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A Guide to the Albany Mayors Collection

Collection Summary

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Index Term

Persons

David Schuyler (1706)
Johannes Cuyler (1725-1726)
Johannes (Hans) Hansen (1731-1732, 1754-1756)
Johannes De Peyster (1732-1733)
Edward Holland (1733-1740)
Johannes Schuyler, Jr. (1740-1741)
Corenlis Cuyler (1742-1746)
Dirck Ten Broeck (1742-1746)
Robert Sanders (1750-1754)
Sybrant G. Van Schaick (1756-1761)
Volkert P. Douw (1761-1770)
Abraham C. Cuyler (1770-1777)
John Barclay (1778-1779)
Abraham Ten Broeck (1779-1783, 1796-1798)
John Jacob Beeckman (1783-1786)
John Lansing, Jr. (1790-1796)
Abraham Yates, Jr. (1790-1796)
Philip Schuyler Van Rensselaer (1798-1816, 1819-1821)
Elisha Jenkins (1816-1819)
Charles E. Dudley (1821-1824, 1828-1829)
Ambrose Spencer (1824-1826)
James Stevenson (1826-1828)
Francis Bloodgood (1831, 1833)
Erastus Corning (1834-1837)
Teunis Van Vechten (1837-1839, 1841-1842)
Jared L. Rathbone (1838-1841)
Barent P. Staats (1842-1843)
Friend Humphrey (1843-1850)
John Keyes Paige (1845-1846)
William Parmelee (1846-1848, 1854-1856)
John Taylor (1848-1849)
Franklin Townsend (1850-1851)
Eli Perry (1851-1853, 1856-1860, 1962-1866)
Edmund Lewis Judson (1874-1876)
Anthony Bleecker Banks (1876-1878, 1884-1886)
John Swinburne (1882-1884)
John Boyd Thacher (1896-1897)
Edward Augustin Maher (1888-1890)
James Hilton Manning (1890-1894)

Oren Elbridge Wilson (1894-1895)
Thomas Jefferson Van Alstyne (1898-1899)
James Henry Blessing (1900-1901)
Charles Henry Gaus (1902-1909)
Henry F. Snyder (1909)
James B. McWan (1910-1913)
Joseph W. Stevens (1914-1817)
William S. Hackett (1922-1925)

Organizations

The Government of the State of New York.

Subjects

Mayors of Albany from 1706-1925.

Places

Albany, NY, and some regions surrounding the area such as Nova Scotia and Burnetsville.

Document Types

Letters, bonds, licenses, deeds, and receipts-All paper documents.

Titles

Biography/History of

The subjects of the collection are the letters and communications of Former Mayors of the City of Albany to others. Formed officially as colony of England in 1664, the different cities and towns in the State of New York are controlled by the Mayors, which in turn are controlled by the Governor. The city of Albany is governed by the Mayor and other branches of government such as the state legislature and the state court system.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

Receipts, licenses, property deeds, supply queries, and letters by Albany Mayors to different recipients through the years of 1706-1925.

Organization of the Collection

The collection starts in chronological order based off of the holding of office by the Albany Mayors.

Related Material

The miscellaneous section in back of box has several more pieces of the Albany Mayor's collection that was not included during the numbering of the files and/or documents.

Other Finding Aids

Older version of finding aid is in the control file.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series # [#] . Series Title [title]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
CW554	1	1. 1706 Feb 23. Receipt for work done by Laurence Clease. Signed by D. Schuyler, P. Schuyler, S. Van Rensselaer, Johannes Schuyler, J. Abeel, Everett Banker and Myndert Schuyler.
CW554	2	2. 1709 March 25. Receipt of Joh. Cuyler to Capt. Johannes Sanders. Quittrent for land called Nova Scotia in Country of Albany.
CW554	3	3. 1754 April 5. Deed of Patrick Delany of Burnetsville to T. Magin, Trader of a plot of land in Burnetsville. Signed by Hans Hansen and Johannes Cuyler.
CW554	4	4. 1726 March 4. Statement of Johannes De Peyster saying that Peter D. Schuyler had discovered a good road along Wood Creek to Oneida Lake.
CW554	5	5. 1747 Oct 22. Receipt of Peter Groenendyck to Edward Holland. Verification of receipt is signed by Edward Holland.
CW554	6	6. 1730 Aug 26. Receipt of J. Schuyler to Jacob Glen.
CW554	7	7. 1737 Sept 29. From Cornelis Cuyler to Jacob Glen in Dutch. Names P. Livingston, J. Lindsay, J. Schuyler, I. Verplant. Tells of land "up in the valley".
CW554	8	8. 1748 Sept 10. Freeman of the City granted Johannes Ten Eyck. Signed by Dirck Ten Broeck as Mayor.
CW554	9	9. 1760 March 3. Document in Dutch to Mr. Adam Empie of Schenectady signed by Robert Sanders.
CW554	10	10. 1753 Jan 4. From Sybrant Van Schaick to Jacob Glen at Schenectady asking him to send the Dedimus by the bearer on the orders of the Lieutenant Governor.

