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Abstract: Papers and records of the Ten Eyck and Ten Broeck families, business records of Johannes Beekman, business and political correspondence of Leonard Gansevoort and business records of Cuyler-Gansevoort firm as well as other records relating to the military, land transactions, the Watervliet Turnpike Company and other topics.

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History: The Ten Eyck family, which is the major focus of this mixed collection of archives, was a prominent Albany family of merchants and landowners. The members of the family found here include Abraham, his son Abraham, Jr., Conrad, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Martha Smyth, Jacob, Leonard Gansevoort, Abraham Cuyler and Britton Ten Eyck. Notes about each of these individuals are found in this inventory. In addition to the Ten Eycks, there are papers of Johannes Beekman, b. 1694, an important early 18th c. merchant in Albany who traded furs and many other items. The Ten Broeck family papers are mainly related to the settlement of the estates of John Ten Broeck, 1740-1822 and Leonard Ten Broeck, including papers of Harmen Gansevoort Wynkoop, b. 1785-1854. Leonard Gansevoort, b. 1751-1810, was important figure in Albany and New York State politics as well as a merchant with extensive business in Albany, New York City and the Netherlands through his firm Cuyler, Gansevoort & Co.; a biographical note of Gansevoort is included in this inventory. Cuyler, Gansevoort & Co. was founded by Gansevoort and Jacob Cuyler in 1783, but failed in just 5 years, in 1788. The Watervliet Turnpike Company appears to have been founded about 1835 as a toll road in the Town of Watervliet

Scope Note: This is a mixed collection of archives related to Albany, New York families and businesses as well as a mixed group of military documents and land records and other miscellaneous related and unrelated items. The Ten Eyck family records include correspondence, land, legal and financial documents of the family dated from 1743-1885. There is an inventory of the estate of Abraham Ten Eyck dated 1825 and land documents re: to the Flatts and the Town of Providence of Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr. An interesting file of material of Conrad, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer and Martha is concerned by the family’s business, land dealings, estate issues and family affairs in Albany and at Detroit, where Conrad was an early settler. Johannes Beekman’s papers include correspondence and accounts of sales of furs, animal skins and other items in early 18th century Albany and include documents in Dutch language. The Ten Broeck family material includes estate papers re: to Johannes and Leonard Ten Broeck, ca. 1816-1824 and include a slave sale document dated 1818. The papers of Leonard Gansevoort are extensive and include family, business, and political correspondence, 1767-1793. There is correspondence with a Dutch merchant firm and papers re: to the sale of wheat and flour and other products, which relate to the business papers found in the Cuyler, Gansevoort records. There is an Abstract of Title for the family’s Whitehall Estate, Albany. The Cuyler, Gansevoort & Co. records of Leonard Gansevoort and joint-owner Jacob Cuyler relate to their Albany store, and include several accounts with various sloops shipping goods between Albany and New York. There are orders, accounts, and receipts including sloop manifests. The Watervliet Turnpike Company material consists of printed official documents related to turnpike tolls and their exemption for farmers along the road. There is a collection of miscellaneous military documents of Leonard Ten Eyck and the Van Rensselaer family and others in the mid-19th century. A small collection
of documents is concerned with land sales and leases in the Glen, Bleecker and Lansing Patent in Fulton County and a few other land documents. There are six manuscript maps of places in Albany, Dryden, Tompkins County, Sacandaga and Kingsbury. A group of printed items including a broadside for the sale of property in Albany, ca. 1840, various flyers, State Assembly documents and other items. Lastly, a group of 7 documents (Acc. 2016.60) is related to the Ten Eyck family and filed with this larger Ten Eyck collection.

It must be noted that although most of the collection is in reasonable condition and may be used with appropriate care, there are many documents in quite poor condition and one large folder of material that is filled with items that are not in usable condition because of their very poor condition.

**Organization:** This collection is organized by family (Ten Eyck, Ten Broeck, Beekman and Gansevoort) and by format or subject.
Box 1:

Ten Eyck Family Papers:

This is a group papers including correspondence, legal and financial documents of various members of the Ten Eyck family, including Abraham Ten Eyck, Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr., Jeremiah Van Rensselaer Ten Eyck, Conrad Ten Eyck, Martha Smyth Ten Eyck, Leonard Gansevoort Ten Eyck and other members of the family. The papers are dated 1743-1885. Each Ten Eyck has his/her papers filed separately.

Abraham Ten Eyck:

Abraham Ten Eyck, b. 9/4/1743, d. 11/7/1824, md. Annatje Lansing, 4/14/1769, a member of the Albany Committee of Correspondence and later of the Society of Cincinnati. Abraham Jr., Coenraed (Conrad), Jeremiah Van Rensselaer and Jacob, all of whose papers are found in this collection were his sons.

Folder 1: Papers incl. a deed for lot of land in Albany, 1802, receipt of payment of tax to Albany by his heirs, 1831, lease of land on Gallows Hill in Albany from him to Nicholas Cuyler, 1768. A detailed inventory of the “goods, chattels & credits” of Abraham Ten Eyck, town of Watervliet, Jan. 1825.

Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr.:

Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr., b. 10/23/1776, d. 2/14/1846, md. Gertrude Schuyler, Jan. 1836. He appears to have been a merchant and may have had a bookstore.


Folder 3: Land documents, mainly certifications of rental of land and houses on the Flatts, Town of Watervliet and in the Town of Providence, Saratoga County, ca. 1831-1844; Also, notes of loans made to Abraham T.E., Jr., 1805-1840; also part of a membership certificate of Abraham T.E., Jr. to the Society for Promoting Agriculture and Domestic Manufactures (half of document is missing); also, a blank report of the Trustees of School Districts with an endorsement stating “papers relating to Uncle Abraham’s legacy to/of $2200 to Conrad Ten Eyck of Michigan,” (papers not present).

