773
15. Bond of Joseph Eades and Edward Early of the county of Albany, to Gysbert Fonda for 160 pounds. Witness, John Lansing, June, and Nicholas Bleecher, 1773
17. Bond of Gysbert Fonda to William Hopkins of London, executor of the estate of Thomas Harris for 267 pounds, 1773
18. List of six lots sold to Gysbert Fonda. Signed by Daniel Campbell and Robert Lush, 1774
20. Bond of William Grant and James Fullerton to Gysbert Fonda for 250 pounds. Witness Abraham A. Lansing and John Tierman, 1775
21. Bond of John Farman of the county of Albany to Gysbert Fonda for 223 pounds, 1775
22. Note of [Johannes Hertogh] to Gysbert Fonda for 11 pounds. Witness, [George Wardel], 1775
| 1. | Note of Joseph Silleman to Gysbert Fonda for 149 pounds, 1780 |
| 3. | Bond of Gysbert Fonda to John Knickerbacker of Schaetekook, county of Albany, for 460 pounds. Witness Henry Quackenboss, 1782 |
| 4. | Note of John Marble to Gysbert Fonda for 44 pounds. Witness, Henry Quackenboss, 1782 |
| 5. | Discharge of all demands by [Andie] Douw and Hendrich [Henry] Oathout, both of the county of Albany to Gysbert Fonda. Witness [Jer. Lansingh], 1782 |
| 6. | Deposition of Mary [Stillwell] Clarke, widow in New York City, revoking all agreements or other promises to Gysbert Fonda. Handwritten and signed by Aaron Burr, acting as a lawyer for Mark Clarke, 1785 |
| 7. | Note of Nicklos Demovey of Tomhannack to Gysbert Fonda for 5 pounds. Witness, Cornelius Fransisco and Abraham Van Arnem, 1782 |
| 8. | Agreement that Gysbert Fonda will build a sawmill on property owned by he and Mary Clarke of New York City at joint expense and joint profit. Witness, Rich. Harison and John Morgan, 1783 |
| 10. | Bond of Gysbert Fonda to Abraham Douw for 837 pounds. Witness, James Lansing and Herman Ten Broeck, 1784 |
| 11. | Note of Isaac Searl of Albany, to Gysbert Fonda, for four pounds. Witness John Alexander, 1784 |
| 12. | Bond of Gysbert Fonda to John Lyne of Schenectady, for 300 pounds. Witness, Elsie Fonda and George Yeamens, 1784 |
| 13. | Two different account sheets, marked a and b., to Gysbert Fonda for disbursements to build a saw mill near Fort Edwards, 1784 |
| 14. | Page one of a four part folded sheet seems to be a bond from Gysbert Fonda to Gerrit Groesbeck for 108 pounds. Part two of the folder sheet, contains a note from [Abraham Alyustes] to Mr. Fonda for 19 pounds. Part four of the folded sheet, contains a reference of a retainer fee of 40 pounds. The retainer fee is to be paid on behalf of John Lansing, Jr. by Mr and Mrs. Richard Lush. Also on this part four is a reference to the bond of Gysbert Fonda, and to the Mayor’s Court in reference to this bond, 1785 |
15. A list of 42 individuals whose notes from 1760 to 1770 for 21 pounds or under were sent to Isaac Tickkenor, Attorney, in Bennington, Vermont, 1785


17. Note of Gysbert Fonda to John Knickerbacker for 44 pounds, 1786


19. Agreement signed by Gysbert Fonda that he and Aaron Sturges will take 50 acres in Ballston from John Dumbeltons for 95 pounds, 1786

