Ebenezer Huntington Papers: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection
Title: Ebenezer Huntington Papers
Dates (inclusive): 1737-1898
Bulk dates: 1774-1818
Collection Number: mssHM 3649-3726
Creator: Huntington, Ebenezer, 1754-1834
Extent: 136 pieces in 2 boxes
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Abstract: This collection contains letters, with a few manuscripts and documents, from the Huntington family, a prominent Connecticut family, who played a important role in the state and national affairs at the time of the Revolutionary War. Chiefly consists of letters from Ebenezer Huntington (1754-1834) describing his experience in the Revolutionary War and his political and social activities from 1810-1830s, as well as some correspondence of Samuel Huntington (1731-1796), president of the Continental Congress, and Benjamin Huntington (1736-1800) a Continental Congress delegate, reflecting their legal practice and public service, and concerning procurement for the Continental Army, work of the Continental Congress, political, and military news.
Language: English.
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Provenance
Letters of Ebenezer Huntington (75 items) purchased from Charles F. Heartman through the agency of Robert D. Dodd, 1916
Other items acquired at various sales, chiefly Anderson Galleries and G.D. Smith, 1912-1919.
Custodial History
The collection contains items relating to the history of the Huntington family acquired by Henry E. Huntington from various sources in 1912-1919. In 1916, Mr. Huntington purchased from Charles Frederick Heartman, through the agency of Robert D. Dodd, 75 letters of Ebenezer Huntington. Charles F. Heartman had acquired the letters from G.W.F. Blanchfield of Hartford, Conn.
Biographical Note
The Huntingtons, a prominent Connecticut family, played a important role in the state and national affairs at the time of the Revolutionary War. The history of the Huntington family goes back to Simon Huntington of Norwich, Norfolk, England who arrived to Boston in 1633. In 1660, his descendants were among members of a party that settled Norwich, Conn. During the Revolutionary War, the Norwich Huntingtons played prominent role in the state and national affairs. Besides Samuel Huntington (1731-1796), the signer of the Declaration of Independence, President of the Continental Congress, and Governor of Connecticut, and Benjamin Huntington (1736-1800), state delegate to the Continental Congress, among the most distinguished members of the extended family were Jabez Huntington (1719-1786), Major-General of the state militia, and his sons, Jedediah (1743-1818), Major General of the Continental Army and delegate to the Constitutional Convention, Andrew (1754-1824), an entrepreneur and Army commissary, and Ebenezer (1754-1834), revolutionary soldier and member of the 11th and 15th Congresses.
Jabez Huntington (1719-1786) was a wealthy West India trader and a member of the state legislature. During the war, he was active on the committee of safety and from September 1776 was Major General of militia. His son Jedediah (1743-1818) raised a regiment in 1775 and joined the army at Cambridge on Apr. 26, 1776. At the close of the war he was brevetted major general. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. He was then appointed by Washington to the post of collector of New London. Andrew Huntington (1745-1824), manufacturer of paper at the Falls of Norwich, was a commissary of the brigade during the Revolution. Ebenezer Huntington (1754-1834) left his studies at Yale to join the army at the outbreak of the war. He served first in the Lexington alarm in April 1775 and later with the Third and First Connecticut Regiments. He was elected as a Federalist to the Eleventh Congress (1810-1811) and elected to the Fifteenth Congress (1817-1819).

Samuel Huntington (1731-1796), signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a member of the Continental Congress from 1776 till 1783 and served as president of this body in 1779-1781. He was also judge of the supreme court of Connecticut (1774-1784), Lieutenant Governor (1785) and Governor of Connecticut (1786-1796). His nephew Samuel, adopted and educated by his uncle, was Governor of Ohio (1808-1810). Benjamin Huntington (1736-1800) was member of Connecticut state house of representatives (1771-80), state delegate to Continental Congress (1780-84 and 1787-88), member of Connecticut state senate, 1781-90, 1791-93 and mayor of Norwich 1784-96. His grandson Daniel Huntington was a prominent artist and President of the National Academy.

**Scope and Content**

This collection contains letters, with a few manuscripts and documents, by the Huntington Family of Norwich, Connecticut. Letters from Ebenezer Huntington to Jabez and Andrew Huntington describe his experience in the Revolutionary War and his political and social activities from 1810-1830s. The correspondence of Samuel and Benjamin Huntington reflect their legal practice and public service, and concern procurement for the Continental Army, work of the Continental Congress, political and military news, including the Revolutionary War and Whiskey Rebellion and War of 1812. Correspondents include Jabez Huntington, Andrew Adams, Alexander McDougal, Thomas Mumford, Thomas Simm Lee, Samuel Johnston, Caesar Rodney, Joseph Reed, Benjamin Lincoln, and Jonathan Trumbull. This portion of the collection also contains Samuel Huntington's Masonic certificate (1786).

