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## A Guide to the Arnold-Cogswell Collection

### Collection Summary

**Collection Title:** Arnold Cogswell Collection

**Call Number:** FG 807

**Creator:**

**Inclusive Dates:** 1676-1931

**Bulk Dates:**

**Abstract:**

**Quantity:**

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## **Index Term**

### **Persons**

Van Rensselaer family	Enos Throop
George Clinton	Edmund Andros
Benjamin Harrison	Roy Chapman Andrews
Herbert H. Lehman	Louis Agassiz Fuertes
Franklin Pierce	Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews
William McKinley	Joe R. Hanley

### **Organizations**

*[Use Library of Congress Subject Headings.]*

### **Subjects**

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### **Places**

New York State	Columbia County NY
Albany County NY	Fort Oswego NY
City of Albany NY	Montgomery County NY
Chemung County NY	Salinas, Onondaga Springs Reservation
Claverack NY	Washington County NY

### **Document Types**

Letters, land grants, deeds, passports, newspaper clippings, autographs

### **Titles**

*[Use Library of Congress Subject Headings.]*

## **Biography/History of**

*[Make a brief narrative note about the creator and/or subject of the records/papers, which will aid in the records' interpretation. This note should not record every aspect of an individual's life or all points of a subject, but only those aspects relevant to the materials held by AIHA. Notes need not repeat information that is common knowledge. However, in judging what is common knowledge remember that individuals from outside of this area will be reading these records.]*

*Information to consider including in a biographical note on an individual include variant forms of name, place of birth, places of residence, occupations, significant accomplishments, and profession. If you have any genealogical information you can*

*include it here, as well. For corporate bodies, consider including the organization's mission or function, dates of formation, name changes, and administrative hierarchy with names of prominent administrators.]*

### **Scope and Contents of the Records/Papers/Collection**

Letter, land grants ,deed, passports, newspaper clippings,

### **Organization of the Records/Papers/Collection**

### **Related Material**

Box 1 Folder 1 items 1-8 located in the Deed and Indenture collection on the second floor

### **Separated Materials**

Removed for auction 1980

Affidavit by Sir Guy Carleton, Lord Dorchester and Lady Dorchester appointing Alexander Adair of London as their attorney and agent for collecting the annuity due them by various acts of Parliament, Quebec, June 9, 1789

Judgment in New York County against Samuel Pike of Newport R.I. by Rebecca May. March 7, 1733

### **Other Finding Aids**

### **Detailed Description of the Records/Papers/Collection**

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

Box #	Folder #	Item #.	Title / Description
1	1	1	Indenture, John Van Rensselaer to Joshua Brooks, land at Claverack, April 5, 1754.
1	1	2	State of New York, George Clinton, Governor, grant of 24,738 acres in Washington and Montgomery counties to Philip Livingston , Catherine Westerlo and others. New York City, July 27, 1786.

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1	1	3	State of New York, Enos Throop, Governor, grant of parcel of land in village of Salinas in Onondaga Salt Springs Reservation to Charles Stebbins and Johnathan Ledyard. Albany, Jan 10, 1832.
1	1	4	Indenture by Samuel Lush, Anna Lush and other heirs of Stephen Lush, deceased, to Timothy Fassett and Lawrence Hallenbeck for parcel of land on Green Street in Albany. March 9, 1827. Torn
1	1	5	Edmund Andros, Governor of New York, on behalf James Duke of York and Albany, grant of parcel of land in City of Albany near the Dutch Church, to Jacob Tyse Vanderheyden. Albany, June 5, 1676. With seal and Andros' signature.
1	1	6	Bill, in Dutch, to Jeremias Van Rensselaer for sundry Items over a period from 1733 to 1743. Total 9 L, 19 s, 4 ½ p.
1	1	7	State of New York, George Clinton, Governor, deed for parcel of land, lot # 44, 600 acres in Montgomery County, to William Ballantine. July 8, 1790. With seal.
1	1	8	George III, by Goldsborough Banyar, Secretary, grant of land in Albany County, east side of Hudson's River to John McLean, late of the 77 <sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, for services in French and Indian War. New York City, Oct. 7, 1765. Seal partially destroyed.
1	2	1	Passport to John Gardner, Jr., March 6, 1865.
1	2	2	Passport to Killian Van Rensselaer, March 19, 1863.
1	2	3	Passport to John H. Gardner, Jr., Nov. 7, 1870.
1	2	4	Passport to John H. Gardner, Jr., Oct. 17, 1866.
1	2	5	Passport to John H. Gardner, Jr., Oct. 16, 1868

