

Clarkson, D. Levin, Letterbook

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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

Letterbook maintained by D. Levin Clarkson, a resident of New York City in the mid-19th century, containing copies of letters concerning administration of an estate.

Creator

Clarkson, D. Levin

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Repository

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The contents of this collection appear to relate entirely to a single Clarkson family of Potsdam, New York, and New York City, but the collection does not contain enough information for confirmation of identities. Names found in the collection are Levinus, David L., Augustus L., Lavinia, and Elizabeth Clarkson, with the implication that all were siblings. Various online sources identify these Clarksons as being children of Levinus (1765-1845) and Ann Mary Van Horne (1778-1856) Clarkson of Potsdam, New York, and New York City.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single letterbook maintained by Levin Clarkson, of New York City. The bound volume contains copies of letters written by Clarkson while acting in capacity as executor of the estate of his uncle David (probably David Clarkson). Most of the letters are addressed to other family members, including David Augustus Clarkson, Augustus L. Clarkson, Elizabeth Clarkson, and Lavinia Clarkson. Other letters are addressed to C. N. S. Rowland and R. A. Stone. Most of the letters relate to various facets of the estate, including Utica Railroad stock, real estate, and pew rentals at Trinity Church and St. John's Chapel, New York. (The letters to R. A. Stone appear to relate to management of a farm.) Also included are statements of the estate accounts.

Keywords

Correspondence

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