The papers in this collection relate to the Prevost family, of Swiss origin, several of whom served in the British Army or Navy from the first Augustine Prevost (1695-1740), through the sons of Major Augustine Prevost III (1743-1821). See the attached genealogical data.

Augustine Prevost III (1743-1821), Major in the 60th Foot, Royal American Regiment, Deputy Inspector-General and Adjutant, served in America both following the French and Indian War and during the Revolution. After the Revolution he stayed in America, became a citizen, and settled on the three thousand acres in Greene County, New York, which the British government had awarded his father for his services in the French and Indian War. Major Prevost was able to retain this land in spite of the Revolution because of his friendship with notable Americans like Aaron Burr (who married Prevost's aunt, Theodosia Partow Prevost), John Jay and Alexander Hamilton and William Alexander, Lord Stirling.

Augustine Prevost III married, successively, two American girls, 1) Susannah Croghan, daughter of George Croghan (d. 1782), Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs; and 2) Ann Bogardus, daughter of Jacob Bogardus of Sharon, Connecticut. Prevost had a total of twenty-three children, sixteen of whom lived to adulthood. His children by Susannah Croghan were brought up as British citizens and the children of Ann Bogardus were all American citizens.

The family papers, covering the years 1764 to 1924, include many letters from the English Prevosts to their American half brothers and sisters and vice versa. The American Prevosts also corresponded with their neighbors, the family of artist Thomas Cole who lived nearby in Catskill. Other correspondents and people mentioned in the correspondence include Sir William Johnson, George Croghan, Sir Frederick Haldimand, Colonel Henry Bouquet, General Morgan Lewis (later Governor of New York State, 1804-1807) and the Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria. It is interesting to note that, during the War of 1812, in which Sir George Prevost fought the Americans at Plattsburgh, New York, the family corresponded as if the war did not exist.

Also in the collection is a memorandum book of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Foot (Royal American Regiment) while stationed at St. Augustine, Florida in 1777-78. In the back of this book is an inventory of the estate of George Croghan and the sale, in 1783, of the household goods of his home, "Kill Grove", Pennsylvania.

The Augustine Prevost home, "Hush-Hush" farm is still standing (1980) near Greenville, New York. This collection gives a fascinating picture of the inter-relationship between the United States and old England as presented by the correspondence of both branches of the Prevost family.
I Augustin Prevost, 1725-1786, Major-General, British Army, served in America during the Revolution in New York City and in the southern colonies.

II Augustine Prevost, 1743-1821, son of the above. Major, 60th Regiment of Foot, Deputy Inspector-General and Adjutant. Served in the British army in America during the Revolutionary Revolution. Married (1), Susannah Croghan, daughter of George Croghan, Indian trader and deputy superintendent of Indian affairs, April 15, 1765

(2) Anne Bogardus, daughter of Jacob Bogardus, July 2, 1792.

III Sir George Prevost, son of Augustin Prevost I, half brother to Augustine Prevost II; Commander of the British Army at Battle of Plattsburgh, War of 1812.

Children of Augustine Prevost II and Susannah Croghan
1) George William Augustine (known as Augustine), born in Schenectady 1767, died in Albany, 1840
2) John Augustine, born Owego, 1769, perished at sea, 1822
3) Louisa Charlotte, born Charlestown, S.C., 1782, died at Pelham, N.Y., 1841
4) Susannah, born in Pennsylvania, 1785, died, East Chester, N.Y., 1857
5) James, born in Pennsylvania, 1786, died of wounds in Portugal, 1811
6) Henry, born in Pennsylvania, 1789, died of wounds, Portugal, 1811

others who died young, 13 in all.

Children of Augustine Prevost II and Anne Bogardus
10 Frederick Jacob 1793-1818
2) Mary Anna, born at Hush-Hush Farm, Greenville, N.Y., 1794, died there 1879, unmarried 1796
3) Emilia Augusta, born at Hush-Hush, 1798; died 1822. m. S.W. Dexter
4) Georgiana " " " " 1798, died there, 1891, unmarried
5) William Henry, 1800-1826; died in Michigan
6) Francis James, 1802-1871; died in California
7) Elizabeth Charlotte Natalie, 1806-1890, born and died at Hush-Hush, unm
8) Catherine Eliza, 1808-1867, born and died at Hush-Hush, unmarried
9) Theodore Louis, 1810; died at Hush-Hush, 1893
10) Jacob Bogardus, 1819--

Major Augustine Prevost II remained in America after the Revolution and settled at Hush-Hush Farm, Greenville, N.Y.

