
Russell Benedict Autograph Collection of New York Governors mssBenedict

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Title: Russell Benedict autograph collection of New York Governors

Creator: Benedict, Russell, 1859-1936

Identifier/Call Number: mssBenedict

Physical Description: 10.51 Linear Feet(3 boxes, oversize envelope and 3 oversize folders)

Date (inclusive): 1638-1793

Abstract: Collection of documents signed by New York governors from 1638 to 1793, collected by Russell Benedict.

Language of Material: Materials are in English.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Russell Benedict, 1917.

Biographical / Historical

Russell Benedict, lawyer, justice of the Supreme Court of New York (1911-1925), and collector of Americana specializing in early American law. His collections were sold at various auctions from 1908 to 1922.

Scope and Contents

Autographs of the New York governors, from Wouter van Twiller to William Tryon, gathered by the Hon. Russell Benedict. The collection includes warrants, licenses, land patents, deeds, addresses and proclamations, certificates of administrations, approvals, authorizations, and orders.

Processing Information

Processed by Huntington Library Staff. In 2020, Brooke M. Black created a finding aid.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

General

Individual call numbers included in the collection: mssHM 8232, HM 9724-9912.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Autographs -- Collectors and collecting -- New York (State)

Governors -- New York (State) -- Autographs

New York (State) -- Politics and Government -- To 1775

New York (State) -- Politics and Government -- 1775-1783

Autographs -- New York (State)

Collections -- New York (State)

Government records -- New York (State)

Tryon, William, 1729-1788

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| Box 1 | 1638 May 10-1709 September 16 |
| Box 2 | 1709/1710 March 2-1749 September 19 |
| Box 3 | 1749/1750 March 15-1793 May 20 |
| Folder 1 | 1653-1709 |
| Folder 2 | N.Y. Hurley. Confirmation by Thomas Dongan of land bequeathed by Albert Heymans unto wife.... HM 9743 1686 October 28 |

Folder 3

**N.Y. Albany County. Grant of 78,000 acres on the S.W. side of the Katskill from Sir
Henry Moore...to Martin G. Van Benger** HM 9873 **1767 July 1**

Folder 4

Confirmation by Thomas Dongan of land sold to John Cock HM 9912 **1686/1687 March 21**