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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Chrystie family
<b>Title:</b>	Chrystie Family papers
<b>ID:</b>	4078394
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0223
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1789-1946
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 linear feet 6 boxes, 1 flat box, 1 scroll box, and 1 volume
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Chrystie Family papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical sketch

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The Chrystie Family has long been closely associated with Columbia University. James Chrystie, 1750-1807, came to America from Scotland in 1775. He enlisted in the Pennsylvania Regiment, and served under Anthony Wayne at Ticonderoga. His great grandson, Thomas Witter Chrystie, 1808-1888, the first member of the family to receive a Columbia degree (A.B., 1828, A.M., 1880) married Elizabeth Ludlow, daughter of Captain Charles Ludlow of the U.S. Navy in the War of 1812.

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## Summary

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Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, and printed materials. The earliest document is Chalres Ludlow's appointment as a Midshipman in 1788, signed by President John Adams. There are also documents signed by U.S. President James Monroe and by New York Governors William L. Marcy and Thomas E. Dewey. The correspondence includes letter to Thomas Mackaness Ludlow Chrystie, 1841-1914, from Admiral David G. Farragut and Asa Bird Gardiner, of the Society of the Cincinnati, and his letterbook for 1896-1914. In Addition to Dr. Chrystie's medical practice and his personal life, some 25 pages in the letterbook are copies, in his hand, of letters from Captain Charles Ludlow, et al., aboard various ships in the U.S. Navy, 1801-1811. Papers of Thomas Ludlow Chrystie, 1872-1954 (Columbia A.B., 1892; Trustee, 1920-1926) include letters from Nicholas Murray Butler, Benjamin Cardozo, and Seth Low and manuscripts from his post as secretary for the Citizen's Committee on Reorganization of the New York Police Force, 1905-1906. There are 20 photographs relating to the Chrystie Family and Columbia University, including one of Dwight D. Eisenhower when President of Columbia. There are also 20 volumes from the Chrysties' libraries, notable among them are Thomas Ludlow Chrystie's law books, a number of Columbia University publications refering to the Chrysties, and family memorabilia.

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## Arrangement

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Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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### **Revision Description**

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### **Restrictions on Access**

The following boxes are located off-site: Boxes 2-6, Scroll Box 7. You will need to request this material from the Rare Book and Manuscript Library at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Papers: Source of acquisition--Thomas Ludlow Chrystie. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1985.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of Thomas Ludlow Chrystie, 1985.

### **Processing Information**

Papers Processed J L-W 05/--/85.

### **Processing Information**

The original printed finding aid was converted into an EAD document in March 2021. There is a family tree in the printed finding aid that was not included in the EAD document. This family tree is available [here](#) as a pdf.

### **Accruals**

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact [rbml@columbia.edu](mailto:rbml@columbia.edu) for more information.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Letterpress copybooks
- Photographic prints
- Chrystie, Thomas Witter, 1808-1888
- Ludlow, Charles
- Chrystie, T. Ludlow (Thomas Ludlow), 1872-
- Chrystie, Thomas Mackaness Ludlow, 1841-1914
- United States. Navy -- History
- Columbia University
- New York (N.Y.). Police Department

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Cataloged Materials

#### Subseries I.1: Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Baker, Newton Diehl	box 1
Bangs, Francis S.	box 1
Butler, Nicholas Murray	box 1
Cardozo, Benjamin N.	box 1
Chrystie, Thomas Ludlow (1872-1954)	box 1
Chrystie, Thomas Mackaness Ludlow (1841-1914)	box 1
Farragut, David Glasgow	box 1
Gardiner, Asa Bird	box 1
Low, Seth	box 1

#### Subseries I.2: Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Chrystie, Thomas Ludlow (1872-1954)	box 1
Jerome, William Travers	box 1

**Subseries I.3: Documents**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Adams, John	box 1
Dewey, Thomas E.	box 1
Marcy, William Learned	box 1
Monroe, James	box Oversized
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Land grant to James Chrystie (1786-1863) and Albert Chrystie (1789-1856), in consideration of the military service of their father, Thomas Chrystie (1852-circa 1810), surgeon in the Continental Army; also signed by James McLean (1785-1861), with a ms.n.s. by him on the verso.	

**Subseries I.4: Photographs**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Eisenhower, Dwight David	box 1

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**Series II: Arranged Materials**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Caswell, R. C.	box 1
Chamberlain, Lawrence H.	box 1
Cheatham, Johnston	box 1
Chrystie, Helen Duell (Mrs. Thomas Witter)	box 1
Chrystie, John Albert [of Flatnush?]	box 1
Chrystie, Julia A. Ross [Mrs. T.M. Ludlow]	box 1
Chrystie, Margaret Adden	box 1
Chrystie, Mary (Maisie) Catherine	box 1
Chrystie, Thomas Ludlow (1872-1954)	box 1
Chrystie, Thomas Mackaness Ludlow (1841-1914)	box 1
Chrystie, Thomas Witter (1902-1956)	box 1
Coggeshall, Murray H.	box 1
Leffingwell, C. Warring	box 1

Miscellaneous	box 1
Photographs	box 1
Sisson, O.H.	box 1
Smith, Everett P.	box 1
Unidentified	box 1

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### Series III: Memorabilia

Title/Description	Instances
Memorabilia	box 2

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### Series IV: Books

Title/Description	Instances
Books, by and about Columbia	box 3
Lawbooks, Thomas Ludlow Chrystie (1872-1954)	box 4
Books	box 5
Books	box 6

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### Series V: Oversized Materials

Title/Description	Instances
Awards	box Oversized
Diplomas	box Oversized
Holy Bible	cmibox 7

#### Scope and Contents

One volume: *The Book of Common Prayer...*, London: Thomas Baskett and Robert Baskett, 1760; with which are bound: *The Holy Bible...*, London: Thomas Baskett and Robert Baskett, 1759, with illus. by J. Cole; and *A New Version of the Psalms of David, Fitted to the Tunes used in Churches*. By N. Brady and N. Tate. London: J. Roberts, 1754. "Robert Ludlow"



embossed on front cover. Genealogical records of the  
Ludlow and the Chrystie families have been added.

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Laminated photocopy of Chrystie family tree

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