Brothers of Augustine Prevost II serving in British forces:
Major-General Sir George Prevost, Governor of Canada d. 1816
Admiral Sir James Prevost
Colonel William Prevost

Most of all the persons listed above are mentioned in the Prevost Papers or are represented in those papers by correspondence
PREVOST FAMILY

I Augustin Prevost, born, Geneva, Switzerland, 1695; died, 1740
children; three sons m. Louise Karlin

II General Augustin Prevost, 1723-1786
m. 1) Nancy Prevost, his cousin
Children:
   Augustine Prevost III (1744-1821) of Hush-Hush Farm

m. 2) Nanette Grand of Amsterdam, Holland
Children:
   1) Sir George Prevost (1767-1816)
   2) Admiral Sir James Prevost  d. 1824
   3) Major-General William Augustus Prevost

III Col. James Marcus Prevost  d. 1779
This Prevost was instrumental in organizing the 60th Foot (Royal
American Regiment) during the French and Indian War and served in
America under Sir James Abercrombie, and Sir Jeffery Amherst.
Col. James Prevost did not serve in America during the Revolution.
He married Theodosia Barrow and had two sons, Frederick and
Bartow Prevost. After his death his widow married Aaron Burr, in 1782.

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   2) John Augustine, born Oswego, 1769, died at sea, 1822
   3) Louisa Charlotte, born, Charleston, S.C., 1762, died,
      Pelham, New York, 1842
   4) Susannah Dorothy, born in Pennsylvania, 1785, died,
      East Chester, New York, 1857
   5) James, born in Pennsylvania, 1786, died of wounds in
      Portugal, 1811
   6) Henry, born in Pennsylvania, 1789, died of wounds in
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      others who died young, 13 in all

2) m. Anne Bogardus, daughter of Jacob Bogardus of Sharon, Connecticut
July 2, 1792
Children:
   1) Frederick Jacob  1793-1818
   2) Mary Ann, born, Greenville, N.Y. 1794, died there, 1879
   3) Emilia Augusta, born Greenville, 1796, died 1822, married
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   4) Georgina born in Greenville, 1798, died there, 1891
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I Augustin Prevost, b. Geneva, Switzerland, 1695; d. 1740
three sons

Jean Louis Prevost

II General Augustin Prevost

two sons Sir George Prevost by second wife

Major Augustin Prevost of "Hush-Hush"
Farm by his first wife.

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Children of Augustine Prevost III and Anne Bogardus, continued

5) William Henry, born at Greenville, 1800, died in Michigan, 1826
6) Francis James, born at Greenville, 1802, died in California, 1871
7) Elizabeth Charlotte Natalie, born, Greenville, 1806, died there, 1890
8) Catherine Eliza, born, Greenville, 1808, died there, 1867
9) Theodore Louis, born Greenville, 1810, died there, 1893
10) Jacob Bogardus, born, Greenville, 1819; died ?
THE PREVOST PAPERS

As far as can be determined, the above collection was given to the Institute sometime between 1924 and 1943 by Ann Theodosia Prevost of Sonora, California, granddaughter of Major Augustine Prevost and daughter of Francis Prevost, born at Hush-Hush Farm in 1802 to Augustine Prevost and his wife Ann Bogardus.

Miss Prevost lived to be nearly one hundred.

Why she decided to present the papers to the Institute, cannot be determined from the evidence at hand.
Sheet No. 1. Prevost Papers. 1764-99.

1 From E. A. P. to Masen. Names E. Webster, Judge Callender, E. Buckus.

2 From A. P. to Ann. Captured several transports with troops bound for San Domingo.

3 A. P. to Ann. Letter about sending planks to father-in-law.

4 " Mr. Beers may not return to Albany.

5 " Family letter. Mentions S. Smith.

6 Nov. 9. From Canandaigua to Ann. P. Mentions Mr. Underhill, Spencer.

7 A. P. to Ann. Will return by same sloop.

8 " Mentions Vanneburgh. Family letter.

9 " From Greenville. Have oared the wheat.

10 " Long letter about the farm. Mentions Mrs. Hazel.