There are also individual letters by William Reed Huntington, Ulysses S. Grant, Daniel Huntington, and Collis Potter Huntington.

Some notable items:

- Huntington, Benjamin, To Jabez Huntington. 1767, Feb. 23. Norwich, Conn. A Publick Flatterer is never fit to sustain Publick Office.
- At Ecclesiastical Council Convened at Enfield on Tuesday the 3rd Day of May A.D. 1774 & Continued by adjournments to this day: Minutes. Signed by Samuel Huntington
- United States. Congress (Continental), Proclamation [setting aside Thursday, Dec. 7, 1780 to be observed as a day of public Thanksgiving and Prayer.] Singed by Samuel Huntington, 1780, Oct. 8.
- Huntington, Samuel, To John Reed. 1780, June 22, Philadelphia, Pa. Re: plans of military operations; includes a reference to a letter from George Washington.
- Digges, Thomas, The Convict Ships which sailed from Dublin since the War disposed of their cargoes. 1788, Sept. 13. Dublin, Ireland.

Note: Ebenezer Huntington's letters written between 1774 and 1783 were published in: *Letters written by Ebenezer Huntington during the American Revolution* (New York, Printed for C.F. Heartman [1915]).

**Arrangement**

The collection consists of correspondence and a few documents and organized in the following manner:

- Box 1: 1737-1780 (79 pieces)
- Box 2: 1781-1898 (54 pieces)

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the [Huntington Library's Online Catalog](https://www.huntington.org).

**Subjects**

Huntington, Ebenezer, 1754-1834.
Huntington, Andrew, 1745-1824.
Huntington, Jabez, 1719-1786.
Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796.
Huntington, Benjamin, 1736-1800.
Huntington, Jedediah, 1743-1818.
Huntington family -- Archives.
United States. Continental Army.
United States. Continental Congress.
Legislators -- United States -- Correspondence.
Legislators -- Connecticut -- Correspondence.
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Personal narratives.
United States -- History -- 1783-1865 -- Sources.
United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865.
Connecticut -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865.
Connecticut -- Social life and customs -- 18th century.

**Forms/Genres**
Letters (correspondence) -- United States.
Family papers -- United States.

**Alternate Authors**
Huntington, Andrew, 1745-1824.
Huntington, Jabez, 1719-1786.
Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796.
Huntington, Benjamin, 1736-1800.
Huntington, Jedediah, 1743-1818.

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**Box 1**

**1737-1780**

1737 May October. Huntington, Joshua, 1698-1745. To Roger Wolcott. HM 22343

1764 December 7. Huntington, Jabez., To the Sheriff of the Country of Windham: Writ of Summons for Eleazer Brown. HM 1488

1765 February April. Huntington, Jabez, 1719-1786. To the Sheriff of the Country of Windham: Writ of Summons for Joseph Blackman. HM 1619

1767 February 23. Huntington, Benjamin, 1736-1800. To Jabez Huntington. HM 22373

1768 August December. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. To Andrew Adams. HM 22495

- Acquired from Anderson

1768 September 8. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. To Andrew Adams. HM 22496

- Acquired from Anderson

1768 October 21. Huntington, Jabez, 1719-1786. To Andrew Huntington. HM 22372

- Acquired from Anderson, 1912

1774 April 15. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 22372

- Acquired from Heartman

1774 May November. Huntington, Samuel. At an Ecclesiastical Council Convened at Enfiled on Tuesday the 3rd day of May A.D.1774 & Continued by adjournments to this day: Minutes. HM 1571

1775 June 25. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3649

- Acquired from Heartman
1775 June 29. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3650
   Acquired from Heartman

1775 July 3. Huntington, Jedediah, 1743-1818. To Joshua Henshaw. HM 3725
   Acquired from Anderson, G.D. Smith

1775 July 23. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3651
   Acquired from Heartman

1775 July 23. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3652
   Acquired from Heartman

1775 October 3. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3653
   Acquired from Heartman

1775 October 5. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3654
   Acquired from Heartman

1775 November 20. McDougall, Alexander. To Jabez Huntington. HM 8122
   Acquired from Anderson, 1917

1775 November 22. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3655
   Acquired from Heartman

1776 January 21. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3656
   Acquired from Heartman

1776 January 21. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3657
   Acquired from Heartman

1776 February 22. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3658
   Acquired from Heartman

1776 March April. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3659
   Acquired from Heartman

1776 March July. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3660
   Acquired from Heartman

1776 March 21. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3661
   Acquired from Heartman

1776 March 24. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3662
   Acquired from Heartman

1776 May 1. Trumbull, Jonathan. To Samuel Huntington. HM 22417
   Acquired from Anderson, 1919

1776 June 23. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3663
   Acquired from Heartman

1776 July 25. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3664
   Acquired from Heartman
1776 August October. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3665
Acquired from Heartman