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1	2	6	Passport to Miss Mary Badgley, Oct. 16, 1868
1	2	7	Diplomatic Passport to William S. Van Rensselaer Third Secretary of the U.S. Embassy at Rome, Aug. 15, 1916.
1	2	8	Appointment of Killian Van Rensselaer as Vice-Consul at Nicaragua by Pres. William McKinley, July 5, 1901.
1	3	1	Letter of George Clinton, New York, Nov. 22, 1793 to Stephen Lush of Albany, respecting lands in Chemung.
1	3	2	Letter of Roger Sherman, Fairfield, Conn, to Nathaniel Dixon of Westerly, Rhode Island, Feb 23, 1811.
1	3	3	Letter of Samuel Stringer of Albany to Major Jellis Fonda at Caughnawaga. April 1, 1771.
1	3	4	Commission of Nicholas Van Rensselaer as First Lieutenant, Company 2, First Battalion, New York Line. Signed by John Hancock as President of the Continental Congress and Charles Thompson as Secretary. Nov 21, 1776.
1	4	1	Appointment of Stephen Lush of Albany Clerk of Court of Chancery in New York State April 2, 1778. Signed by Chancellor Robert R. Livingston
1	5	1	John De Peyster, Commissary, certification that Jacob B. Van Ness has agreed to transport 80 gallons of rum to Fort Oswego. May 8, 1736.
1	5	2	Thomas L. Bishop to Cornelius Glen Van Rensselaer, Nov 20, 1832 , about surveying Lot # 63 in Scott, N.Y.
1	5	3	G. S. Green to Cornelius Glen Van Rensselaer. Scott, N.Y., Nov. 20, 1832.
1	5	4	Letter of Stephen Van Rensselaer III to (James Monroe) Washington, D.C. Jan 13, 1823.
1	5	5	Letter to Chancellor Walworth of New York State from John C. Spencer (Secretary of War, U.S., 1841-43) Canandaigua, N.Y., June 27, 1836

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1	5	6	Katherine Van Rensselaer to "Dear Walworth" (Benjamin Walworth Arnold). Vlei House, Greenbush, April 10,?
1	5	7	Cornelius Glen Van Rensselaer to "Dear Catherine", March 19, 1863.
1	5	8	Cornelius Glen Van Rensselaer to his father, John Jeremias Van Rensselaer. Hamilton College, May 4, 1817.
1	5	9	Cornelius Glen Van Rensselaer to "Dear Catherine", March 19, 1863.
1	5	10	Cornelius Glen Van Rensselaer to "Dear Mother", March 17, 1863.
1	5	11	Bill of E. W. Ellsworth for examining recruits, listed by name. n. d. n.p.
1	5	12	Letter to Mrs. Nanning Visscher, Greenbush, N.Y. from ?
1	6	1	General Orders, Headquarters, New York State Militia, Albany, Nov. 15, 1808. Signed by Solomon Van Rensselaer as Adjutant-General. Orders to detach 14,389 men of the militia for service with the United States forces.
1	6	2	Solomon Van Rensselaer to "Major Lewis" introducing his son (Rensselaer Van Rensselaer). Albany, Feb.18, 1831.
1	6	3	Letter to person unknown by Solomon Van Rensselaer. Washington, D. C., Feb. 17, 1820.
1	6	4	General Orders, New York State Militia, printed form signed by Adjutant-General Solomon Van Rensselaer. (date)?
1	6	5	H(enry) Van Rensselaer. Ogdensburg, N.Y. to Thurlow Weed at Albany. July 2, 1828. Signature removed.
1	6	6	H(enry) Van Rensselaer Ogdensburg, N.Y. to Thurlow Weed at Albany. July 23, 1840. Discusses political campaign affairs.