20. Note of William Enders to Gysbert Fonda for ten pounds. Witness, Thomas Vischer, 1787

21. Receipt of G.W. Graham to Gysbert Fonda for 4 pounds. Also mentioned was Ben Delmer and Johannie Butcher, 1787


23. Letter to Gysbert Fonda from Johannie Vanderwerke stating that Abraham Fonda will pay 5 pounds of his account, 1787

24. Letter from Issac Tickenor of Bennington to Gysbert Fonda, stating that he has obtained execution on all notes, 1787

25. Will of Gysbert Fonda dated February 1788. His heirs were his son, Nicholas Fonda, daughter Lyntie Lush, wife of Richard Lush, and wife, Elsie Fonda. He also wrote that Richard Lush was to see that Nicholas completed his education to become a lawyer. Witness, Henry Oathoudt, Robert Yates, and Henry Ten Eych. There were two additions to this will by Abraham G. Lansing, Surrogate of the County of Albany. One was dated Nov. 1788, and was a statement of the witnesses. The other was dated Dec. 1788, was a statement of the Executors, Elsie Fonda, Widow, Lyntie Lush, Nicholas Fonda and Richard Lush, 1788

26. Two copies of the same will, signed by the same witnesses, but not by Gysbert Fonda, 1788

27. Two bonds of John Zielly[Teille] of Palatine, county of Montgomery, to Gysbert Fonda, one for 498 pounds, and one for 44 pounds. Witnesses to the first one were John M. Beeckman and Abraham Viele. In addition are records of payments received by Richard Lush, witness by John Lush, 1788

28. Another copy of Gysbert Fonda’s will, 1788


30. Payment and settlement of a bond. Signed by Gysbert Fonda, Jas. McDonald, and John Curry. Witness Richard Lush and Nicholas Fonda, 1788

31. Letter from Joseph Shay [Tay] of Bennington, Vermont, about paying a debt of 20 dollars. Reference to Mr. Tickenor, 1788
32. Notice for the heirs of Gysbert Fonda about subdividing some land with a sawmill between Mrs. Mary Clarke and Gysbert Fonda. Under this note is another note containing information about this land and the sawmill. Signed by Albert Van [Weiker] and Elsie Fonda. Witness by Nicholas Fonda and J.A Van [Deurehen], 1788
33. Note of Christian Monch for 5 pounds to Elsie Fonda. Witness, Nicholas Fonda and Nathan Smith, 1789
34. Note of David Pottman for 3 pounds to Elsie Gysbert. Witness, Nicholas Weaver, 1789