Folder 4: Receipts, 1804-1854, to Abraham T.E., Jr. for his various payments for goods and services, taxes paid, etc.; several are for payments of an annuity to Elizabeth Cuyler.
Conrad Ten Eyck:

Conrad Ten Eyck, b. 8/13/1782, d. 8/23/1847, md. Sarah Kramer Ten Eyck, 1795-1870; moved from Albany to Detroit, MI where he became a prominent businessman, politician and served in various offices in Michigan, including United States Marshal for Michigan and the first sheriff of Wayne County, MI. He was well-known for having a tavern in Dearborn near the Rouge River that was known for many years as the “Old Ten Eyck Tavern.” He became wealthy and had at least two children, William T.E. and Maria B. Sloss. Buried in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

Folder 5: Correspondence of Conrad Ten Eyck with family members and others incl.: Abraham, Abraham, Jr., Jeremiah V. R., and Jacob Ten Eyck, Gerrit Y. Lansing, Sanders Lansing, 1813-1829 concerning trips to Detroit, his arrest for debt by Boyd & Suydam, family sickness in Detroit, disagreements with his brother Abraham T.E., Jr., also, a letter of William Brown, an executor of the estate of Jeremiah V.R. Ten Eyck with a copy of Jeremiah’s will. Also, a statement of receipts of financial notes “promised to account for Conrad Ten Eyck,” n.d. Miscellaneous receipts and account statements re: to lands in Albany.

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer Ten Eyck:

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer Ten Eyck was born April 3, 1790 and died in 1829. He was born in Albany, son of Abraham J. Ten Eyck and Annatje Lansing, in 1790. He was the brother of Coenrad Ten Eyck, also born in Albany, who became a prominent merchant and politician in Detroit and Michigan, and assisted Jeremiah in his career. Jeremiah Ten Eyck died in 1831 in Detroit and his widow, Martha Smyth T.E. later married a judge in Cleveland, OH. He and Martha may not have had any children as none are mentioned in his will.

Folder 6: Correspondence of Jeremiah with his brother, Abraham T.E., Jr., undated and 1822-1828; also several receipts for taxes, for rent to Consistory of Second Reformed Prot. Dutch Church of Albany, etc., the probate and statement of costs associated with his will, 1831; also another copy of the will.

Martha Smyth Ten Eyck

Martha Smyth Ten Eyck, was born in Michigan, daughter of Richard Smyth and Prudence Brady. She married Jeremiah Van Rensselaer Ten Eyck on May 14, 1819. Jerry (aka in Detroit, according to documents) was born in Albany, son of Abraham J. Ten Eyck and Annatje Lansing, in 1790. He was the brother of Coenrad Ten Eyck, also born in Albany, who became a prominent merchant and politician in Detroit and Michigan, and assisted Jeremiah in his career. Jeremiah Ten Eyck died in 1831 in Detroit and his widow later married a judge in Cleveland, OH. Martha Ten Eyck was a founding member of the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit in 1825. This correspondence is with Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr., brother of Jeremiah VR Ten Eyck and is chiefly
concerned chiefly with Abraham assisting her with the sale of various properties in Albany and helping with her financial affairs. There are also some bits of family news and illnesses, and of her visit to Mackinaw and to visit her sister in Cleveland. A letter, 8/8/1833, discusses the cholera epidemic in Detroit. There is mention of attempts to settle her deceased husband’s finances, especially with his brother Conrad Ten Eyck in Detroit.

Folder 7: Correspondence and other documents incl.: letters of Martha Ten Eyck, Detroit, MI and Cleveland, OH to Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr. dated 1829-1835. Agreement of Conrad A. Ten Eyck to purchase property on Columbia Street, Albany, NY of Martha Ten Eyck for $500, July 6, 1832. Her attorney in this transaction was Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr.; Agreement, 1833, to appoint Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr. for the purpose of selling lots along the Watervliet Turnpike; also, miscellaneous receipts and an account with Abraham T.E., Jr. for farm rents, etc., 1831-1835.

Jacob Ten Eyck:

Jacob Ten Eyck, b. 1772, d. 1862, was married to Magdalena Gansevoort, daughter of Leonard Gansevoort and Hester Cuyler. He was a Member of the NYS Assembly and a Judge of the Albany County Court.


Leonard Gansevoort Ten Eyck:

Leonard Gansevoort Ten Eyck, b. 1801, d. 1881, son of Jacob T.E. and Magdalena Gansevoort. He was the Superintendent of Common Schools in the Town of Bethlehem. He lived in the family home at Whitehall, Town of Bethlehem. Several documents in this file are in poor condition and are fragile.

Folder 9: The papers in this file include his report as Superintendent of the Common Schools in Bethlehem, 1853; Surrogate’s Court, Albany County, naming Leonard G. Ten Eyck, Executor of the will of Jacob Ten Eyck, 1862; Leonard Ten Eyck’s commission as a Major General in the 9th Div. of Infantry, 1840. There are a few bonds and chattel mortgages, 1852-1879; several land documents, incl. mortgages, leases, satisfactions of mortgages, 1840-1866. Account A. Cuyler Ten Eyck for the estate of Leonard G. Ten Eyck, April 12, 1882. Account of monies from sale from case of Bank of Albany v. Ten Eyck & Brinckerhoff, 1846. Miscellaneous brief letters and receipts and scraps. Several checks on the National Albany Exchange Bank,1876-78 and a check
from 1941 to Lantern Realty Corp. An envelope containing a few cancelled stamps; a silk ribbon U.S. Special Deputy Marshal, Nov. 2, 1886 and a funeral? card for the Seward Memorial from the New York State Legislature.

**Abraham Cuyler Ten Eyck:**

Abraham Cuyler Ten Eyck, b. 1830, d. 1900, md. Margaret Matilda Haswell; a member of the Albany City Water Commission.

Folder 10: A quitclaim deed for land in Albany, 1861, letter dated 1888 about Water Commission meeting, letter, 1885, from H.A. Hendrickson, a minister (?) in Schodack Landing, NY to A. C. Ten Eyck, who was in the hospital, conveyance of goods of A.C. Ten Eyck within his family, 1860.