1776 August 23. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3666
Acquired from Heartman

1776 August 31. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3667
Acquired from Heartman

1776 September 5. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3668
Acquired from Heartman

1776 September 7. Huntington, Joshua. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3723
Acquired from Heartman

1776 September 8. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3669
Acquired from Heartman

1776 September 12. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3670
Acquired from Heartman

1776 October 6. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3671
Acquired from Heartman

1776 October 11. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3672
Acquired from Heartman

1776 November 1. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3673
Acquired from Heartman

1776 November 16. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3674
Acquired from Heartman

1776 November 25. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3675
Acquired from Heartman

1776 December 3. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3676
Acquired from Heartman

1776 December 19. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3677
Acquired from Heartman

1776 December 19. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3678
Acquired from Heartman

Acquired from Anderson, 1919

1777 April 27. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Sir. HM 3679
Acquired from Heartman
1777 April 27. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3680
Acquired from Heartman

1777 May 2. Huntington, Jabez. To Governor Trumbull. HM 3721
Acquired from Heartman

1777 September 2. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3681
Acquired from Heartman

1777 November 3. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3682
Acquired from Heartman

1777 November 9. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3683
Acquired from Heartman

1777 December 4. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3684
Acquired from Heartman

1777 December 11. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Joshua Huntington. HM 3685
Acquired from Heartman

1777 December 16. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3686
Acquired from Heartman

Acquired from G.D. Smith

1778 March 18. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3687
Acquired from Heartman

1778 June 3. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3688
Acquired from Heartman

1778 June 5. Huntington, Samuel. To Jabez Huntington. HM 3724
Acquired from Heartman

1778 June 12. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Thomas Mumford. HM 3689
Acquired from Heartman

1778 September 21. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3690
Acquired from Heartman

1778 September 21. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3691
Acquired from Heartman

1778 December 21. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Joshua Huntington. HM 3692
Acquired from Heartman

1778 December 30. Huntington, Ebenezer. A Return for a Suit of Clothing for the Band of Musick belonging to the Officers of Col. Sam B. Webb's Battalion. HM 3722
Acquired from Heartman

1779 March 14. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Joshua Huntington. HM 3693
Acquired from Heartman
1779 May 3. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Joshua Huntington. HM 3694
Acquired from Heartman

1779 August 30. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. To Samuel Huntington b. HM 22560
Acquired from G.D. Smith

1779 September 29. Huntington, Samuel. Commission to Joseph Miller. HM 1591
Acquired from Anderson Galleries

1779 December 3. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3695
Acquired from Heartman

Box 2

1781-1898

1780 February 8. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3696
Acquired from Heartman

1780 March 11. Huntington, Samuel. To Benjamin Lincoln. HM 22638
1780 April 20. Huntington, Samuel. To Joseph Reed. HM 22503
Acquired from G.D. Smith

1780 May 11. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3697
Acquired from Heartman

1780 June 22. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. To Joseph Reed. HM 22566
Acquired from Anderson Galleries

1780 July 7. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3698
Acquired from Heartman

1780 September 16. Huntington, Samuel. To Caesar Rodney. HM 22505
Acquired from George D. Smith (gift)

1780 October 8. United States. Congress (Continental). Proclamation setting aside Thursday, Dec. 7, 1780 to be observed as a day of Public thanksgiving and prayer. Signed by Samuel Huntington. HM 3726
Acquired from Anderson Galleries

1780 November 2. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. To George Clinton. HM 22640
Acquired from Anderson, 1916

1780 November 27. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3699
Acquired from Heartman

1780 December 31. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. Commission from Congress (blank form; signed by Samuel Huntington. HM 1791

1781 January 25. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3700
Acquired from Heartman

1781 March 2. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3701
Acquired from Heartman

1781 March 18. Huntington, Samuel. To Thomas Sim Lee. HM 22565
Acquired from Anderson
1781 July 3. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. To Joseph Reed. HM 22562
1781 August 2. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3702
   Acquired from Heartman