1. Received from W. Gysbert Fonda various sums totaling 9 pounds. Signed by J. Henry Ten Eyck and Henry Bleecker, 1790.
2. An estimate of Elsie Fonda, Henry Ten Eyck and Porter Douw shares in Douw’s estate, 1790
3. Bond of Nicholas Fonda for 50 pounds to Sam Scovil, Jr., of Charlotte, Vermont, witness, Richard Lush and S Douw, 1790
4. Receipt of 71 pounds received from the estate of Gysbert Fonda by J. Harman Ten Eyck and Henry Bleecker, 1791
5. Lease to Porter Douw and Henry Ten Eyck for land near Sacandaga. Signed by P.W. Dour, R Douw and Elsie Fonda. Witness, Nicholas Fonda and S Douw, 1793
6. Lease to Peter W. Douw and others. Signed by Volkert Douw, Mary Douw and T Ten Eyck. Witness, Nicholas Fonda and S Douw, 1793
8. Note of John Mumbrute for 4 pounds to Elsie Fonda. Witness, Nicholas Fonda, 1795
9. Note of Issac Tichenor of Bennington, Vermont. He received from Gysbert Fonda, records of mortgages and deeds, that Fonda had received from Robert Rogers for parcels of land, size of 5000 acres, of 3000 acres and of 500 acres, circa 1795
12. Bond of Stephen Cummings of North East Town in Dutchess county, for 481 pounds to Elsie Fonda, Nicholas Fonda, Richard Lush and Lyntie Lush. Witness, N Benedict and Elizabeth Brower, 1796
13. Bond of Nicholas Fonda for 1000 pounds to Samuel Scovil, Jr. of Saratoga. Witness, Thomas Rogers and R[ubin] Landon, 1796
14. Notice to Elsie Fonda by Stephen Cummins of order about 10 pounds to Lloyd Baker, 1797
15. Letter to Richard Lush from Paul Pierson about trouble with Collens over a bond issued about 8 years previously, 1797
16. Bond of E Morgan and John Bordman for 1200 pounds to Nicholas Fonda. Witness, Elsie Fonda and Jacob Veeder. On back, notices of payments from Morgan and Bordman, one in 1797 for 100 pounds, and
one in 1800 for 400 dollars. Signed by Richard Lush for Elsie Fonda, 1797
17. Bond of Nicholas Fonda to M Benedict of Ballston, Saratoga county, for 594 pounds. Witness, A. Hun and R.L. Treat. On back, some receipt of payments by Benedict, 1797
18. Receipt signed by Stephen Comins for 20 dollars to Elsie Fonda, 1797
19. Receipt signed by Elsie Fonda for 8 pounds by hand of James Arnold on account of John Lewis, 1799
20. Survey of lots in Ball [Ballston] done for Gysbert Fonda by Thomas Palmer, undated
21. Receipt of cash received for the estate of Gysbert Fonda by D. [Lefforts] for 5020 acres in Ballston. The land was sold for 314 pounds. Among the expenses listed was some to Thomas Palmer, 1791
22. Bond of Paul Baker of Ballston, Saratoga County, for 286 pounds to Elsie Fonda, Nicholas Fonda, Richard Lush and Lyntie Lush, for the estate of Gysbert Fonda. Witness, Henry Beeckman and S Douw. On the back, some notation of payments from 1797 to 1812, 1791
23. On behalf of the estate of Gysbert Fonda, a promise to give to Paul Baker, a good and sufficient title for 50 acres of land in Ballston. This was part of the land of John Dumbleton This agreement was signed by Richard Lush and Nicholas Fonda. Witness by Henry Beeckman. Note on bottom said deed executed by S Lush and Elsie Fonda on July 11, 1817. Note on back, signed by Paul Baker in July 1817, indicating he sold his rights to G Stover, 1791
24. Receipts to John Davis for nine pounds total received by Gysbert Fonda estate in relation to a farm, 1792
25. Note of Volkert Ab. Douw for 18 pounds to Elsie Fonda, 1792
26. Bond from Nicholas Fonda and Elsie Fonda for 553 pounds to Stephen Winston for lot #3 in Ballston, 1792
27. Certificate 57 issued to Nicholas Fonda from the Trustees of the Albany Library, signed by the chairman, Abraham Ten Broeck and the Treasurer, 1792
28. Bond of Sam Scovil, Jr., of Saratoga for 1720 pounds to Nicholas Fonda, 1792
29. Receipt for 7 pounds from John Lewis by Nicholas Fonda, 1793
30. Note that Abraham Fonda has settled all book accounts with the estate of Gysbert Fonda, 1793
31. Note given to Uncle Fonda [Abraham] from Nicholas Fonda stating that Uncle Fonda has a bond against the estate of Gysbert Fonda, and he should be given the deed to land in Colonie, 1793
32. Henry Ten Eyck released land at Anthony’s Nose to the estate of Gysbert Fonda. Witness, Lyntie Lush and Nicholas Fonda, 1793
33. Bond of Thomas L Witbeck for 200 pounds to executors of Gysbert Fonda. This relates to the differences between the estate of Gysbert Fonda and Mary Clarke of New York city, 1793

35. Letter from M Benedict of Ballston to Elsie Fonda about the bond of Mr. Blood, 1800

36. Survey and map of lots 1 to 7 in Ballston, by B Palmer, Surveyor. In the 22 allotments of Kayaderosseros patent, 1801

37. List of books and prices paid by William Fonda. Total was 28 pounds, 1801

38. Boundaries of Wynants lot in the possession of Egbertie Vanderheyden on the east and west of the street. It was later in the possession of Dirck Ten Broeck, 1801

39. Agreement by Stephen Wynant and his wife, Amelia Hinens to sell a lot by Market and Montgomery Streets in Albany for 1300 pounds to Elsie Fonda. The lot is next to James Fonda’s lot. Witness, John Lush and I Lawson, 1801

