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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Jay, John, 1745-1829
Title:	John Jay papers
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Biographical / Historical

American Chief Justice, diplomat.

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Summary

Letters, manuscripts, documents, and letterbooks of Jay and of many members of his family. The letters touch on every aspect of American life and government of the period, and contain correspondence from such prominent individuals as John Adams, George Clinton, James Duane, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, Rufus King, John Paul Jones, Marquis de Lafayette, Robert B. Livingston, William Livingston, Gouverneur

Morris, Robert Morris, Edmund Randolph, Philip Schuyler, and George Washington. There are approximately 500 letters from Jay, primarily drafts of correspondence to the persons listed above, as well as his correspondence as Secretary of Foreign Affairs, 1784-1789. The manuscripts and documents include many reports, commissions, and diplomas, as well as a draft copy of THE FEDERALIST Number 5 and Jay's oath of office as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court; also included are manumission documents, and a group of documents from Trinity Church, where his father was a vestryman from 1715 to 1785. The collection includes copies of Jay's letter book as Secretary of State, 10 Oct. 1788-25 Dec. 1792, and of four letters from John Armstrong, 19 June-27 Dec. 1810; and a commercial copy of the pair of silverplated candlesticks from the Treaty of Paris, 3 Sept. 1783, reproduced by the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 5 series.

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

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This collection has no restrictions.

Existence and Location of Copies

Type of reproduction: Copies in part

Location of Originals Note

Holder of originals: Originals of Jay's letter book as Secretary of State are in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Location of Originals Note

Holder of originals: Originals of the letters from John Armstrong are in--Archives de France.

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Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 07/--/89.

Accruals

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Related Materials

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The [Papers of John Jay](#) is an image database and indexing tool comprising some 13,000 documents (more than 30,000 page images) scanned chiefly from photocopies of original documents. Most of the source material was assembled by Columbia University's John Jay publication project staff during the 1960s and 1970s under the direction of the late Professor Richard B. Morris.

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Controlled Access Headings

- African Americans -- History
- Families -- New York (State)
- Slaves -- Emancipation
- United States -- Social life and customs
- United States -- Foreign relations
- United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
- United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1789
- Judges
- Statesmen
- Adams, John, 1735-1826
- Clinton, George, 1739-1812
- Duane, James, 1733-1797
- Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
- Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804
- Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826
- King, Rufus, 1755-1827
- Jones, John Paul, 1747-1792
- Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834
- Livingston, Robert B (Robert Burr), 1918-2002
- Livingston, William, 1723-1790
- Morris, Gouverneur, 1752-1816
- Morris, Robert, approximately 1745-1815
- Randolph, Edmund, 1753-1813
- Schuyler, Philip John, 1733-1804
- Washington, George, 1732-1799
- United States. Supreme Court

- United States. Department of Foreign Affairs. Office of the Secretary
- United States. Department of State
- Trinity Church (New York, N.Y.)
- Jay Family

General

Rare Book copy: Original manuscript draft of The Federalist number 5 is held in honor of Ira I. Katznelson, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History and Deputy Director of Columbia World Projects, with gratitude for his outstanding service as Interim Provost of Columbia University from 2019-2021. Item dedicated on June 21, 2021.

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Bar - Bl	box 4	
Bayard, Stephen to Joshua Hathaway re. various deeds, 10 October 1813	box 4	folder 26a
Bo - Ca	box 5	
Ce - Cla	box 6	
Cli - Cu	box 7	
D	box 8	
E - F	box 9	
G - Ham	box 10	
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Jay, John, [Oct. 1785 - 1786]	box 19
Jay, John, [1787 - 1788]	box 20
Jay, John, [1789 - July 1794]	box 21
Jay, John, [Aug. 1794 - March 1795]	box 22
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Jay, John Jr. - Jay, Peter	box 30
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Scope and Contents

Commercial reproductions of a pair of silverplated candlesticks from the Treaty of Paris, 3 Sept. 1783. Originals are held by the National Museum of

American History, Smithsonian Institution (Catalog #: 127345 Accession #: 38752. Political History, Division of Social History)

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Series IV: Oversized, Encased and Bound Materials

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John Jay Letterbook, 10 Sept. 1782 - 25 July 1784 (and Appendix 20 - 27 Dec. 1779)	item 2
John Jay Letterbook, 5 Feb. 1785 - 16 Sept. 1788	item 3
John Jay Letterbook, 29 Sept. 1779 - 12 July 1780	item 4
Scope and Contents	
[Copies of letters by others]	
John Jay Letterbook, 19 Oct. 1779 - 11 June 1780	item 5
John Jay Letterbook, 2 July 1781 - 16 March 1782	item 6
John Jay Letterbook, 21 May 1785 - 4 Oct. 1789	item 7
Scope and Contents	
[Copies of correspondence regarding negotiations of Treaty with Spain]	
John Jay Letterbook, 9 April 1794 - 5 March 1795	item 8
John Jay Letterbook, 29 May 1787 - 8 July 1830	item 9
John Jay Letterbook, 11 July 1795 - 29 Feb. 1896	item 10
John Jay Circuit Court Diary, 16 April 1790 - 4 Aug. 1792	item 11
John Jay Manuscripts Pertaining to Peace with Britain	item 12
John Jay Account Book of Letters Received, 15 Nov. 1781 - 1 Oct. 1782	item 13
John Jay Receipt Book, 1789 - 1802	item 14
John Jay Account Book of Jay's Mission to London, 1794	item 15
Peter Jay Letterbook, 30 Dec. 1724 - 10 July 1735	item 16
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Peter Jay Letterbook, 17 Dec. 1748 - 20 Dec. 1772	

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Peter Jay Receipt Book, 1766 - 1782	item 21
New York City Mayor's Court Ledger of Court Fees and Cases, 1758 -1776	item 22
Draft of Federalist Paper #5, [1788]	item 23
Deed concerning the sale of land from John Jay to Moses Fish, Rome, NY, 1805	mapcase 13-I-11
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