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1	6	7	K. Van Rensselaer to Charles R. Webster at Albany. Jan 1846. About a vote of Committee of the Whole of House of Representatives on renewal of charter of Bank of U.S.
1	6	8	K.K. Van Rensselaer to John Bogart about paying money Van Rensselaer owes him. Oct 16, 1816.
1	6	9	P.S. Van Rensselaer, Albany, Sept 22, 1779 to Walter Livingston.
1	6	10	Bill to Corporation of City of Albany for fixing pumps from Peter Mulhench (?). Approved by P. Van Rensselaer Aug. 1, 1784.
1	6	11	Philip Van Rensselaer to "Dear Son". n.d., n.p. About sister Betsy's illness.
1	6	12	Rutsen Van Rensselaer to person unknown about his views on items before the Legislature. n.d., n.p.
1	6	13	John S. Van Rensselaer to Hon. Jacob Burnet, Senator from Ohio. Albany, Dec 20 1840. About national and state politics.
1	6	14	Oaths of office of deputy sheriffs of Columbia County, 1794. David McKinstry, Lawrence Hogeboom, James Burroughs.
1	6	15	Register of the Society of Cincinnati, May, 1896
1	7		Presidential Autographs (Letters)
1	7	1	Martin Van Buren to William C. Bouc(k)? Lindenwald, Dec. 5, 1842 (in safe)
1	7	2	Benjamin Harrison to Nathan Dixon, Senator. Executive Mansion, Dec. 5, 1892. Unlocated
1	7	3	Benjamin Harrison to Killeen Van Rensselaer. Indianapolis, March 27, 1900
1	7	4	William McKinley to Nathan Dixon. Canton, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1891. Unlocated

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1	7	5	William McKinley to Nathan Dixon. Canton, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1894. Unlocated
1	7	6	Theodore Roosevelt to Killean Van Rensselaer, New York City, Police Dept. Dec. 2, 1895. Unlocated
1	7	7	Franklin D. Roosevelt to Mrs. Benjamin W Arnold, Albany, Nov. 6, 1930. Unlocated.
1	7		Governors of New York State
1	7	8	Alfred E. Smith to Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Arnold. Executive Mansion, Albany, Dec. 26, 1928. Unlocated.
1	7	9	Herbert H. Lehman to Benjamin W. Arnold. Albany, June 19, 1931
1	8		Folder 8, listed as missing in 1981 is still not with collection as of 8/91.
1	8		Other Autographs
1	8	1	Jules Jusserand to Eugene T. Chamberlain Washington, D.C. March 28, 1922. With photograph. Unlocated
1	8	2	Eugenie, Empress of France to Madame LaVicomtesse Thery (?) n.d. Unlocated
1	8	3	Bayard Taylor to "My dear Ward". May 22, 1872 Unlocated
1	8	4	Thomas Hughes to W.R. Dorlon. London, June 15, 1873 Unlocated
1	8	5	Francis Parkman to Benjamin Arnold, Cambridge, Jan 25, (?) Unlocated
1	8	6	Henry Temple, Lord Palmerston, to ? London, Jan 25, 1839 Unlocated
1	8	7	Desire Joseph, Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines Jan. 21, 1917. Unlocated



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1	8	8	Autograph of Jenny Lind, sent to Lewis L. Weld June, 1851 Unlocated
1	8	9	Envelope of variety of autographs, not on letters Unlocated  John Trumbull J.N. Darling William H. Taft William T. Stead Horace Greeley Booker T. Washington Abraham Lincoln Kate Field Daniel Webster Theodore L. Schuyler (?)
1	9		Land grant- Wisconsin- signed by Franklin Pierce
1	10		Photographs of Arnold House
1	11		Correspondence to Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
1	12		Correspondence to Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.  From Fuerter, Louis Agassiz (#569) Andrews, Roy Chapman (#570) Andrews, Mary Raymond Shipman (#571) Hanley, Joe R. (2 items)
1	13		Genealogy, Van Rensselaer family part of Diary of Killeen Van Rensselaer, 1685
1	14		Letters of Susan Elizabeth McClure Gardner and John H. Gardner, Jr. 1863-1889
1	15		Benjamin W. Arnold as presidential elector, 1901-1904
1	16		Papers relative to the estate of Catherine Campbell, New York City
1	17		Newspaper clippings

Benjamin W. Arnold wedding to Katherine Van Rensselaer  
Griffin-Marvin wedding  
Other Items

1            18            Diplomas and certificates

1            19            Miscellaneous