40. An administration order by the Surrogate of Albany, Abraham G. Lansing, allowing Elsie Fonda to dispose of Nicholas Fonda’s property, pay his debts, etc. Nicholas Fonda was her son, and one of the heirs of Gysbert Fonda’s estate. He died intestate, 1802

41. Bond of Elsie Fonda for $2285 to John Knickerbacker of Rensselaer County Witness, John McPherson. Record of payments on back, 1803

42. Letter from Issac Tichenor, to Daniel James Lawyer, about who had paid on notes and mortgages. Issac Tichenor, was a lawyer in Bennington, Vermont, who in the past had been Gysbert Fonda’s Vermont agent, 1803

43. Account sheet from Elisha Putnan and Philip Hooker for building a house for Elsie Fonda. Balance due was $7346.90, 1803

44. List of payments by Elsie Fonda to John Knickerbocker's bond, 1806

45. Bond of Caleb Pearce of Broadalbin, County of Montgomery for $1350 to Volkert Douw, Elsie Fonda and seven others. Most of the others were widows, with the deceased husband’s names given. This statement not signed, 1807

46. List of some payments on the above Pearce bond, 1808

47. Statement of payment to Elsie Fonda by Aaron Sturges on his bond, 1808

48. Bond of Paul Baker of Ballston for $900 to the surviving heirs of Gysbert Fonda. Witness, Nathan Lewis, 1808

49. 1809 Note about a promise to [sell land] to Eliakim Hamilton at $3.50 per acre. Mr. Palmer, a surveyor, was also mentioned. Lot number 8 contains 100 acres, lot number 9 contains 97 and ½ acres, lot number 1 contains 1795 acres, of which is divided in half to Gysbert Fonda and William Clarke. This land was in the Kayaderosseros patent, and 700 acres were surveyed by Mr. Palmer, 1809

50. Record of payment by John Zielly on his bond Gysbert Fonda from 1789 to 1809, 1809
51. Survey of three lots at a place called Anthony’s Nose near the Mohawk River. Lot Number 3 for 50 acres is marked G. Fonda. Lot Number 2 for 50 acres is marked J.C. Ten Eyck, Lot Number 1 is marked C.V. Sch___. This land is part of a tract of land granted to Lewis Morris, according to G. Fonda. Note below, Corn Van Schellusne said that Jacob C Ten Eyck and G. Fonda conveyed to him 600 acres in the above Great Tract, sold to William Dingmanby Morris. Witness, Canon and Hans Goodermost, Both tenants. Note on the back, from the river exactly 4 miles, 1812

52. Bond of Caleb Pearce for $1350 to be paid to Elsie Fonda and others. This statement is unsigned, undated

53. Court order signed by John V. Henry of the Supreme Court for a total of $44.55. Suit between Elsie Fonda and others, executors of Gysbert Fonda’s estate and Edward Warrous, administrator of Edward A Waters’s estate, 1812

54. Statement for Mr. Lush on payment made in the court case by John V. Henry, 1812

55. Record of rent, interest due, and payments made between 1810 and 1817. This record was between Onesimus Hubbell in accordance with Elsie Fonda, Richard and Lyntie Fonda. Signed by Gilbert F. Lush, 1817

56. Note of Daniel Brewer for $100 to Elsie Fonda, 1817

57. Taxes and interest for $26.66 for 1815, 1816 and 1817 for 300 acres of widow Fonda’s land in Saratoga County. Payment made by Gilbert F. Lush. This land was part of the Kayaderosseras patent, 1819


