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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Johnson, William Samuel, 1727-1819
Title:	William Samuel Johnson Papers
ID:	4078467
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Biographical sketch

William Samuel Johnson, 1727-1819, son of Samuel Johnson, 1696-1772, first President of King's College, became the first President of Columbia University under its new name in 1787. While President from 1787-1800, Johnson also served as one of the first two U.S. Senators from Connecticut, 1789-1791, when the removal of the country's capital to Philadelphia forced his retirement from the Senate. He had previously served a distinguished career in the Connecticut State legislature, in the Continental Congress of 1784-1787, and was one of the framers of the Constitution. A family tree is available on the second page of this [PDF](#).

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Summary

Correspondence between William Samuel Johnson, 1727-1819, and his son Robert Charles Johnson, 1766-1806, concerning personal business in Connecticut and a father's advice to a young man entering his law career. Some of the father's letters of special interest were written during his term as U.S. Senator (1791), and some concern British-French trade relations, 1793.

There are also copies of letters to Johnson from Cadwallader Colden, Silas Deane, James Duane, John Fitch, Jonathan Trumbull, and William Williams. Other letters have been added

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Muir, Mrs. Robert D. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--09/22/1986. Accession number--M-88-01-29.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Copies of letters: Source of acquisition--5285B (NYState). Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--11/15/1994. Accession number--M-94-11-15.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

WSJ letter, 12 Apr 1758: Source of acquisition--Ames, Rosemary. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--08/05/1969. Accession number--M-69-08-05.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Rosemary Ames, 1969.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Mrs. Robert D. Muir in memory of Jarvis McAlpine Johnson, 1986.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of the Carmalt estate.

Processing Information

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Copies of letters Cataloged HR 11/28/1994.

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WSJ letter, 12 Apr 1758 Cataloged HR 12/13/1996.

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