- CW554 11 11. 1786 Nov 10. From Volkert P. Douw to John Sanders in Schenectady about sending 20 pounds to Mr. Beekman.
- CW554 12 12. 1773 Feb 1. Deed of City to Burgar Van Der Bergh a lot on North side of Fox Creek, South of the German Church. Signed Abraham C. Cuyler, Mayor.
13. 1795 Dec 14. Abraham Cuyler to Gerard Bancker asking information about money paid his brother, Henry Cuyler.
- CW554 13 14. 1778 Feb 13. Order to Peter R. Livingston of John Barclay to give George Nachman a load of salt.
- CW554 14 15. 1776 Aug 19. An account of S. Van Rensselaer. Signed, Abraham Ten Broeck.
16. 1792 Feb 6. Abraham Ten Broeck to John Sanders of Schenectady thanking him for taking care of advertising.
- CW554 15 17. 1783 Jan 27. John Jacob Beeckman's appointment as Mayor. Signed by Governor Clinton. INCLUDES SEAL.
18. 1787 Dec 3. John Beeckman to John Sanders in Scotia about the amount Sanders owes John Lansing.
- CW554 16 19. 1787 Jan 6. John Lansing to John Sanders in Scotia about paying a visit.
- CW554 17 20. 1791 July 14. Manuscript certificate to Peter Edmond Elmendorf to practice law. Signed, Abraham Yates, Mayor.
- CW554 18 21. 1809 July 4. Printed license to Andrew Grier to be a cartman, signed P.S. Van Rensselaer.
22. 1814 Jan 31. Bond: City of Albany/John Lansing \$3,700.
23. 1815 March 12. Bond: City of Albany/Dudley Walsh \$2,700.
- CW554 19 24. 1801 Jan 28. Elisha Jenkins, Treasurer of Columbia, Hudson to John V. Henry, Comptroller, Albany, about arrears of County and State taxes.
25. 1816 Nov 27. Bond: City of Albany/Jacob H. Ten Eyck \$1,463
26. 1817 Jan 13. Bond: City of Albany/Peter W. Nab \$4,000
27. 1817 June 2. Bond: City of Albany/John Spencer, Erastus Corning, William Humphrey \$1,750
28. 1817 Aug 1. Bond: City of Albany/Ebeneser Merrit \$260
29. 1818 Dec 28. Bill to City from Robert Lottridge for cleaning.
- CW554 20 30. 1829 Dec 8. From Charles E. Dudley in Washington to Peter E. Elmendorf (Albany) saying he will send a copy of the President's message.
- CW554 21 31. 1798 Jan 27. Suit of Nicholas Harder vs. John Rowers. Signed Ambrose Spencer.
- CW554 22 32. 1827 Jan 1. Bill for Mayor's salary and receipt signed by James Stevenson.
33. 1826 Oct 19. Receipt from Commissioners of Albany City Stock (James Stevenson, Pres.) for \$7,087.90

