

Ebenezer Foote Family Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Ebenezer Foote Family Papers

Span Dates: 1751-1871

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1790-1807)

ID No.: MSS20941

Creator: Foote, Ebenezer, 1756-1829

Extent: 60 items ; 1 container plus 1 oversize ; .2 linear feet ; 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Continental Army officer, jurist, merchant, and legislator, of Delaware County, N.Y. Family and general correspondence, orders, petitions, and legal and other papers of Foote and various members of his family. Topics include the Tammany Society of New York, the death of Alexander Hamilton, the War of 1812, the incident aboard the frigate *Chesapeake*, the first Seminole War, and New York politics.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Foote family.

Foote, Charles Augustus, 1785-1828. Charles Augustus Foote papers.

Foote, Charles Augustus, 1818-1883. Charles Augustus Foote papers.

Foote, Ebenezer, 1756-1829.

Foote, Frederick Parsons, 1783-1827. Frederick Parsons Foote papers.

Foote, Harriet, 1773-1842. Harriet Foote papers.

Foote, Justin, b. 1762. Justin Foote papers.

Foote, Rensselaer, 1815-1862. Rensselaer Foote papers.

Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804.

Organizations

Chesapeake (Frigate)

Tammany Society, or Columbian Order (N.Y.)

Subjects

Seminole War, 1st, 1817-1818.

Places

Delaware County (N.Y.)--History.

New York (State)--Politics and government.

United States--History--War of 1812.

Occupations

Army officers.

Jurists.

Legislators--New York (State)

Merchants.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of the Ebenezer Foote family, including Ebenezer Foote, Continental Army officer, jurist, merchant, and legislator, of Delaware County, N.Y., were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1943.

Processing History

The was processed and prepared for microfilming in 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Additional Guides

A list of individuals referred to in the correspondence, prepared by a reference specialist some years prior to the filming of the papers, is filed at the end of Container 1 of the collection.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Ebenezer Foote family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Ebenezer Foote family are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on one reel. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Ebenezer Foote Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Ebenezer Foote

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1756	Born
1783	Left the Continental Army with the rank of major after having volunteered as a soldier at the beginning of the Revolutionary War
circa 1783-1797	In the mercantile business, Ulster County, N. Y.
1798	Appointed county clerk for the newly formed Delaware County, N.Y.
1798-1802	Member, New York State Senate, representing the Middle District
1810-1829	Judge, Ulster County, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Ebenezer Foote (1756-1829) family span the years 1751-1871, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1790-1807. The collection consists of family and general correspondence, orders, petitions, and legal and other papers of Foote and various members of his family including Charles Augustus Foote (1785-1828), Charles Augustus Foote (1818-1883), Frederick Parsons Foote (1783-1827), Harriet Foote (1773-1842), Justin Foote (born 1762), and Rensselaer Foote (1815-1862). Topics include the Tammany Society of New York, the death of Alexander Hamilton, the War of 1812, the incident aboard the frigate *Chesapeake* in 1813, the first Seminole War, and New York politics.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material and therein by topic, name of person, or type of document.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 17,665.

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	Family correspondence
BOX 1 REEL 1	Foote, Justin, to his brother, Ebenezer Foote, 1802
BOX 1 REEL 1	Foote, Charles
BOX 1 REEL 1	To his father, Ebenezer Foote, 1804, 1807
BOX 1 REEL 1	To his brother, Frederick Foote, 1807
BOX 1 REEL 1	Foote, Rensselaer, to his brother, Charles Foote , 1840
BOX 1 REEL 1	Foote, Harriet, to her nephew, Charles Foote, 1843
BOX 1 REEL 1	General correspondence
BOX 1 REEL 1	1781-1801
BOX 1 REEL 1	1809-1849
BOX 1 REEL 1	Letter fragment, 1792
BOX 1 REEL 1	Miscellany
BOX 1 REEL 1	Attorney's license, Charles Foote, 1808
BOX 1 REEL 1	Circular letter
BOX 1 REEL 1	20 Apr. 1801
BOX 1 REEL 1	16 Apr. 1812
BOX 1 REEL 1	Contract for the sale of a parcel of land, 1871
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BOX 1 REEL 1	General orders, Brigadier General Henry Dodge, 19 Oct. 1812
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BOX 1 REEL 1	Petition to the supervisors of Ulster County, 24 May 1793

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BOX 1 REEL 1	Shipping invoice, 29 Jan. 1802
BOX 1 REEL 1	Copy of statement by Robert Knox concerning explosion on board the <i>Chesapeake</i> (frigate), 1813, during encounter with HMS <i>Shannon</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	Will of David Merritt, 15 Aug. 1751 (incomplete) <i>See Oversize</i>
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