1781 October 10. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3703
   Acquired from Heartman

1782 March 16. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3704
   Acquired from Heartman

1782 May 5. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Howell Woodbridge. HM 3705
   Acquired from Heartman

1782 September 4. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3706
   Acquired from Heartman

1782 October 14. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3707
   Acquired from Heartman

1782 November 13. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3708
   Acquired from Heartman

1782 December 9. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Joshua Huntington. HM 3710
   Acquired from Heartman

1783 March 29. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3711
   Acquired from Heartman

1783 April 16. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3712
   Acquired from Heartman

1783 August 12. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3713
   Acquired from Heartman

1783 September 2. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3714
   Acquired from Heartman

1783 September 6. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3715
   Acquired from Heartman

1784 September 30. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796, et al. To Thomas Mumford. HM 22594
   Acquired from Anderson, 1915

1785 October 24. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. To Samuel Huntington. HM 22577
   Acquired from Anderson

1787 March 7. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. To Andrew Adams. HM 22758
   Acquired from Anderson

1788 September 13. Digges, Thomas. Convict Ships which sailed from Dublin since the War disposed of their cargos. HM 1613
   Acquired from G.D. Smith

1788 September 13. Digges, Thomas. To Samuel Huntington. HM 47751
   Acquired from Gift of Robert H. Elias; 02/24/1981

1788 September 23. Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. To Samuel Johnston. HM 22570
   Acquired from G.D. Smith

1789 July 28. Huntington, Benjamin. To Samuel Huntington. HM 22572
   Acquired from Maggs

1790 January 25. Hamilton, Alexander,. To Jedediah Hungtington. HM 22474
1790 July 12. Huntington, Benjamin. To Samuel Huntington. HM 22476
   Acquired from Maggs

1791 February 24. Huntington, Jedediah. To Justus Riley. HM 22589
   Acquired from Anderson, 1918

   Acquired from Anderson

1792 February 27. Trumbull, Jonathan. To Samuel Huntington. HM 22851
1794 November 5. Trumbull, Jonathan. To Samuel Huntington. HM 5513
1797 January 27. Huntington, Jedediah. To J. Moore. HM 22588
   Acquired from Anderson, 1917

1797 July 20. Huntington, Enoch. To Ephraim Moot. HM 22852
1802 March 8. Huntington, Samuel H., 1765-1817;. To Dudley Woodbridge. HM 22917
   Acquired from G.D. Smith

1802 July 26. Huntington, Jedediah. To Dudley Woodbridge. HM 8135
   Acquired from Anderson 1919

1805 June 20. Huntington, Jedediah. To Justus Riley. HM 22909
   Acquired from G.D. Smith

1807 October 30. Huntington, Jabez. To John Filch. HM 22932
1810 January 31. Huntington, Ebenezer. To John Treadwell. HM 22923
1810 May 21. Huntington, Jedediah. To Dudley Woodbridge. HM 22916
   Acquired from G.D. Smith

1810 October 8. Huntington, Jedediah. Power of attorney to Dudley Woodbridge for the purpose of selling a tract of land of selling a tract of land in Ohio. HM 1854
   Acquired from G.D. Smith
Acquired from Anderson, 1912

1812 October 21. Huntington, Daniel. To My dear Sir. HM 22984
Acquired from G.D. Smith

1815 February 28. Huntington, Jedediah. To Dudley Woodbridge. HM 22985
Acquired from G.D. Smith

1818 January 26. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Andrew Huntington. HM 3716
Acquired from Heartman

1818 March 30. Kenney, Thomas J. Certificate concerning the will of Samuel Huntington. HM 3052
Acquired from Rosegrant?

1818 December 31. Huntington, Samuel, ca.1738-1818. Last Will and Testament. HM 3067
Acquired from Rosegrant (?)

1824 December 25. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez William Huntington. HM 3717
Acquired from Heartman

1830 April 21. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez William Huntington. HM 3718
Acquired from Heartman

1830 May 3. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez William Huntington. HM 3719
Acquired from Heartman

1830 December 15. Huntington, Ebenezer. To Jabez William Huntington. HM 3720
Acquired from Heartman

1847 June 25. Huntington, W.P. To Edward J.H. Davis. HM 23150
1855 October 22. Huntington, Daniel. To Oscar J. Keele. HM 23190
Acquired from G.D. Smith

1883 April 23. Grant, Ulysses Simpson. To Collis Potter Huntington. HM 23495
1895 February 25. Huntington, William Reed, 1838-1909. To Courtland Whitebead. HM 7204
Acquired from American Art Association

1898 July 1. Huntington, Collis Potter. To John F. Hurst. HM 23515
Acquired from G.D. Smith