- CW554 23 34. 1797 Jan 21. Two suits in Common Pleas. Charles McMillan vs. Zera Murdock and Cornelius Roosa vs. David Smith. Signed Francis Bloodgood. (Reverse side contains suits signed by Anbrose Spencer and John Cuyler)
- CW554 24 35. 1831 Dec 5. Bond: City of Albany/N.Y. State Bank \$10,000
 36. 1834 July 23. Bill from C.L.Swart, Health Inspector. Countersigned by E. Corning.
 37. 1835 Jan 26. Bill for building tool house behind City Hall. Countersigned by E. Corning.
 38. 1835 Feb 2. Bill from Richa D Barrett. Countersigned by E. Corning.
 39. 1835 March 23. Letter from Erastus Corning asking advice about railroad stock.
 40. 1836 Sept 22. Bond: City of Albany/Albany City Bank \$20,000
 41. 1836 May 12. Bond: City of Albany and Albany City Bank \$10,000
- CW554 25 42. n.d. Legal document involving Robert Sheperd and William Boyd and signed by Teunis Van Vechten.
 43. 1837 Aug 11. Bond: City of Albany/City Bank of Albany \$10,000
- CW554 26 44. 1841 Aug 5. Bond: City of Albany/City Bank of Albany \$20,000
 45. 1839 Dec 19. Bond: City of Albany/ James Gibbons \$3,200
 46. 1840 Aug 11. Bond: City of Albany/Joel Rathbone \$8,000
 47. 1840 Aug 5. Bond: City of Albany/City Bank of Albany \$10,000
- CW554 27 48. 1842 July 1. Bond: City of Albany/Nathanial Griswold \$2,000
- CW554 28 49. 1842 July 7. Bond: City of Albany/Andrew White \$3,000
 50. 1831 Oct 25. Lease of Pearl St. Baptist Church for a pew to Jared L. Rathbone. Signed by Friend Humphrey.
- CW554 29 51. 1814 March 21. Letter to John S. Van Rensselaer from John Keyes Paige about collecting monies for Mr. John Sanders. Paige is under military arrest, and cannot travel to obtain necessary information.
- CW554 30 52. 1837 Feb 28. In Supreme Court William Winne vs. John Taylor Cooper with Letter from William Parmelee to Gansevoort and Hill.
- CW554 31 53. 1856 Sept 30. Note of John Taylor to H.B. Hewitt.
- CW554 32 54. 1844 Dec 26. Franklin Townsend (Headquarters, Albany Burgesses Corps, Hudson) to Adj. Gen. Niven about the Mayor sending militia to aid the Sheriff at Hudson.
- CW554 33 55. 1863 March 16. Alexander Folson's deed to Benjamin W. Arnold for land in Canada. Sworn by Eli Perry.

56. 1863 March 18. Benjamin W. Arnold and wife deed land to Alexander Folson in Canada. Sworn by Eli Perry.
57. 1873 May 8. From Eli Perry to H. Storm giving dates he was Mayor.
58. 1874 Feb 16. Eli Perry (43rd Congress, Washington) to F.W. Vosburgh, S.H.H. Parsons, Erastus Corning, Hale Kingsley, Charles E. Leland. Declining invitation to Charity Ball of Albany Burgesses Corps.
- CW554 34 59. 1887 July 8. Edmund L. Judson to James S. Thurston. Asking Thurston to carry more money for the Home Savings Bank of Albany.
- CW554 35 60. 1904 Jan 11. Anthony B. Banks to John D. Parons, Jr. About remembering him as a friend.
- CW554 36 61. 1884 June 2. From John Swinburne. A friendly letter "Dear Doctor".
- CW554 37 62. 1896 July 22. John Boyd Thacher (as Mayor) to John D. Parsons, Jr. in Albany about Thomas Dongan signing City Charter 210 years before and its printing.
63. 1899 Feb 18. Letter from John Boyd Thacher to Mrs. James Kidd relating to her Drake ancestry.
- CW554 38 64. 1896 Aug 8. Edward A. Maher to Elliot Danforth asking for a ticket to hear W.J. Bryan speak at Madison Square Garden.
- CW554 39 65. 1904 July 23. James H. Manning to John D. Parsons about growth of Albany.
- CW554 40 66. 1904 Aug 15. Oren E. Wilson to John D. Parsons in Albany. Albany should become one of the leading cities in the state.
- CW554 41 67. 1898 Nov 19. Thomas J. Van Alstyne as Mayor to John T. Cook (District Attorney of Albany) asking him to use all his power to convict two persons who run a "disorderly house".
- CW554 42 68. 1904 Jan 9. James H. Blessing to John D. Parsons congratulating him for establishing a Trust Company in the city.
- CW554 43 69. 1904 Jan 9. Charles H. Gaus (as Mayor) to John D. Parsons about the growth of the Albany Trust Co.
- CW554 44 70. n.d. Henry F. Snyder sends an autograph.
- CW554 45 71. 1910 May 19. James B. McEwan (as Mayor) to Mrs. Parsons. An autograph.
- CW554 46 72. 1917 Sept 28. Joseph W. Stevens (as Mayor) requesting expenditures of a department.
- CW554 47 73. 1925 Dec 16. William S. Hackett (as Mayor) to Mr. Cogswell commending the Albany Institute.
- CW554 Miscellaneous Section.