

Offsite

Hamilton, John C. (John Church), 1792-1882.

Papers, 1779-1851.

11 linear ft. (ca. 5,500 items in 24 boxes).

Biography: Historian John C. Hamilton was the son of Alexander Hamilton.

Summary: Papers of John Church Hamilton, consisting of transcripts of his father's letters and papers, and his own notes, drafts, and manuscripts of his biography of his father, *The Life of Alexander Hamilton*, and of his *History of the Republic*. The collection is of particular importance because it contains copies of letters for which the location of the originals is unknown since the time when John Church Hamilton made his transcripts. These include letters from generals of the Continental Army, from the French Expeditionary forces, and from others who played important roles in the American Revolution and the period which followed.

Organization: Arranged. Copies in part. Location of originals in unknown.

Finding aids: Contents list, 3p.

Restrictions on use: Collection shelved offsite & requires 24 hours for access.

Available for faculty, students, and researchers engaged in scholarly or publication projects.

Permission to publish materials must be obtained in writing from the Librarian for Rare Books and Manuscripts.

See also: the Alexander Hamilton Papers (Ms Coll\Hamilton); the Alexander Hamilton Papers Publication Project (Ms Coll\Hamilton Papers); The Law Practice of Alexander Hamilton Papers (Ms Coll\Hamilton Law); & the Hamilton Family Papers (Ms Coll\Hamilton family).

1. Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804. 2. United States. Continental Army. 3. United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Foreign participation, French. 4. United States--History--1783-1815. 5. Historians.

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5 December, 1967

Mr. William S. Swan,
10000 8th St.,
New York 11746

Dear Mr. Swan,

At the request of Mr. Kenneth Lohf of the Special Collections Division of the Columbia University Library, I have examined and appraised the collection of manuscripts which you have presented to the library. These are described below.

The collection is centered in the papers of John Church Hamilton, the son of Alexander Hamilton, and reflects his interest in historical research. The main body of the papers consists of copies and transcriptions of letters and papers written and compiled by Alexander Hamilton and other leaders of the Revolution; these are of great importance to the editors of the Hamilton Papers and to students of the Federal period. Material connected with John Church Hamilton's original writings is also in the archive, as will be seen.

- Box 1.
Shelved off-site A total of 414 foolscap pages, transcriptions of George Washington's correspondence in 1779 with John Jay and the Continental Congress, the Board of War, his staff, and foreign dignitaries. Some of the originals have disappeared since these transcripts were made; this material is therefore of equal importance to the Jared Sparks papers (at Harvard), for the history of this portion of the Revolution. The transcripts are clearly written on good paper; each is docketed. Hamilton at this time was Washington's aide-de-camp.
- Box 2.
Shelved off-site A total of 409 foolscap pages, transcriptions of George Washington's correspondence in 1780 with Congress, the Army, and others. Alexander Hamilton was Washington's aide-de-camp at the time.

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- Box 3. A total of 145 folscap pages, transcriptions of George Washington's correspondence in 1781 (Jan.-April); **Shelved off-site** Hamilton was Washington's aide-de-camp at this time.
- Box 4. Transcripts (151 pp. folscap) of Washington's correspondence in 1777; 295 pp. for 1778--a total of **Shelved off-site** 446 pages. Hamilton was Washington's aide-de-camp at this time.
- Box 5. Alexander Hamilton's correspondence, transcripts. **Shelved off-site** 1783-1783. 354 pieces, each docketed.
- Box 6. Alexander Hamilton's correspondence, transcripts. **Shelved off-site** 1784-1792. 604 pieces, each docketed.
- Box 7. Alexander Hamilton's correspondence, transcripts. **Shelved off-site** 1793-1797. 692 pieces, each docketed.
- Box 8. Alexander Hamilton's correspondence, transcripts. **Shelved off-site** 1798-1799. 333 pieces, each docketed.
- Box 9. Alexander Hamilton's correspondence, transcripts. **Shelved off-site** 1800-1804, and undated. 377 pieces, each docketed.
- Box 10. Ms. of John Church Hamilton's The Life of Alexander Hamilton (New York, 1840, 2 vols.) **Shelved off-site** Chapters 2-29, each in a separate folder; J. C. Hamilton's original Ms., heavily corrected. Two volumes of the biography appeared, through Chap. 24; the work was then recast and appeared as The History of the Republic of the United States of America, as Traced in the Writings of Alexander Hamilton and His Contemporaries (New York, 1857-60, 6 vols.)
- Box 11. Chapters 30-49, each in a separate folder. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 12. Chapters 50-59, each in a separate folder. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 13. Chapters 60-79, each in a separate folder. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 14. Chapters 80-99, each in a separate folder. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 15. Chapters 100-129, each in a separate folder. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 16. Chapters 130-169, each in a separate folder. **Shelved off-site**
- Box 17. Eleven drafts of chapters in Vols. 5 and 4 of The History of the Republic. **Shelved off-site** each in its own folder.

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- Box 18. Unpagged Ms. of the History and also material for J. C. Hamilton's edition of Alexander Hamilton's Works (N.Y., 1850-51, 7 vols.) **Shelved off-site**
- Box 19. Unpagged Ms. of the History. Some of this appears to be of early drafts, and there are also notes for composition and queries about inclusion of material. Number of **Shelved off-site** handwritings are represented. There are also pages of J. C. Hamilton's Life revised for the later History, and some corrected proof of the History.
- Box 20. Unpagged Ms. of the History (drafts), Ms. for Alexander Hamilton's Works, and some of J. C. Hamilton's notes **Shelved off-site** and working papers, in his original wrappers.
- Box 21. Unpagged Ms. of the History and Ms. for the Works, with **Shelved off-site** notes and some proof.
- Box 22. Drafts and working papers for J. C. Hamilton's projects **Shelved off-site** some correspondence of his and business papers; several newspapers (1840's).
- Box 23. Transcripts of Hamilton correspondence, each dictated. **Shelved off-site** (Used by J. C. Hamilton in his edition of the Works.)
- Box 24. Six folders of transcriptions of letters to and from Alexander Hamilton, copies of other legislation by or **Shelved off-site** for or about Hamilton; lists of correspondents, in Alexander Hamilton's hand.