

Samuel Holten

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Samuel Holten

Span Dates: 1630-1843

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1744-1843)

ID No.: MSS26419

Creator: Holten, Samuel, 1738-1816

Extent: 2,000 items; 4 containers; 1.6 linear feet; 4 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Physician, jurist, delegate to Continental Congress, and member House of Representatives. Correspondence, account books, and bills and receipts relating primarily to Holten's public service career in Massachusetts, the federal government, and his medical practice.

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.

Names:

Holten, Samuel, 1738-1816

Adams, Samuel, 1722-1803

Bowdoin, James, 1726-1790

Cushing, William, 1732-1810

Dane, Nathan, 1752-1835

Gerry, Elbridge, 1744-1814

Gordon, William, 1728-1807

Gorham, Nathaniel, 1738-1796

Hancock, John, 1737-1793

Hutchinson, Israel, 1727 or 8-1811

Lowell, John, 1743-1802

Partridge, George, 1740-1828

Sullivan, James, 1744-1808

Wadsworth, Benjamin, 1750-1826

Wallcut, Thomas, 1758-1840

Massachusetts. Council

Massachusetts. Provincial Congress

United States. Congress. House

United States. Continental Congress

Subjects:

Medicine--Practice--Massachusetts

Danvers (Mass.)--Social life and customs

Massachusetts--Politics and government--1775-1865

United States--Politics and government--1775-1783

United States--Politics and government--1783-1809

Occupations:

Delegates, U.S. Continental Congress--Massachusetts

Jurists

Physicians

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Massachusetts

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Samuel Holten, physician, jurist, and public official of Massachusetts, were purchased by the Library of Congress between the years 1908 and 1994.

Copyright Status:

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Microfilm:

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1738, June 9	Born, Salem Village, later Danvers, Mass.
ca. 1756	Practiced medicine, Gloucester, Mass.
1758	Married Mary Warner Returned to medical practice, Danvers, Mass.
1768-1776	Member, Massachusetts General Court
1774	Represented Danvers in Essex County, Mass., convention
1775	Represented Essex County, Mass., in Provincial Congress; appointed to Committee of Safety
1778-1780	Massachusetts delegate, Continental Congress
1781	Signer, Articles of Confederation Incorporator, Massachusetts Medical Society
1782-1787	Massachusetts delegate, Continental Congress
1785	Joined with Elbridge Gerry and Rufus King in refusing to present to Congress the Massachusetts Resolves requesting revision of the Articles of Confederation
1788	Anti-federalist delegate to Massachusetts convention on the Constitution
1793-1795	Member, United States House of Representatives
1796-1815	Judge of probate, Essex County, Mass.

1812-1813 One of early founders of temperance movement in Massachusetts

1816, Jan. 2 Died, Danvers, Mass.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Samuel Holten (1738-1816) span the years 1630-1843, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1744-1843. The collection consists of correspondence, account books, and bills and receipts. The correspondence relates chiefly to Holten's service in the Massachusetts Provincial General Court, Massachusetts Governor's Council, Continental Congress, and United States House of Representatives. Other papers relate to his medical practice and to his life and work in Danvers, Massachusetts. Correspondents include Samuel Adams, James Bowdoin, William Cushing, Nathan Dane, Elbridge Gerry, William Gordon, Nathaniel Gorham, John Hancock, Israel Hutchinson, John Lowell, George Partridge, James Sullivan, and Thomas Wallcut.

The addition to the papers of Samuel Holten spans the years 1783-1785 and consists of draft copies of Holten's correspondence, including letters to William Cushing, Elbridge Gerry, and Benjamin Wadsworth, and a letter from Thomas Wallcut to Holten.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 16,046

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence
REEL 1	
BOX 1	1630-1660, 1744-1749, 1753-1790
REEL 1	(15 folders)
BOX 2	1791-1816, n.d.
REEL 2	(16 folders)
REEL 3	Financial papers
REEL 3	
BOX 3	Legal fees, 1796-1811
REEL 3	(4 folders)
BOX 3	Bills, accounts, and receipts
REEL 3	
BOX 3	1744-1793
REEL 3	(9 folders)
BOX 4	1794-1843, n.d.
REEL 4	(8 folders)
BOX 4	Addition
not filmed	
BOX 4	Correspondence, 1783-1785
not filmed	