11 " From Louxst Grove. Reached Mr. Palmers through a violent snow storm. Broke a road through the fields and was now safe.

12 A. P. to Ann. Long interesting family letter. My pistol is in the bookcase. Bring it in the trunk. It is loaded.

13 Daughter E. A. Dexter to Ann. P. Mentions Mrs. Brigon, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Bennitt, Mrs. Linch.

14 A. P. to Ann. Mr. Fitch's horse was at the Point so I said him nine. About killing the calf and work on the farm.

15 A. P. to Ann. Received letter sent by Mickers boy. Mentions Dake, Panton.

16 " Will send my own teams with lumber to Mr. Bogardus.

17 " Disagreeable time in N.Y. Mr. Vickers refuses to pay draft.

18 Mar. 10. To A. P. about quit rent on 5,000 acres.


22 1781. Sept. 30. A. P. to Augustine. Written in French.


33 1785. Sept. 4. A. P. from Northampton, Eng. to George about writing to father and about recruiting.


35 1785. Nov. 27. A. P. Northampton, Eng. to brother about his regiment and brother's regiment.

36 1785. Sept. 29. A. P. to G. P. About the unfortunate turn of affairs of their father. Company of Buffs are left at Black River.


38 1786. Apr. 2. A. P. Northampton to G. P. Still on disagreeable duty of recruiting.

39 1786. Confirming grant of land that had been given by King to Lieut.-Col. A. Prevost in 1764.


41 1787. Sept. 5. F. Hallimend, London, to A. P. in French.

42 1790. Memorial to Hon. Grenville asking for pension, having served 29 years in British army and was Deputy Adjutant General in Carolina in 1780.

43 1791. Dec. 11. From W. M. Smith to A. P. I am going to breakfast with Col. Burr.


46 1792. July 29. G. W. P. from Camp on Haukgate Heath, to father. The King and royal family are with us almost every day.


48 1792. Sept 29. G. W. Greaves, thanking me for her interest in him.

49 1792. Dec. 20. W. M. Smith to A. P. About being a stockholder to build a road and canal near Philadelphia.

50 1793. Feb. 2. G. W. P. to Mrs. A. P. Family letter from Windsor.


53 1793. Aug. 6. G. W. P. to father. The regiment has been ordered from Windsor for foreign service.


55 1793. Nov. 18. G. W. P. to Mrs. A. P. I have at last been advanced to Capt.


57 1793. Dec. 25. G. W. P. Fortitude Transport, to father. Royalists made signal they did not have possession of place we were to disembark at.


59 1794. May 15. A. P. to Ann about paying his debts.

60 1794. Feb. 10. Great talk of peace in Europe.


1795. Feb. 15. G. W. P. Reine Osnaburg. to father. We have to give up all of Holland.

1795. Mar. 20. G. W. P. to father; Prince has recommended brother for Town Mayor of Halifax.


1795. Sept. 4. Mary Smith to sister Mrs. A. P. About taking care of a child.


1795. Oct. 3. G. W. P. St. Vincents to Mrs. A. P. Appears as though we have peace as Spaniards are dismantling fleet.


1797. Feb. 10. Same, but original letter. Other a copy.

1797. July 15. A. P. to Mrs. P. St John's is filled with fish flakes higher than housetops & flavor of dry cod salutes your nose.


1798. J. P. to father from Halifax. A schoolboy letter. (Faded.)


Sheet No. 4. Provost Papers. 1768-99.


