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A Guide to the
Ten Broeck Collection
1761-1950

Collection Summary

Collection Title: The Ten Broeck Collection

Call Number: AE 117

Creator: Ten Broeck Family

Inclusive Dates: 1761-1950

Bulk Dates: 1767-1865

Abstract: None

Quantity: 3 boxes, 15 linear inches

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Given to the Museum by the descendants of the Ten Broeck family sometime after 1950.

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Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: none

Restrictions on Use: none

Index Term

Persons: Livingston family; Schuyler family; Ten Broeck, Dirck.; Ten Broeck, Petrus S; Ten Broeck family; Ten Broeck, Abraham; Bemus, Jothan; Duane, James; Bull; Duncan, John; French, Abel; Willard, Elias; Wood, John; Wright, Job; Jackson, George E.B.; Ten Broeck, Dr. Peter; Ten Broeck, Derrick; Ten Broeck, Lucretia L.C.; Ten Broeck, Cornelia S.; Ten Broeck, Margaret;

Subjects: Family history; Political activity--New York State;

Places: New York State--Political activity.

Document Types: Land records, deeds and surveys; Genealogical records; Correspondence;

Biography/History of the Ten Broeck Family

The Ten Broeck family was one of the most prominent and oldest families in Albany. They are of Dutch descent, coming to the New World in the 1600s. One of the earliest Ten Broecks was Dirck (1638-1717). Dirck had a son named Wessel (1664-1747), after his father. From Wessel came the Dirck (1686-1751). Dirck was one of several children. His sister Elsie's grandson, Petrus Ten Broeck is mentioned in these papers. Also, Johannes Ten Broeck is a cousin of this Dirck.

Dirck and his wife and 11 children, with about half reaching adulthood. The 10th child, a boy, was named Abraham (1734-1810). He married Elizabeth Van Rensselaer (1734-1813), the daughter of Stephen Van Rensselaer, the Patroon of Rensselaerwyck. He worked as merchant with his brother-in-law Philip Livingston. During his life, was Mayor of Albany from 1779-1783, and again from 1796-98. He also served in the Revolution, notably at the Battle of Saratoga. It was he who built the Ten Broeck Mansion at Arbor Hill. At the time he was attempting to keep up with the Schuylers and VanRensselears. The land it is built on was given to the couple by Stephen VanRensselaer. In 1848, the mansion was bought by Theodore Olcott. He named it Arbour Hill.

Abraham and Elizabeth had 5 children. The two oldest were twins, a boy and a girl. The girl died at age 2, while the boy, Dirck lived into adulthood. Dirck was born in 1765 and died in 1832. He married a Stuyvesant.

The Ten Broecks, like the other Dutch families of Albany, intermarried with each other repeatedly. Through marriage, the Ten Broecks are related to the Cuyler, Van

Buren, Schuylers, Van Schaick, VanRensselaer, Staats, Van Dyck, Bleecker, Ten Eyck, Lansing, Livingston, Van Alen, and Stuyvesant families.

Scope and Contents of the Records

The collections consists of Correspondence, wills, inventories, certificates, promissory notes, land estate records, and genealogical notes, including letters to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1767-1809, from Jothan Bemus, James Duane, Daniel Bull, John Duncan, Abel French, Dr. Elias Willard, John Wood, Job Wright, and members of the Livingston and Schuyler families, discussing politics and land holdings; correspondence between Dirck Ten Broeck and his father Abraham, 1769-1809, discussing politics; letters, deeds, and accounts of Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, 1813-49; and correspondence about the collection, 1950.

Organization of the Records

The collection is housed in 3 boxes. Box 1 contains genealogical records and letters from Dirck to his father Abraham, as well as copies of some of the replies. This box also contains 4 photographs of some of the Ten Broecks. Box 2 contains the papers of various members of the Ten Broeck family, including Abraham, Dirck, Petrus, Margaret, Cornelia, and Lucretia. Box 3 primarily contains the letters and estate of Lucretia Ten Broeck and the papers of George E.B. Jackson. Also in this box is an indenture from 1817 for a piece of land in New York City, made out to Derrick Ten Broeck.