59. List of sums paid by the estate of John Zielly to Gysbert Fonda’s estate between 1809 and 1821, 1826

| 1. Survey of 100 acres by John Hughan, located in the town of Ballston, Saratoga County. Noted as lot Number 1 of the subdivision of lot Number 1 of the subdivision of lot Number 6. This land was owned by Jacob DuBois. He sent the survey to Nicholas Fonda, lawyer in Albany, along with a note, below the survey, that he will be down in Albany with the deed made out in exchange for a mortgage, 1793 |
| 2. 1793 Nicholas Fonda conveyed to John B. Schuyler for 500 pounds, part of lot Number 8 of the 15th allotment of the Kayaderosseros patent. This contained 390 acres (reserving out of the same, 50 acres to be conveyed to John Bemus of Saratoga County). On the back of the memorandum, the within mortgage was assigned to Philip Schuyler, the father of John B. Schuyler in 1798. Nicholas Fonda and Richard Lush were both listed in this memorandum, 1793 |
| 3. Note on bond given by the late John B. Schuyler to the late Nicholas Fonda. General Schuyler promised to pay off the bond to Elsie Fonda, Richard Lush, and Lyntie Lush within three months. Nicholas Fonda died around 1802, circa 1802 |
4. Account of Nicholas Fonda with John Graham from December 1792 to November 1793. Total for 44 items was 8 pounds, 1793
6. Listing and descriptions of land in Great Lot Number 3, 4, and 5 of the 24th allotment of the Kayaderosseras Patent. Each of the Great Lots, except Number 5 was subdivided, undated
7. Description of lots of land in Ballston sold by G. Fonda to various persons. On the back is a diagram of lots Number 1 to 6 of the fourth division, and lots Number 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the ninth division, 1774
8. Estimates of debts due to Gysbert Fonda’s Estate. The total is 6027 pounds. More than 70 individual debts are listed. Fonda died in 1788, circa 1788
9. Distribution of land among the Fonda family, by Jelles, Jan, Claes, and Isaac Fonda. Witness, H. Schuyler and R. Livingston. This was a true copy taken by Gerrit V.D. Berghod. Part of the paper was cut away, circa 1729
10. Note of Jacob Walrath given to A. Douw, then to Elsie Fonda for 4 pounds. To be collected by Nicholas Van Alstine, 1785
11. Note of Arint Brower for 2 pounds to Elsie Fonda, 1792
12. Note of E Nott for 4 pounds to Gysbert Fonda, 1769
13. Bond of John Fairman for 223 pounds to Gysbert Fonda. Witness, Abraham A. Sansingh and William Grant, 1775
14. Bond of Benjamin Atwell for 200 pounds to Gysbert Fonda. Witness, A Yates and Matthew Visseher, 1777
15. Bond of J Wilkins for 20 pounds, to Gysbert Fonda, to be paid in Boston State money, 1765
16. Note of H. Van Schaick for 65 pounds, to Gysbert Fonda, 1765
17. Note of Jones Fray for 2 pounds, to Gysbert Fonda. Note on the back, on the account of Benjamin Atwell, 10 pounds received, 1768
18. Note of Daniel Halenbeck and Jones Fray, both of Bennington, for 30 silver shillings, to Gysbert Fonda, 1768
19. Note of Anna Layne for 7 pounds, Gysbert Fonda. On the back of paper John Layne is written, undated
20. For value received from Derick Lefferts of cash and bonds totaling 383 pounds. Unsigned, undated
21. Note of S Kasselman for 12 pounds to Gysbert, 1769
22. Note of Mattrow Scott for 3 shillings and 3 pence to Gysbert Fonda. On lower part of page, to Mr. Jonathon Scott, Jr., 1771
23. Note of John Franklin for 7 pounds to Gysbert Fonda, 1775
24. Bond from John Lewis for 120 pounds to Elsie Fonda, 1792
25. Note of G Willeat of Williamstown for 76 pounds, to Gysbert Fonda to be paid in money of Massachusetts. Signature torn off. Witness, Henry Quakenboss, 1781
26. Note of John Waters for 7 pounds to Gysbert Fonda. Witness N. Daniel and Ebeneher [Low], 1782
27. Note of Ruth Lanshing for 8 pounds to Elsie Fonda. Witness Nicholas Fonda, 1792
28. Received from Gysbert Fonda 10 pounds, on account of Adam Fonda, F Slinne, Jr., 1775
29. Deed of land from Adam Fonda of Mohawk to Barent N. Wemple and his wife Margaret. This land is located on the north side of the Mohawk River. The consideration was for 5 shillings. Witness, Chis Yates, 1765