**Britton Ten Eyck:**

Britton Ten Eyck, b. 1833, d. 1858, son of Herman Gansevoort Ten Eyck and Catherine Britton Ten Eyck, b. Albany Rural Cemetery.

Folder 11: Bill of costs for goods and services from Harvey Parsons, undertaker, for Britton Ten Eyck’s funeral, Sept. 1858.

**Miscellaneous Ten Eyck Family:**

Folder 12: Letter from Robert Lansing to his mother Catherine Ten Eyck Lansing, 1825, mentioning his uncle Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr.


Account of sales, etc. re: to estate of C.A. Ten Eyck, 1846

Letter re: to a legacy of a Ten Eyck, ca. 1851

Receipt to Jacob H. Ten Eyck, from Rutger Bleecker, n.d., n.p., (Dutch)

**Box 2:**

**Johannes Beekman, Papers:**

Johannes Beeckman, Jr. aka Beekman, was the son of Johannes Martense Beeckman and Eva Vinhaegen and was baptized May 20, 1694. His father was a smith and he had a few siblings, including Marten, baptized, Sept. 8, 1695. He was a merchant in Albany and appears to have visited Oswego to acquire animal skins and furs. His business included purchases and sales of
skins, furs, flour, tobacco, and many other goods, such as knives, handkerchiefs, nails, silk and “horne combs.” Much of this business correspondence and accounts is written in Dutch. The business accounts in these papers are dated from 1716-1751. The papers are filed chronologically.

Folder 1: Correspondence, bond for loan, and accounts of sales, n.d., 1716-1719 re: sales and purchase of cloth, tobacco, 2 dozen combs, knives, etc.

Folder 2: Correspondence and accounts of sales, 1720-1729, re: sales and purchase of a variety of goods, incl. furs and skins of raccoon, mink, and marten, nails, silk, flour, handkerchiefs. Also, 3 bonds of Beeckman to various people for various amounts of money. Also, a bond of Cornelis Schermerhorn to Beeckman to deliver a sloop load of stone for building a house, 7/3/1729. Some of the persons dealing with Beeckman incl. Luykas Joh. Wyngaard, Gulian Verplanck, Wm. Smith, Barberie & Moore, James Searle, Stephen DeLancey, Barent Sanders,  

Folder 3: Correspondence and accounts of sales, 1730-1739; incl. accounts and correspondence with Luykas Joh. Wyngard, Ephraim Bogardus, Stephen Delancey, and others; also memoranda of debts and documents re: to a case of ejectment, 1734.

Folder 4: Correspondence and accounts of sales, 1740-1749, 1751; incl. also 2 memoranda of recognizance to J. Beekman to pay Commissioners for collecting duties on Indian goods and rum, 1741, 1751; recognizances includes statement that Beekman will not defraud or cheat the Indians, will not adulterate or water the rum or abuse the Indians at Oswego or elsewhere.

Box 2, cont.:

Ten Broeck Family, Papers:

This is a group of papers re: to the estates of the Johannes (John) and Leonard Ten Broeck. Johannes Ten Broeck, the son of Cornelis Ten Broeck and Maria Cuyler, was born 7/27/1740 and died 12/26/1822. He was married to Sara Gansevoort, 1762 and they had 11 children. He was a merchant in Albany and was member of the Common Council, alderman, a member of the Committee of Safety in 1775, a delegate to the Provincial Congress and a member of the State Assembly. His son, Leendert (Leonard) was born 1/24/1775 and died 6/25/1812. Leonard was married to Sarah Doll, 11/10/1802.

Folder 5: Papers of the trustees of the estate of John Ten Broeck, 1816-1824, incl. receipts, financial accounts, notes and other papers re: to sale of Ten Broeck farm and payment of taxes. There is also an account with Dr. Platt Williams for the medicines and care for Capt. George W.[ray] Ten Broeck, 1816

Folder 6: Papers of trustees of the estate of Leonard Ten Broeck, 1816-1824, chiefly in accounts of Leonard’s estate with the estate of John Ten Broeck.
Folder 7: Papers of Harmen Gansevoort Wynkoop, some concerned with his role as a trustee of the estate of Leonard Ten Broeck. Harmen G. Wynkoop, was the son of Cornelis Wynkoop and Annatje Gansevoort, b. 12/16/1785, d. 1854. He was an apothecary and may have been a doctor. The papers incl. financial statements, receipts, and two letters. There are receipts with Packard and Van Benthuysen for printing, Jesse Buel and others and a large statement of account of John Ten Broeck and others with Wynkoop, 1816-1820. Two documents of particular interest are a receipt to Isaac Hutton for boards, planks, and shingles, that is receipted by Thos. Hutton, 2/24/1820 and a slave sale document of H. G. Wynkoop, 10/21/1818 whereby Wynkoop purchased a “Negro boy” named Dan at a Sheriff’s sale.

Miscellaneous Documents:

Folder 8:

Two statements of account re: to the estate of David Ver Plank, deceased, 1765 and 1767.


Letter of a “your poor and only Daughter” to her father, n.d., n.p. (possibly Albany) requesting financial assistance.

Regents High School Diploma from Albany High School to Conradt A. Ten Eyck, 1877. This Conradt may be Conrad Abram Ten Eyck, son of Coenradt Abraham Ten Eyck and Catherine Ann Wilkes.

Document with genealogical information about Teunis Van Vechten family


A quote from the Bible, Matthew, with questions concerning the verse and sent from John O’Brien of Greenville to Matilda Haswell, Dec. 1891.

List of books, possibly part of an estate inventory, n.d., late 19th c.

Recipe for cough medicine, n.d.

List of names of people in various families, Haswell, Ten Eyck, Lansing, etc., n.d., ca. 1850-1860.

List of names of people to whom letters were sent in Montgomery County, n.d., ca. 1780-1790

A ballot with names of various persons for state offices.


**Box 2, cont.:**

Folder 9: A folder of scraps consisting of pieces of documents in extremely poor condition, most unidentifiable in current condition and should not be handled until conservation work is done with them.

