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A Guide to the  
Dorr Family Papers  
1789-1978

**Collection Summary**

**Collection Title:** Dorr Family Papers

**Call Number:** BU 445

**Creator:** Dorr Family

**Inclusive Dates:** 1789-1978

**Bulk Dates:** 1789-1875

**Abstract:** none

**Quantity:** 1 box

**Administrative Information**

**Custodial History:** unknown

**Preferred Citation:** Dorr Family Papers, Bu 445, Albany Institute of History and Art Library, New York.

**Acquisition Information:**

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**Processing Information:**

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**Restrictions**

**Restrictions on Access:** none

**Restrictions on Use:** none

## **Index Term**

**Persons:** Dorr family; Dorr, Elisha; Dorr, Russel; Dorr, Jonathan; Dorr, Robert; Munsell, H; Dorr, James B.; Harder family; Spaulding family;

**Subjects:** Family history; Local history--Columbia County, New York; Judicial activity; Medicine; business activity;

**Places:** Columbia County, New York;

**Document Types:** Genealogical records; Correspondence;

## **Scope and Contents of the Records**

This collection contains the family correspondence of Elisha Dorr, 1811-22, Dr. Russel Dorr, 1805-22, Dr. Jonathan Dorr, 1799-1818, Robert Dorr, 1839-43, and others, 1797-1846, discussing legal affairs, business, family news, and medicine; correspondence and court records from a lawsuit between Russel Dorr and H. Munsell over a shearing machine, 1789-1865; and typescripts of some of the family correspondence with commentary by James B. Dorr, 1978. Also correspondence of the Harder family, 1829-38, and the Spaulding family, 1868-75, families related to the Dorr; and genealogical data.

## **Organization of the Records**

The collection is housed in one box, with 19 folders. The correspondence folders are arranged by name and then by year. There are several miscellaneous files containing correspondence and other papers. Other folders contain the shearing machine lawsuit, bible records, newspaper articles, receipts and accounts. The last folder contains typed scripts of the Dorr Letters, presumably the letters in the first 9 boxes.

## **Related Material**

**MG 39** Dorr Family, Papers, 1860-1980, 1 hollinger box.

**#85 Bible Collection**—Family Bible of Russel Dorr family

**#102 Bible Collection**—Family Bible of the Russel Dorr Family

## Detailed Description of the Collection

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

| <b>Box #</b> | <b>Folder #</b> | <b>Title / Description</b>                                   |
|--------------|-----------------|--|
| 1            | 1               | Correspondence of Elisha Dorr, Albany 1811-1822              |
| 1            | 2               | Correspondence of Russel Dorr, 1805-1822                     |
| 1            | 3               | Correspondence of Jonathan and Robert Dorr, 1804-1843        |
| 1            | 4               | Correspondence of Mathew, William and Baruch Dorr, 1794-1824 |
| 1            | 5               | Correspondence of Harder Family 1829-1838                    |
| 1            | 6               | Correspondence of Spalding Family 1868-1875                  |
| 1            | 7               | Correspondence, Miscellaneous (1) 1797-1812                  |
| 1            | 8               | Correspondence, Miscellaneous (2) 1824-1846                  |
| 1            | 9               | Correspondence, Miscellaneous (3) 1801-1854                  |
| 1            | 10              | Bible Records  |
| 1            | 11              | Shearing Machine Lawsuit—General 1792-1816                   |
| 1            | 12              | Shearing Machine Lawsuit—Putnam, defense lawyer 1811-1818    |
| 1            | 13              | Russel Dorr vs. Robert and William Harris 1806-1812          |
| 1            | 14              | Silk dyeing undated  |
| 1            | 15              | Copy for newspaper articles 1804-1841                        |
| 1            | 16              | Receipts 1795-1854   |
| 1            | 17              | Legal Documents—Deeds, wills, etc. 1789-1868                 |
| 1            | 18              | Accounts with Mathew Dorr, 1800-1841                         |
| 1            | 19              | Typed scripts of Dorr Letters                                |