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## A Guide to the Teunis Van Vechten Papers

### Collection Summary

**Collection Title:** Teunis Van Vechten Papers

**Call Number:**

**Creator:** Teunis Van Vechten and Stephen Van Rensselaer Jr.

**Inclusive Dates:** 1827-1930

**Bulk Dates:** 1830's-1840's

**Abstract:** Receipts for goods and services, business letters, real estate insurance policies, legal agreements, real estate transactions, a copy of a summons and complaint in Saratoga Supreme Court

**Quantity:** One box, four folders

### Administrative Information

**Custodial History:**

**Preferred Citation:** Teunis Van Vechten Papers. Albany Institute of History & Art Library, New York.

*[Double click on Collection Title, Call Number to enter correct information.]*

**Acquisition Information:** Private donation

Accession #:

Accession Date:

**Processing Information:**

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## **Index Term**

### **Persons**

*[Use Library of Congress Subject Headings.]*

### **Organizations**

*[Use Library of Congress Subject Headings.]*

### **Subjects**

#### **Real estate development and management**

##### **Land Development**

##### **Real estate business**

##### **Property management**

##### **Property insurance**

*[Use Library of Congress Subject Headings.]*

### **Places**

Albany, NY; Saratoga, NY; Schuylerville, NY

### **Document Types**

Receipts, bills, correspondence, real estate insurance policies, a lawsuit summons, George Strover's book of expenses and agreements

### **Titles**

*[Use Library of Congress Subject Headings.]*

## **Biography/History of**

Sieglinda G.S. O'Donnell, a family member, donated the papers from a family home in Albany, NY in 2011. The majority of the correspondence concerns Counselor at Law Teunis Van Vechten in his capacity as Trustee for the estate of Stephen Van Rensselaer, Jr. The papers document various types of building construction and the monies paid for them, legal agreements for real estate rentals and sales, and real estate insurance policies. Names also mentioned in the papers include Strover (administrator of estates for Van Vechten), Telfair, Bradley, Purdy, Slott, Taylor, Smith, and Petit. Papers dating after the

mid 1800's are concerned with real estate management and insurance on those properties originally managed by Teunis Van Vechten and his employees.

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

*[Make a note describing the general nature of the materials, indicating their general contents (the range of subjects), their scope (the depth to which those subjects are m See Biography/History above and the description of document types,*

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

*[Descendant components may be described tersely within this section. In other words, list the series and subseries in this collection.]*

The material is separated into four categories: agreements, receipts and bills for goods and services, letters, and insurance policies

### **Related Material**

*[This section describes other collections that have a common provenance, creator or subject matter. Sometimes it is used to describe the fact that parts of a collection have been transferred to other custodial units with the organization, which are listed in the Separated Materials sub-section below. For example, photographs have been transferred to the photo collection or books have been transferred to the general collection.]*

Van Rensselaer Family Papers

#### **Separated Materials**

*[List any materials here that have been separated out from the main body of records, including the call number.]*

### **Other Finding Aids**

*[This would be for additional guides to the same collection. These other access tools would describe all or parts of the collection. For example, there might be a published edition of the inventory or the materials may have come to the repository with some sort of inventory prepared by the creator. File plans are formal examples of such finding aids (with a separate element all their own) that sometimes accompany organizational needs.]*

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

*[We usually do not need to catalog to the item level. Assign item numbers only when necessary. Grid lines in table will not show when printed.]*

The papers are housed in one box which contains four folders: real estate agreements, insurance policies, letters, and bills and receipts.

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

**Series # [ # ] . Series Title: Business and Real Estate Correspondence and Documents[ title]**

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
1	1	Real estate agreements, 1830's-1840's Saratoga Supreme Court Law Suit, Coffin vs Lower, 1923
1	2	Real estate insurance policies, 1840's-1930
1	3	Business correspondence and letters, 1830's-1840's
1	4	Bills and receipts for goods and services, 1820's-1860's George Strover's receipt book