**Box 3:**

**Leonard Gansevoort: Correspondence**

Leonard Gansevoort was born in 1751 and married Hester Cuyler in 1770. He became a businessman learning from his father, Harman Gansevoort, and was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church in Albany, and was elected to the Albany City Council. During the American Revolution, he served on the Albany Committee of Correspondence and was elected to the New York Provincial Congress, was appointed Albany County Clerk in 1778, and served in both houses of the State Legislature. He became a wealthy man from his business affairs, owned a home called Whitehall in the town of Bethlehem and was a slave owner. As may be seen from the correspondence and other papers here, Gansevoort was involved in a wide variety of trade, including trade with companies shipping goods from Europe and with New York City merchants. He was also regular correspondent with political leaders in Congress as well as in New York state. Leonard Gansevoort died in 1810. His brother, Peter Gansevoort, was a general in the American Revolution and directed the American troops defending Fort Schuyler against the British in the British campaign in 1777 and he later held various offices, including Commissioners of Indian Affairs.

This is a file of letters received by Leonard Gansevoort, 1767-1793. The correspondence includes business, family, and political topics. The following is a list of the Gansevoort’s correspondents. Many of the letters are in fragile or poor condition.

Folder 1: LeRoy Bayard, New York, March 1793-September 1794, 6 letters to Gansevoort and to Gansevoort and Co. (i.e. Cuyler & Gansevoort) concerning goods shipped on sloops, land purchases in Herkimer Co. (Royal Grant lands) and other business. (Some of the letters are very fragile and not complete due to damage.)

Folder 2: Thomas Sickels, Walloomsack, NY, May 1786-Jan. 1790, 5 letters to Gansevoort, chiefly about politics and election results in his district; congratulates Gansevoort on his election (5/1/1789 letter). (Some of the letters are very fragile.) Also, a letter of Daniel Sickles, 4/11/1787.
Folder 3: Thomas Storm, New York, Feb. 1787-Jan. 1788, 7 letters to Gansevoort, about family matters (illnesses, etc.) and commerce including price of wheat, ginseng, and oil sticks and Holland oil (paints); 4/2/1787 letter mentions “Col. Burr.”

Folders 4-5: Correspondence from the following persons to Leonard Gansevoort re: to politics in various counties esp. relating to elections, politics and State Assembly, friendship, wheat and flour business, land purchases, business with Dutch merchants, Gansevoort’s store business, payment of debts, making a wagon for LG, requests for assistance of LG when he was in the State Assembly, timber and lumber, Cuyler & Gansevoort accounts, sloop shipments of potash, 1767-1793 and n. d.

Folder 4:


Volkert Oothout, Albany Flats, 4/20/1767

Christopher Bancker, New York, 4/5/1769

Jacob Van der Heyden, Great Barrington, 2/8/1779

Gerard Bancker, Kingston, 5/25/1780; New York, 8/5/1789 (congratulations on birth of LG’s daughter Catherine)

Peter W. Yates, Albany, 3/14/1783; wants to know if Gansevoort has “traduced my Reputation as an Attorney.”

Peter D. Van Dyck, Great Barrington, 8/3/1783

Christopher Yates, 8/16/1783

Thomas Mackie, New York, 9/22/1783; Philadelphia, 4/26/1784

Dr. Nics (Nicholas) Romayne, 4/14/1784

John Rainey, New York, 5/3/1784

Stewart & Jones, New York, 11/29/1784

Thomas Hook, Charleston, 1/7/1785, New York, 5/3/1786

Chas. W. ?, New York, 4/?/1785

John Taylor, New York, 2/15/1786, politics in State Assembly

Josiah Crane, Stone Arabia, 5/3/1786, New York, 2/1/1787; also a letter of LG to Crane, Schenectady, 3/16/1786 re: senatorial election.
Isaac Goes, Kinderhook, 5/9/1786
Hugh McAdam, Saratoga, 5/20/1786; City Hall, 7/20/1786; 9/10/1786
John Van Deusen, Hurley, 6/6/1786
Sidney Berry, New York, 9/2/1786
Matthew Visscher, 9/7/1786
Henry Glen, New York, 3/4/1787(?)
Adam Crysler, Niagara, 5/20/1787, who received his crop; he has Indian corn in his loft.
W.(?) Seton(?), New York, 7/7/1787
Peter B. Tearse (?), Saratoga, 11/24/1787; Poughkeepsie, 3/7/1788; Poughkeepsie, 3/18/1788
Andrew McFarlan, Schenectady, 2/16/1788, re: petition to Congress for payment of his money
Folder 5:
Peter B. Tearse, Pookeepsie (sic), 3/7/1788, about accounts and that he visited Mrs. Gansevoort who asked him to inform Gansevoort that she “has not Received a Single line from you Since your Departure.”
Peter B. Tears, (sic) Poughkeepsie, 3/18/1788, about debt payment and bond and mortgage.
Abraham Cuyler, Albany, 3/12/1788 (informing LG of the death of LG’s uncle, John Beeckman)
Cornelius Glen and Jacob Cuyler, Albany, 4/7/1788
John Ostrander, Jr., Albany, 4/21/1788, needs financial assistance
Dudley Walsh, New York, 5/14/1788, the “President of Congress…insist on your appearing here…”
Thomas Smith, New York, 7/3/1788
Egbert(?) Benson, 8/6/1788
Stephen McCrea, New York, 12/19/1788
Nathaniel Ogden, Coeymans, 4/6/1789, politics.
James Fairlie, New York, 4/12/1789; sends results of election in Albany and Montgomery County; “new Congress are at work. The house of Representatives keeps open Doors, and
Galleries are everyday crowded…” Great preparations are making here for the Reception of Genl. Washington & Mr. Adams.”

Jacob Morris, Cherry Valley, 4/30/1789, politics and election.

Isaac Tichenor, 5/4/1789 (lost wager and LG can get a “good Beaver hat” from Mr. Wendell)

Samuel Bigelow, Albany City Hall, 5/5/1789

Eve Snell, Stone Arabia, 6/22/1789, re: purchase of land

Gerard Bancker, New York, 8/5/1789, congratulates Gansevoort on the birth of his daughter.