1799. April 15. J. Bogardus, Catskill to Mrs. P. Long letter about getting old.

1943 Family records copied by J. D. Hatch. Bogardus & Provost.

90 Typed bible records of Provost family.

91 More Provost Family Records.

92 Manuscript blue sheet of family records.

93 Family record from 1744 to 1842.

94 Manuscript genealogical and heraldic record, 1804--50.

95 Another manuscript record of the family.

96 Plan of a beehive, with long description. Manuscript.

97 Manuscript map marked Forge Lot.


99 Lithograph map of what appears to be a fort and surroundings.

100 Note book with personal expenses, 1790-91.

101 From W. P. Beere to A. P. A friendly letter.

102 W. S. P. to Mrs. Provost About little boy visiting Aunt.


104 A. P. to Ann. Long family letter.

105 Acre of land given for a burial ground with boundaries. Provost to have privilege to graze lot with sheep only.

106 Note about signing deeds to O'Mare and Pierce.

107 Long document about paying quit rents on Col. Provost patent of 5,000.


109 G. W. P. to A. P. "Mortgage on Mill Farm shall be attended to."

110 From A. P. to father. Family letter from Otsego Lake.


112 T.P. to Mrs. P. Letter from son.

113 A.P. to Mother. Letter from Europe.
PREVOST PAPERS.
Sheet No. 5.

✓ 114 1897 Mar. Note copied from London Illustrated News about C.P.
✓ 115 Part of letter to Mother. Seers said Pops will be in town.
✓ 116 Small certificate appointing T.L.P. a fireman in Hudson. Signed, A.
    Chamberlain, Clerk.

Aug 5, 1800 Articles of Agreement between
    Depewel and Ners
    BLAVIDWELL AND ABRAHAM TARRGEL.
Sheet No. 1. Present Papers. 1800...


2 J.W.P. St. Lucia to Stepmother. Sent bag of coffee to replace one lost.


7 1800 Nov. 1. Receipt for mortgage and release to M. Fisher. Signed A.J.P.


12 1801 Mar. 15. C.W.P. St. Lucia to Father. Mentions Beers, Swords, McVickeas, Livingston, Brait. About business and losing job as collector.


15 1801 April 17. A.P., Montreal to Stepmother. Family letter.

16 1801 June 4. C.W.P. St. Lucia to Father. About losing job and returning home in August.


18 1801 Nov. 20. Receipt to Capt. P., signed A.J. DeLas for counsel fees.


20 1802 July. Manuscript of deed of land sold to Provost in 1792 by Squire Darby, but not signed.

21 1802 Nov. 4. C.W.P. Locust Grove to Father. About his slop and becoming a citizen.

22 1803 Jan. 7. A.P. to Father. Also letter on same sheet from son James. Family interest.
Sheet N. B. Prevost Papers. 1803. 

24 1803 Sept. 6. Document about Treat Baldwin's lot occupied by E. Weeks in short two acres.

25 1803 Sept. 23. J. W. P. Staatsburg, to Father, about a lot. Also page in French from Louisa P.


29 1804 Mar. 3. J. W. P. Dominica to Father. Commodore Hood is determined to take Martinique.

30 1804 May 9. J. W. P. Dominica to Father. Regiment may be ordered to Barbadoes.


33 1804 Sept 20. J. W. P. Barbadoes to father. Harry is recommended for a Ensigncy in the 46th regiment.

34 1804 Nov. 2 G. W. P. Locust Grove to Father. About Poughkeepsie Academy. On some sheet in French by Louisa.

35 1804 Nov. 28. J. W. P. Barbadoes to Father. Am here at the trial of an officer of the 46th regiment.

36 1804 Dec. 22. J. W. P. Barbadoes to Father. Col. Burr has been the perpetuator of a deed which will stigmatize his character.


40 1805. April 6. J. W. P. Dominica to Father. French with large force attack the island, but were driven off. Also note by the General.

41 1805. May 26. N. Smith to Mrs. P. Eliza left for Albany to spend Summer with Judge Spencer.

42 1805. June 9. G. W. P. Locust Grove to Father. Mentions Bartow, Passot, Your lands may be sold to pay the taxes.

43 1805. July 6. Henry P. Weybridge to Father. Will study until I can enter college in Fall.
44 1805. Aug. 31. J. P. London to Father. All the world is mourning for the Duke of Glouster who died a few days ago.


47 1805. Nov. 15. H. P. to Father. James is surprised at the improvement of your country.


50 1806. May. A. P. to J. Bogardus. The game is up in Europe and must result in peace.


1807. Feb. 4. J. P. London to Father. My reg. is now quartered in Dublin.


1807. Nov. 27. Aug. P. Hush Hush to W. Beers. A war would be a terrible scourge to our country.

1807. Jas. P. Halifax to Father. Just arrived in this country. Henry is also with me.


1808. Nov. 16. Henry P. Halifax, to Father. We are expecting to leave any day.


Sheet No. 5. Prevost Papers. 1809--


75 1809. Dec. 2. Jas. P. Halifax to Father. Peace has been concluded between France & Austria.

