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Winne Family Papers

1708-1910

1 lin. ft., 2 boxes

- Series I. Legal Documents (1708-1870)
- Series II. Financial Documents (1786-1881)
- Series III. Personal Papers, Ephemera and Miscellanea (1834-1910)

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Biographical Note

This collection contains the legal, financial and personal papers of the Winne family, who have inhabited the Bethlehem, New York area since the late seventeenth century. The first member of the Winne family to settle in the colonies is identified in *Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs* (Cuyler Reynolds, ed., 1911) as Peter Winne, who moved to Bethlehem from Holland in July of 1684. The earliest reference in this collection is to Adam Winne, son of Peter, who, according to *Records of the People of the Town of Bethlehem* (Bethlehem Historical Association, 1982), was a farmer who owned a parcel of property in Rensselaerwyck. Contained in the collection is Adam's last will and testament, dated 1790 from Bethlehem. The rest of the papers primarily consist of legal and financial documents. The majority concern Peter W. Winne (1789-1847) and his son, Barent S. Winne (1818-1891). Barent, and perhaps his father as well, owned a dock on the Hudson and a successful barge business. Both men were married to women of the Staats family, another family with a long presence in Bethlehem and with ancestry tracing back to Adam Winne. As the papers indicate, the Winne and Staats families maintained close ties. Members of the Staats family are often mentioned in the Winne papers, and several of the documents are directly concerned with the Staats.

Scope and Content Note

The Winne Family Papers span the period from 1708 to 1910 and primarily contain legal and financial documents. The collection is divided into three series: LEGAL DOCUMENTS; FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS; and PERSONAL PAPERS, EPHEMERA AND MISCELLANEA. The collection was purchased by the Albany Institute of History and Art in 1992 from Dennis Holzman Antiques.

Series I. LEGAL DOCUMENTS (1708-1870) contains many deeds, mortgages, wills and other matters of estate. The earliest is a fragment of a document, probably a deed, dated to 1708, naming Joachim and Barent Staats. The first mention of the Winnes is in a 1769 agreement by Stephen Van Rensselaer to sell a parcel of land to Adam Winne. Also included in this series are Adam Winne's 1790 last will and testament, in which he leaves one-half of his slaves to each of two daughters, statements pertaining to several state supreme court matters the family was involved in, a memorandum of agreement by Peter Winne to buy the sloop *Cleremont of Kingston* in 1843, and another in which one third of the steam tug *Uncle Ben* was to be sold to Barent S. Winne in 1854.

Series II. FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS (1786-1881) contains receipts, promissory notes, records of accounts and several small leather-bound account ledgers. The majority of the financial papers belonged to Peter W. or Barent S. Winne, with some pertaining to other Winnes or to the Staats. One folder in this series compiles receipts and miscellaneous papers (1837-39) concerning the Sloop Convoy of Bethlehem, which was run by a Captain Winne, presumably Peter W. or Barent S.

Series III. PERSONAL PAPERS, EPHEMERA AND MISCELLANEA contains assorted documents and ephemera of a personal nature as well as some miscellaneous items. Included are a folder of correspondence, dated 1835-60, written primarily by R. (Richard?) Winne, an account of how the name and arms of the Staats family came to be, an undated hand-drawn map of Winne property, Barent S. Winne Jr.'s 1910 wedding announcement, and his photograph.

Box Folder

Series I. LEGAL DOCUMENTS

1	1	Supreme Court matters	1821-59
	2	Request for records	n.d. (ca.1858)
	3	Bonds, mortgages	1794-1879
	4	Deeds	1708-1863
	5	Land indentures	1769-97
	6	Land indentures	1806-48
	7	Probate	1789-1809
	8	Probate	1817-37
	9	Probate	1839-51
	10	Probate	1866-70
	11	Memoranda of agreement	1843, 1854

Series II. FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

2	12	Promissory notes	1819-73
	13	Receipts- Peter W. Winne	1814-46
	14	Receipts- Barent S. Winne	1821-81
	15	Miscellaneous receipts	1826-59
	16	Sloop Convoy papers	1837-39
	17	Accounts of Richard Winne with Barent Winne	1851-57
	18	Records of accounts	1795-1854
	19	Certificates of insurance	1863, 1887

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2	20	Miscellaneous financial	1789-1834
	21	Account ledgers	1849, 1850
	22	Account ledgers	1856, 1857
	23	Account ledgers	1868, 1873
	24	Account ledger	1888-90

Series III. PERSONAL PAPERS, EPHEMERA AND MISCELLANEA

25	Correspondence	1835-60
26	Account of the Staats name and arms	n.d.
27	Maps and land coordinates	n.d.
28	Miscellaneous, personal	1834, 1910, n.d.
29	Miscellaneous, general	n.d.
30	Photo of "Uncle Barent Winne"	n.d.