Jesse Baldwin, New York, 9/14/1789

John Schuyler to Charles Cox re: LG, Albany, 10/31/1789

The. V.W. Graham, n.p., 5/6/1789

Jacob Morton, New York, 8/30/1789

Myndert S. Ten Eyck, Schenectady, 9/5/1789

N. Cruger, New York, 2/25/1790; Poughkeepsie, 4/7/1790

Robert H. Wendell, Schenectady, 4/9/1790

John Post, Fort Schuyler, 11/1/1791, re: shipment of potash and striped blankets; Fort Schuyler, 3/13/1793

John Wigram, Hudson, 2/16/1793

James Crammond, Philadelphia, 2/20/1793

Christopher Batterman, Glass House, 3/5/1793

Lewis Ogden, New York, 3/9/1793

Pierrie DePeyster, New York, 3/6/1793


Bohl Bohlen, Boston, Oct. 10, 1783, (in Dutch)
Leonard Gansevoort: Business Documents: The following is a group of miscellaneous documents re: to LG’s business and law practice with the exception of the Abstract of Title to Whitehall, originally bequeathed by LG to his widow, Hester Gansevoort.

Folder 6:

Abstract of Title to Whitehall, with certifications of City Clerks of Albany re: the title., 1866, 1877.

Arbitrator’s Oath re: case of Edward Willett v. LG, n.d.

Receipts to LG and others, 101 receipts, 1771-1793

Receipt to Hester Gansevoort, executrix of LG’s estate, from Theodore V.W. Graham, Oct. 4, 1820

Statement of prices in cash for masts and lumber, Red Hook, NY, n.d. (post-Revolutionary War), includes length and diameter of masts and bowsprits and prices paid for white oak and pine as well other lumber.

Draft of Articles of Agreement of LG and Jacob Cuyler with Bohl Bohlen, n.d., re: trade; also, contract between Leonard Gansevoort and Jacob Cuyler and Bohl Bohlen with a list of the articles and conditions of the contract, May 13, 1783. Also, the same document in Dutch. Also, related documents of Jacob Cuyler, 1783.

Draft Articles of Agreement of LG and Peter Feeck and Bartholomew Vrooman re: land in Schoharie, Feb. 10, 1787

Accounts of Leonard Gansevoort with:

John H. Ten Eyck, 1772 and 1774 for recorders fees

Auditor’s Office, Philadelphia, 1782 for LG’s salary, etc. as a Commissioner of the Extra Chamber of Accounts at Albany.

Daniel Dunscomb & Co., 1784 (for knives, thimbles, scizzors, penknives, snuff and tobacco boxes, shoe buckles)

Statement of costs in Supreme Court of case of LG v. Edward Chinn, 1783 (very fragile)

John Shaw, for gallons of Madeira and Port wine, 1788

Baltzer Kern?, for court costs, 1771-1772 (2 documents)

William Duer at Fort Miller, for court costs, debts, rum, blankets, bread, molasses, 1775-1776
James Arden, various goods, insurance on brig So. Carolina, cloth, 1791 (very fragile)

Andries Douw, various goods, (Birds & cage, 2 pineapples, to John Morton for 6 pictures, loaf sugar, planks and boards, 1774

Philip P. Lansingh, serving writs, n.d.

Willet & Gansevoort, for freighting boards and planks, 1783

Henry Ten Eyck, Jr. for serving writs, 1771

Edward Willett for sloop costs and bonds and interest, 1789

Accounts of money due to various persons, from Leonard Gansevoort?, 1779, 3 sheets of accounts.

Account of monies received by Albany County Treasurer, 1779-1781, for Second State Tax.

Bill of goods sold to Daniel G. Van Antwerp, 1772, incl. Carolina potatoes, barrel of sugar, chocolate, bushels of corn, a beaver hat and case, cleaning an old hat, cartage.

Receipt for payment for publishing notice of in the case of Jacob Cuyler, 1803.

Order to LG to pay Udny Hay, Phil., 9/6/1781

Bonds (3) of Edward Willett to LG, 1783-1784.

LG to Henry Ten Eyck, Jr. for serving writs, 1772.

Account of LG to ? for serving writs, n.d. (very fragile document with a top portion missing)

Box 3, cont.

Cuyler, Gansevoort & Co.

This is a file of correspondence and financial papers of the Cuyler, Gansevoort & Company. Leonard Gansevoort and Jacob Cuyler were brothers-in-law and during the American Revolution they were in a partnership to provide flour and beef to the American troops in the Albany region. After the war, in 1783, the two men formed a store located at Leonard Gansevoort’s house in Albany and offered a wide variety of goods wholesale. The type of goods sold are found listed in the documents in this file and include wine, salt, iron, glass, grindstones, cloth and other dry goods. In the fall of 1783, the firm became involved in a financial morass after agreeing to repair a sloop, the Maria Theresa and also with the Dutch firm Brothers Coster that ultimately led to
the failure of the company in 1788. The papers include correspondence and financial papers including bills of sale, freight accounts of sloops and other legal papers.

Folder 7: Correspondence, 1782 (1 letter), remainder all 1783, with Peter Ball, James Roosevelt, and others, incl. letters (in Dutch) from Brothers Coster and Jan Bronkhorst.

Folder 8: Same, 1784 from Henry Glen, Nicholas Hoffman, Abraham Stuart, and others re: to the order, sale and payment for goods shipped to and from Cuyler, Gansevoort.

Folder 9: Correspondence, 1784 to and from Brothers Coster and Jan Bronkhorst, incl. drafts of letters to Bronkhorst; re: to orders of goods and bills to be paid and with the bill of Cuyler, Gansevoort & Co. to Bronkhorst and Brothers Coster re: to the Maria Theresa.

Folder 10: Correspondence, 1785, from Nicholas Hoffman in New York and others from Lanesborough, MA and Bennington, VT. re: order, sale and payment for goods; also letter from N. Hoffman requesting Cuyler & Gansevoort’s assistance in apprehending Ebenezer S. Platt, who had absconded with a sum of money.