76 Jas. P. N. Y. to Father. About the war in Europe.


78 1809. Dec. Henry P. to Father from Halifax. A government schooner is ready to sail for N. J. and will send this by it.


81 1810. April 7. Aug. P. Guadeloupe to Father. We hardly know what flogging is. Wants to get away from the island.

82 1810. Sept. 16. N. Smith to Mrs. P. Writing about sickness of Eliza.


89 1811. Sept. 4. G. W. P. Bloomington to Father. Augustus has been commissioned Lieut-Col. of 56th regiment.

90 1811. Lieut.--Col. P. to Father. About sons share in the battle in Portugal.

91 1812. Jan. 4. Lady Prevost, Quebec to Aug. P. About son being ill.

92 1812. Feb. 20. G. W. P. Bloomington to Father. Convincing father, Mill Farm will not be sold under mortgage.
1812. Mar. 15. G. W. P. Bloomingdale to Father. Troubles with Smith, and family affairs.


1813. Feb. 1. Aug. P. to Ann. This is the last sermon I will go to until weather moderates.

1813. April 17. G. W. P. Phila. to Father. Gen. Craig has sold all his property here.


1813. May 19. G. W. P. N. Y. to father. Mr. Panton will hand you a parcel.


101 G. W. P. Bedford to Father. Names Col. Croghan, Dr. Smith, B. Clark, about land claims.


104 1814. Mar. 18. A. E. P. Albany to Father. Albany is all bustle, no longer dull, stupid town, but gay and dissipated.


109 1816. June 20. Receipt signed by A. Reed for subscription for stock in Greenville Academy held by A. Prevost.

110 1816. List of Mississippi land titles in manuscript


112 G. W. P. Cooperstown to Father. Difficulty getting a mortgage on Westchester farm.


118 1820. Feb. 10. Aug. P. Guadeloupe to Father. Landed at two points with 7,000 men without opposition.


120 1822. Feb. 10. D. B. Tallmadge to Mrs. P. About a suit for rent against Mr. Golden.

121 1824. July 17. Copy of letter from J. C. Spencer to J. K. Beekman about a mortgage Mrs. P. held against G. W. P.

123 1825. Copy, same as above.


127 1829. April 4. R. Dorlon, Catskill to Mrs. P. Commenced suit against Mr. Wooster for rent.


134 1831. Jan. 7. G. W. P. Eastchester, to Mrs. P. About her son Theodore being in N. Y.


136 1831. Oct. 22. R. Dorlon, Catskill, to Mrs. P. Your father's real estate was lost under a judgment in favor of Gen. Livingston.


142 1834. May 16. Theo. P. Mobile, to Mother. About taking a partner; end his brother Jacob, who is the dirtiest fellow in the country.

143 1834; June 3. Theo. P. Cahaba, Ala. to Mother. Long letter about riding horseback through country to collect his debts.


146 1834. F. J. F. Buffalo to Brother. Had tedious voyage of 8 days on canal.


148 1834. Dec. 31. Theo. P. Mobile to Mother. Mobile will be one of the chief cities in the South.


Sheet No. 10  Prevost Papers.  1835-1844


152  1835. Sept. 17. Kitteridge & Blake, Boston, long bill for furniture to Theo. P.


164  1833. Nov. 17. Theo. P., New Orleans to Mother. It seems strange to come from the frozen North and see flowers blooming. Also note from Jacob.


169  1843. Nov. 9. List of property of the late Anna Prevost.


181 1852. Nov. 23. Frank P. Sonora, Cal. to Theo. P. Long, very interesting letter. Flour at $5.00 a barrel.
184 1865. April 1. Receipts for payments on note to A. N. Bentley.
185 1864. Feb. 15. Bill for long list of items from Wackerhagen & McCabe to T. L. Prevost. 186
186 Copied 1855. Long list of names in 1815 who owed rent in 5,000 acres.
190 1874. Mar. 29. T. Ridgway, Buckingham Palace to Geo. A. P. Queen cannot make the appointment.


196 1924. Oct. 21. Severe Mallet-Prevost, N. Y. to Theodosia B. P. in Sonora, Cal., who was 100 years old. Typed history of Mallet-Prevost family.

197 Receipt signed by J. L. Roche, Jan 8, 1771, for 20 dollars received from Augustine Prevost Ratius in French on November 25.


199 "Monticello, column (no. 1) ... St. Helena, E."