Related Materials

Books

Ten Broeck Mansion: A Historic Structure Report, 1975. Call number is: **728.09747 MEN TEN 1975**

Ten Broeck Genealogy by Emma Ten Broeck Runk, 1897. Call number is: **929.2 TEN RUN 1897**

Ten Broeck Mansion, Selected Views, Call number is: **728.09747 JAE TEN** (This item cannot be located at this time).

Manuscript Collections

AD 116—Papers of Van Rensselaer, Schuyler, Ten Eyck and Ten Broeck Families, 1686-1876.

Ms-57—Ten Broeck Family Memorandum Book, 1711-1873

Ms-178—Abraham Ten Broeck, Account with the Corporation of the City of Albany

Ms-77-02-1—Dirck Wessels Ten Broeck-Letter to Hendrick Van Rensselaer, 1739

Other Finding Aids

An inventory of the Letters found in Box 1 Folders 13-20 can be found in the finding folder of box 1.

Two previous finding aids are found in the finding aid folder in box 1.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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

Series Title

Box #	Folder #	Title / Description
1	1	Genealogical Notes, Ten Broeck Family
1	2	Genealogical inquiries-late 19th and early 20th century and complications made by family members; includes letters of inquiry to various offices of the City of Albany
1	3	Photographs of Ten Broeck Family members
1	4	Letters of Dirck Ten Broeck to father Abraham Ten Broeck, 1794-96
1	5	Letters of Dirck Ten Broeck to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1798-99
1	6	Letters of Dirck Ten Broeck to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1800-1801
1	7	Letters of Dirck Ten Broeck to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1802-03
1	8	Letters of Dirck Ten Broeck to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1804-05
1	9	Letters of Dirck Ten Broeck to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1806-07
1	10	Letters of Dirck Ten Broeck to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1808-09, Copies of Letters from Abraham to Dirck, 1807-09
1	11	Letters of Abraham and Petrus Stuyvesant Ten Broeck to grandfather Abraham Ten Broeck, 1804-1809
1	12	Copies (typed) of letters of Dirck to Abraham
1	13	Letters to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1767-1768
1	14	Letters to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1769
1	15	Letters to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1784-85
1	16	Letters to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1785
1	17	Letters to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1786

1	18	Letters to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1786
1	19	Letters to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1802-07
1	20	Letters to Abraham Ten Broeck, 1808-09
2	1	Financial Accounts and receipts of Abraham Ten Broeck, 1761-1809
2	2	Legal Papers, Ten Broeck, Schuyler, VanRensselaer families,
2	3	Misc. papers of Dirck Ten Broeck
2	4	Petrus Stuyvesant Papers
2	5	Estate of Margaret Ten Broeck Papers
2	6	Estate of Cornelia Stuyvesant Ten Broeck Papers
2	7	Estate of Petrus Stuyvesant Ten Broeck Papers
2	8	Account Book of Lucretia L.C. Ten Broeck, 1849-1857
2	9	Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck Legal Documents
2	10	Letters to Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck 1813-1848
2	11	Letters and accounts from Hamilton Fish to Petrus Ten Broeck, 1836-41
2	12	Letters and accounts from Hamilton Fish to Petrus Ten Broeck, 1842-45
2	13	Letters and accounts from Hamilton Fish to Petrus Ten Broeck, 1846-49
3	1	Letters from Robert C. Embree to Lucretia L.C. Ten Broeck, 1850-1857
3	2	Letters from Robert C. Embree to Lucretia L.C. Ten Broeck, 1858-1860
3	3	Estate of Lucretia L.C. Ten Broeck Papers
3	4	Peter Gerard Stuyvesant Indenture, 1813
3	5	Letters from Robert C. Embree to George E.B. Jackson, 1864-86
3	6	Letters from Robert C. Embree to George E.B. Jackson, 1887-91
3	7	Misc. Letters and Certificates of George E.B. Jackson
3	8	Peter G.S. Ten Broeck papers, treasury receipts, and accounts, 1863-66
3	9	Estate of Dr. Peter G.S. Ten Broeck Papers
3	10	Misc. Receipts
3	11	Misc. Letters, 1860, 1873-74
3	12	Misc. Letters on the disposition of the Ten Broeck Collection
3	13	Indenture of Derick Ten Broeck in NYC, 1817
3	14	Cloth Bag which formally held the above indenture