Folder 11: Correspondence, 1787, from Waddingtons in New York, Thos. Jenkins in Hudson, Isaac Tichnenor in Bennington, VT, and others in Stephentown, NY, New Haven, Claverack re: order, sale and payment for goods; also a letter from B. Bohlen re: to the Bronkhorst/Brothers Coster bill and a letter from Thomas Sickels re: politics in. New York

Folder 12: Correspondence, 1788-1789, re: order, sale and payment for goods and demand for payment of bills from Jacob Cuyler, et al in New York, Boston and New Haven.

Folder 13: Correspondence, 1793, 1795 and n.d., to Leonard Gansevoort, re: goods shipments and payments owed, from New York, Manchester (Eng.?), incl. a letter from D. Hale re: to provisioning the Canadian Refugees, n.d.

Folders 14-16 include manifests, bills and freight accounts for various sloops with Cuyler, Gansevoort & Co., 1782-1787.

Folder 14: Sloop General Schuyler, accounts, memorandum books of the Sloop General Schuyler with Leonard Gansevoort and Edward Willet, incl. goods shipped, expenses of the sloops, names of passengers and other information, 1783-1784 (some documents are in very poor condition)

Folder 15: Sloop Lady Washington, accounts of the sloop with Leonard Gansevoort and Edward Willet, 1782-1783.

Folder 16: Various sloops with Cuyler, Gansevoort, 1782-1787, and a bill with Storm & Sickels, 1789; also, a bill of Cuyler, Gansevoort with Abm. Eights for repairs made to sails and other parts of a sloop.
Box 4:

Continuation of Cuyler, Gansevoort & Co. Correspondence:

Folder 1: Accounts including financial papers incl. accounts, bills and receipts, 1783-1793 of Cuyler, Gansevoort & Co. and Leonard Gansevoort (many of the receipts are in poor condition)

Folder 1: Accounts and receipts for goods shipped to and from Cuyler, Gansevoort, 1783, incl. items such as grindstones, cloth, bear skins, duffels, claret, rum and spirits.

Folder 2: Accounts and receipts for goods shipped to and from Cuyler, Gansevoort, 1784, incl. items such as red oak staves, reams of paper, tar, oakum nails, rope for sloops, “spunyarn,” “Irish beef,” cloth, buttons, combs, rum, sugar, spirits, tea, shingles, lemons and other goods, “wife’s and servants passage to New York,” Declaration of John H. Wendell sold staves to Cuyler, Gansevoort & Co.

Folder 3: Accounts and receipts for goods shipped to and from Cuyler, Gansevoort, 1785, with Peter Schuyler, Robison & Hales, Killian Van Rensselaer, John Tayler, and others.

Folder 4: Accounts and receipts for goods shipped to and from Cuyler, Gansevoort, 1786-1787 with Thos. L. Witbeck, Storm & Sickels, Simon G. Vrooman, Robison & Hale, with John Campbell for postage for letters to Canada, certification that accounts settled for sale of flax seed and oil. (many documents in poor and fragile condition)

Folder 5: Accounts and receipts for goods shipped to and from Cuyler, Gansevoort, 1788, chiefly accounts of Leonard Gansevoort with various persons.


F. 7: Correspondence related to and accounts of goods shipped to Cuyler, Gansevoort, 1789-1791 by Phyn, Ellice & Co.

Box 4, cont.:

Watervliet Turnpike Company:

This is a group of printed documents related to the application of the Watervliet Turnpike Company to alter their charter to repeal the exemption of farmers from paying the turnpike toll. A law was passed repealing the exemption and farmers including Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr., and shortening the length of the road, petitioned the State Legislature to disallow the repeal. The
Legislature denied the petition of Ten Eyck and others and the repeal of the exemption remained. There are multiple copies of the following printed documents related to this case.

Folder 8: *Brief Statement or Case on the Part of the Farmers and others* in the case of farmers of Watervliet and persons living within a mile of the first location of the gate on the Watervliet Turnpike vs. the Watervliet Turnpike Company. This is a 3 page statement argument quoting Senate and Assembly Documents, vs. the repeal of the toll exemption, 1835, 6 cop.

Folder 9: Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges on the petition of Francis Lansing and others, 2/21/1835, NYS Senate Doc. 59.


“To Accompany the Brief.” This is a one-page document which accompanied Sen. Doc. #59, 4 cop.

Folder 10: *Brief Statement or Case on the Part of the Farmers and Others* in the case of farmers of Watervliet and persons living within a mile of the first location of the gate on the Watervliet Turnpike vs. the Watervliet Turnpike Company. This is a 2 page argument quoting Senate and Assembly Documents, vs. the repeal of the toll exemption, 1838, 6 cop. some partially missing.

**Box 4, cont.**

**Correspondence, Non-Gansevoort or Cuyler-Gansevoort:**

 Folder 11:


Letter from R. Earl to Judge, re: cannot attend a banquet, Court Room, Feb. 11, n.y.

Letter from W. D. Woodworth, 1856? to Mr. L.G. Ten…? about a land sale; (missing parts of letter)

Letter (draft) from Thos. Hun? to unknown, Albany, April 20, 1786, re: election

Letter, Sidney Berry, New City 10 miles above Albany, to William Paterson & Brothers, Baltimore, Sept. 2, 1786

Letter (draft) from ?, Albany, April 3, 1786, to Isaac Goes and others re: election.

Letter to unknown (per Mr. Van Alen) from D. Van Schaack, Kinderhook, April 1, 1786

Circular letter (draft) from unknown, Albany, April 3, 1786, re: elections.

Letter from Dewitt Bloodgood, Wed., n.d., re: interest on certificates

Letter, James Lighthall to G.V. Van Schaick, Albany, Jan. 8, 1782 request to pay Edward S. Willet

Note from unknown to unk. Requesting that a cot, bed, spinning wheel and furnace to put on a boat to Little Falls, n.d.

