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Julius Ludwig Goebel (1892-1973) was professor of law, Columbia University, 1921-1961 (M.A., 1912, Ph.D., 1913, LL.B., 1915).

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Biographical / Historical

Joseph Henry Smith (1913-1981) was professor of law, Columbia University, 1961-1981 (LL.B., 1938).

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Summary

Correspondence, typescripts, research notes, index cards, photocopies, and photographs of THE LAW PRACTICE OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON publication project, 1961-1981. These editorial research files of Julius Ludwig Goebel, Joseph Henry Smith, and their staff contain research notes with related correspondence, edited typescript drafts of parts of the published volumes, typescript copies, and photoreproductions of autograph letters, manuscripts, and documents collected by the editors for use in their publication THE LAW PRACTICE OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

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- Smith, Joseph H. (Joseph Henry), 1913-1981
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- Columbia University -- : Faculty

Publications About Described Materials

Hamilton, Alexander. The Law Practice of Alexander Hamilton : documents and comentary, Julius Goebel, Jr., ed; Associate ed.: Francis K. Decker, Jr.[et al.]. New York : Published under the auspices of the William Nelson Cromwell Foundation by Columbia University Press, 1964-.

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This file is arranged alphabetically by name and topic in one sequence. Under the heading "Publication", typescript drafts are subarranged by topic, volume or volume number and topic.

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Scope and Contents

Photoreproductions of autograph letters, manuscript and documents collected by the editors with related research notes.

Scope and Contents

In addition to names, the following topical subject headings are used in this file: Admiralty & Maritime Jurisdiction; Citation Act; Claverack; Clermont; Confiscation Act; Connecticut Gore Controversy; Creditor's Rights; Georgia Lands Controversy; Le Guen, Louis; Livingstons; Livingston Manor, Mills of; Macomb Purchase; Marine Insurance; Massachusetts Western Lands; Mohawk Valley & Northern Lands; New York-Massachusetts Western Lands; Otsego Patent of George Croghan; Procedure; Pulteney Purchase; Public Law; Real Property; Rutgers Test Case; Servis Patent; Trespass Act; War Cases; and Wawayanda-Cheesecks Boundary Dispute.

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