

**Renwick family.**

Letters and manuscripts, 1794-1916.

2 linear ft. (310 items in 3 boxes & 1 portfolio)

**Biographical note:** The Renwick family includes Prof. James Renwick (1792-1863), his wife, Margaret Anne Brevoort Renwick, his mother, Jane Jeffrey Renwick (1773-1850), his grandfather, James Renwick (1743-1803), his father, William Renwick (1769-1808), his sons, James Renwick (1818-1895), Henry Brevoort Renwick (1817-1895), and Edward Sabine Renwick (1823-1912), and his grandsons, Edward Brevoort Renwick and James Armstrong Renwick (1857-1837).

**Summary:** This collection is primarily concerned with Prof. James Renwick and his professional correspondence and papers, both as Professor of Natural Philosophy (Physics) at Columbia College and as a leading engineer. Many certificates of membership in honorary societies are included. There are letters from Washington Irving (1783-1859) to Prof. Renwick and to his mother, pertaining to contemporary events and Irving's own activities. The letters to Mrs. Renwick are about the travels and experiences of Irving and Renwick abroad. The collection also covers the affairs of the Prof. Renwick's grandfather, including documents concerning his land grants in New York State, and those of James Armstrong Renwick, including his valedictory address at Columbia College in 1876 and his class reunion in 1916. There are many legal documents, letters, and manuscripts of various members of the Renwick and Brevoort families; among these are Prof. Renwick's notes on his family genealogy and a memoir of Jane Jeffrey Renwick. Correspondents include Clement Clarke Moore, John A. Dix, Martin Van Buren, Secretary of State John Forsyth, and Secretary of the Navy James K. Paulding. There is one letter from Sir Edward Sabine (1788-1883), President of the Royal Society, giving his views on the American Civil War.

Also there is one volume of 70 watercolor sketches by Prof. Renwick and two by Washington Irving; one bundle of oversized documents including deeds, mortgage, and a military appointment; and a case containing Prof. Renwick's lecture notes.

1994 Addition: Correspondence of James Renwick (1818-1895), the celebrated architect. There are 68 letters to his brother, Edward Sabine Renwick (1823-1912), inventor and patent expert, concerning his collecting, investments, and health. There are 19 letters to his nephew, Edward Brevoort Renwick (b.1863), concerning the construction of his yacht, "Jean", with replies and related correspondence. There are also 2 letters to Edward S. Renwick from his sister, Laura K. R. Monroe.

**Organization:** Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged. Box 1: Cataloged correspondence; Box 2: Cataloged manuscripts & documents, & misc.; Box 3: Prof. Renwick's lecture notes, volu of watercolor sketches, & misc.; Oversize portfolio of documents.

**Donors:** Gifts of various members of the Renwick family.

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

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1. Balmanno, Mary. 2. Brevoort, Laura Elizabeth Carson. 3. Curtis, Benjamin Robbins, 1809-1874. 4. Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1798-1879. 5. Dugan, Caleb. 6. Forsyth, John, 1780-1841. 7. Harris, William, 1765-1829. 8. Irving, Washington, 1783-1859. 9. Jay, Peter A. (Peter Augustus), 1776-1843. 10. LaFarge, John 11. Lord, Daniel, 1795-1868. 12. Miller, Samuel, 1769-1850. 13. Monroe, Laura K. Renwick 14. Moore, Clement Clarke, 1779-1863. 15. Moreau, César, 1791-1860. 16. Morton, Lohn Ludlow, 1792-1871. 17. Paulding, James Kirke, 1778-1860. 18. Renwick, Edward Brevoort, b.1863. 19. Renwick, Edward S. (Edward Sabine), 1823-1912. 20. Renwick, Henry B. (Henry Brevoort), 1817-1895. 21. Renwick, James, 1792-1863. 22. Renwick, James, 1818-1895. 23. Renwick, James Armstrong, 1857-1837. 24. Renwick, Jane Jeffrey, 1772-1850. 25. Renwick, Margaret Anne Brevoort. 26. Renwick, William, 1769-1808. 27. Renwick, William Whetten, 1868-1933. 28. Sabine, Edward, Sir, 1788-1883. 29. Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862. 30. Van Duzer, Archibald Somerville. 31. Walsh, Robert. 1784-1859. 32. Brevoort family. 33. United States. Dept. of State.

34. United States. Navy Dept. 35. Columbia College (New York, N.Y.)--Faculty. 36. Columbia College (New York, N.Y.)--Students. 37. Royal Society (Great Britain) 38. Land grants--New York (State) 39. Real property--New York (State) 40. Engineers--New York (State) 41. Physics--Study and teaching. 42. United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865. 43. Europe--Description and travel. 44. Accounts. 45. Addresses. 46. Advertisements. 47. Albums. 48. Appointments. 49. Bills. 50. Certificates. 51. Contracts. 52. Deeds. 53. Drawings. 54. Essays 55. Genealogies. 56. Leases. 57. Lectures. 58. Letterpress copybooks. 59. Memoires. 60. Memorials 61. Mortgages. 62. Notes. 63. Photographs. 64. Powers of attorney. 65. Programs. 66. Receipts. 67. Resolutions. 68. Sketches. 69. Watercolors. 70. Wills. 71. Architects. 72. Authors, American. 73. College teachers. 74. Engineers. 75. Inventors. 76. Naval architects. 77. Physicists.

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