**Town of Bethlehem, New York Documents:**

Folder 12:

List of accounts audited by the Board of Supervisors for various town officers, 1855

Certificate of Canvas for election for various state and local offices in Bethlehem, 1855


**Box 4, cont.:**

**Miscellaneous items in poor condition**

Folder 13: Miscellaneous financial and legal documents, most in very poor condition, incl. Articles of Agreement, Jan. 1, 1796, of the subscribers and proprietors of the Glass House Works, in poor condition. These items should not be used until conservation work has been completed.

**Box 4, cont.:**

**Military Documents:**

Folder 14: The following military documents re: to New York militia units are in chronological order:

Appointment of Leonard G. Ten Eyck as Captain in 9th Rifle Regt. of Inf. of NYS, June 6, 1829.

Order and return to Horace Pierce to notify the persons (54 names) in the order to appear for a Company parade at the South Dutch Church on Hudson Street, Monday, May 7, 1832 by Capt. Parker Sargent, May 7, 1832.

Return of Delinquents to Court Martial (absent from parade), of 9th Rifle Regt. of the 31st Brigade of NYS Militia, Parker Sargent, Capt.

Return of Delinquents at company parade, May 12, 1832.
Return of Delinquents in the Bethlehem Guards, Capt. P. Kimmey, 9th Rifle Regt. at parade, July 4, 1832.

Order and return to Sgt. Cornelius Vanderzee, to notify his company of parade David G. Sagers on Sept. 15, 1832.


Letter to Genl. S. Van Rensselaer from Levi Hubbell, July 15, 1834 re: publishing decision of the Commander-in-Chief.

Order of Maj. Genl., 9th Division, that Brig. Genl. Joshua Randall, Jr. is to be arrested on charges and he is suspended from service until further notice, Albany, Feb. 1835.


Appointmnet of Jacob Schoonmaker as Marshall of the Regimental Court Martial for trial of delinquents and deficiencies in the 9th Rifle Regt. by Leonard Ten Eyck, President and Lt. Col., Oct. 1, 1835

Certification by Leonard Ten Eyck, President and Lt. Col., Oct. 1, 1835 that Jacob Schoonmaker, Marshall, that people named in the document were notified of the court martial warrant.

Col S. Van Rensselaer, Jr. order (return of notice) to various officers of the 61st Brig., 9th Div. of Inf. to notify their units of the election to be held for Brig. Genl. of the Brigade, May 1836, 2 returns of the notice and an accompanying letter from S. V. Talcott, Aide-de-Camp, May 1836.

Return of Service of Notice to officers informing them that an election will be held to elect a Brig. Genl. of the 61st Brig., May 1, 1836

Letter to John Groesbeck from S. Van Rensselaer, Jr. that he has been elected Brigadier General of the 61st Brigade with Groesbeck’s acceptance of the office, May 17, 1836.


General Orders from W. L. Marcy, HQ, to 61st Brig. stating that the election of Brig. Genl. is deferred until further notice, June 27, 1836.

Adj. Genl. notice of election to be held for Brig. Genl. of the 31st Brig. upon the resignation of Maj. Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer, Jr., Sept. 1836.


List of fines remitted by various members of the 262 Regt. court martialed for absences, 1838.


Div. Orders, notice of election for Brig. Genl. of 31st Brig. of Militia, to be held at the home of Edmund Raynsford, Town of New Scotland, May 1842.

Genl. Orders, July 8, 1842, Adj. Genl. approval of sentence of court martial of Col. Sharts which had appealed by the colonel.

Return of court martials of various officers of 9th Div. of Inf., 1838.

Return of officers elected to fill vacancies in the 31st Brig. of Inf., Brig. Genl. L. G. Ten Eyck, blank form only.

Request by the Acting Secretary of State, Washington, DC, to Maj. Gen.. D. Hunter to admit Henry B. Haswell and his son, John, to a trial, May 22, 1865.


Box 4, cont.

Land Records: Glen, Bleecker and Lansing Patent

Folder 15:

This is a group of land documents concerning the Glen, Bleecker and Lansing Patent in Fulton County, NY and other lands in New York State.

Certifications (7) by NYS Comptroller that arrears of taxes are due from Jacob Ten Eyck on real estate in the patent, 1848-1855 with receipts on versos of certifications.

Comptroller’s certifications (3) that John Wallace, Daniel Cady and W. D. Woodworth purchased lands in the patent at public auction of lands in arrears of taxes, 1853-54.
Comptroller’s certificate of arrears of quitrent remission for Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr. in the John Glen Patent, 1823.

Comptroller’s certifications (12) of redemption of lands sold for taxes, in the patent and in the Jerseyfield and Lot & Low’s patents, 1832-1855. All the remissions were paid for and received by Jacob or Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr.

Lease of John Visger, Schenectady to Jacob Lansing, Albany, for land in the Glen Patent, July 23, 1778


Receipt to Jacob Ten Eyck for surveying Great Lot #35 in Glen, Bleecker & Lansing’s Patent, 11/7/1849

List of Lands owned by the late Jacob Lansing, July 10, 1822.

Sale of lands of James Calvert to Rowland Clark, March 19, 1804

Copy of an deed made betw. Peter and Mary Martin and Philip P. Schuyler & Co. for lands at the Flatts., may 7, 1771.

Quit Claim for half of lot #4 on Fox Creek, from John Jacob Lansing to Jacob Lansing, Dec. 15, 1768.

Deed of Barent Ten Eyck to Daniel Weeks for lands in Saratoga County, 1794 with transfer to a number of persons in 1797.

Deed of Daniel Weeks to Samuel Church, for land in Saratoga County, Jan. 2, 1797

Deed of Aaron Burnett to Caleb Tuttle, April 23, 1805, for land in the Town of Watervliet.

Release of Thomas Dyer to Aaron Burnett, Aug. 8, 1806 in the Town of Watervliet,

Release of Robert Cuyler to Aaron Burnett, July 9, 1804.

Deed of Rutger and Teunis Van Woert to Thos. Hillhouse, Dec. 22, 1829, for land in Town of Watervliet.

Notes about whether quitrents had been paid on various lots in Jerseyfield Patent, n.d., ca. 1820

Notes on various lots in the Lower Pasture, Albany; mentions “Arbor Hill.

Miscellaneous land records.
Box 4, cont.

Maps:

Folder 16: The following manuscript maps are found in this collection; all are fragile with damp damage, tears, etc. (Fragile).

Survey of Philip Wendell’s Farm, surveyed by Jac.Winne, Jan. 27, 1790. Land is along the Hudson River near Domini’s Hook. Acreage is 333 acres “by calculation” and 341 ½ acres “by Patroon’s map.” Map indicates four buildings and the land is crossed by the Muddee Kill.

Map of part of lands at Sacondaga, surveyed by Alexr. St. John, October 1808; a survey of 5 lots along a creek.

Map of Lot 41, Dryden; (Tompkins County?), Lands of Henry Freese, Jno. Freese, Scott’s clearing, Snyder 50 acres and unsold acreage, n.p., n.d. and no surveyor’s name given. Another map entitled Lot No. 41, Dryden

Map with surveyor’s notes. A Survey of the Township of Kingsbury, the Town Lots contain 15 acres each and the others 242 acres each extending north and south, each side measuring 49 chains, 20 links, and the same east and west; scale 20 chains: 1 inch. The lots have the surnames of the owners/buyers.


Map of lands of Col. Philip P. Schuyler and Alexander Campbell, Mr. Cuyler, Peter Schuyler, surveyed by Evert Van Alen, 1803; one corner is called “Gate at the Patroons.”

Box 4, cont.

Printed Material:

Folder 17: There are several printed items in the collection as follows:

Pamphlets:

_Historical Sketch of the Second Reformed Church of Bethlehem_, by Rev. J. Lansing Pearse, Albany, J. Munsell’s Sons, 1884. The only Ten Eyck mentioned in the booklet is Leonard G. Ten Eyck, who was a part of a committee to purchase land for a parsonage in 1851.
Annual Report of the Committee of Thirteen of the Citizens’ Association of Albany for the year 1883-4, 1884. (Fragile)

Guidebook of Albany...A Key to the City, Albany, J.M. Rankin, n.d., ca. 1881-1890. Includes ad for Clinton Ten Eyck’s soap (p. 46). (Fragile)

The Home Missionary, issue for November 1854, with handwritten note on title page, “Albany, L. Ten Eyck.” (Fragile)

Two small flyers as follows:


Donation Visit. The Pine Grove Congregational Society in the Town of Watervliet...Donation visit to the family of their minister, Rev. James G. Cordell at the residence of Josiah Stanford..., n.d., “Thursday, 22d.” Josiah Stanford was the older brother of Leland Stanford. Josiah dates were 1817-1890.

Funeral card for Hester [H]aswell, 75 years old, died June 22, 1888, interred at [Del]mar Cemetery, services at residence, Rev. J. L. Pearse, minister, bearers include A. Cuyler Ten Eyck. (Very Fragile)

New York State Assembly Documents (3) as follows:

3/4/1839, Doc. #273, Report of the Committee on Agriculture re: aid for agriculture in the state; help is needed for silk and sugar beet agriculture and to slow the “western fever” and “mania for emigration” to the western United States.

1/9/1841, Doc. #10, A list of the Standing Committees of the Assembly.


Broadside: Real Estate, by Davis & Gill, On Friday, 25th inst. at 12 o’clock A.M. at the Mansion House...Troy Road Property... and other property in Albany. Has annotations with prices brought for the various properties at the auction; n.d. (ca. 1840?)

Petition of the Albany and Northern Railroad Company, Supreme Court of New York, Orlando Meads, Attorney for the railroad, 1852; petition is to acquire lands for the company to build a railroad from Albany to Eagle Bridge and persons mentioned in the many property descriptions may have an interest or ownership in the lands needed to be purchased. The petition was sent by Attorney Meads to Jacob Ten Eyck and Magdalena, his wife, as having some interest in the real estate described in the petition.

Chart issued by the New York Insurance Department, John F. Smyth, Superintendent, 1878. An oversize chart of the liabilities, income and expenditures of state joint-stock and mutual fire and fire marine insurance companies as well as foreign fire insurance companies for 6 months prior to June 30, 1878.

Two press releases (#498-499) from Samuel B. Pettengill, “The Gentleman from Indiana” on political topics, ca. 1939.

The following is a separate accessioned collection of Ten Eyck Family Papers filed here for convenience.

Ten Eyck Family Papers:

Accession 2016.60

This group of Ten Eyck family documents was found in the Ten Eyck house, 7 Church St., Christiansted, St. Croix, VI and donated to the Albany Institute by Alex Schoeder.

These documents are related to those in Accession MG 2, but are filed separately.

The following are the documents found in this collection in chronological order.


Letter, Gerard Bancker, State Treasurer, to Leonard Gansevoort, Kingston, NY, Jan. 15, 1779, asking Gansevoort, as Albany County Treasurer to remit tax money of £100 to John McKesson.

Letter, John Lansing, Jr. to [Leonard Gansevoort], New York, March 13, 1784, about the poor situation of the Treasury and the “disagreeable” lack of progress in the Legislature; sends his regards to the Mr. and Mrs. Cuyler and Mrs. Gansevoort.

Deed of Aaron Burnett, Watervliet, NY and Abraham Ten Eyck, Jr., Albany, NY for one acre of land in the Town of Watervliet, Oct. 6, 1806.

Account statement of fines remitted and monies received by Col. William S. Chichester, 262 Regt., 8th Brigade, 9th Div. of Infantry in NYS Militia from court martial of the regiment, with a statement of remarks by the Colonel about the court martial cases.

Invoice of H. Parsons & Son, Cabinet makers and undertakers, for the coffin and funeral costs of Judge Jacob Ten Eyck of Whitehall, Albany, NY, July 28, 1862
