

# The Abraham Lent Papers

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## Dates

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No Restrictions

## Languages

English

## Scope and Content

The collection consists of a narrative of Abraham Lent's experience in the American Revolution, accounts, receipts, transcripts and a genealogy. The transcripts and genealogy were prepared by Frances B. Warring.

## Historical Note

Abraham Lent enlisted as a private for five months in Colonel Jacobus Swarthout's regiment and in General George Clinton's brigade during 1776 and fought at the Battle of White Plains. He returned home in September of that year before being appointed as Ensign in the standing army in January 1777. Lent participated in a failed attack on Fort Independence in New York under General William Heath. In April 1777 he obtained the rank of lieutenant and was assigned to garrison the Hudson Highlands forts Montgomery and Constitution until the end of July before returning home. Lent volunteered as a guard to General Horatio Gates during his trip to Albany to take command of the Northern Division. With the British advance up the Hudson in September, Lent joined the militia and was attached to General Israel Putnam's forces at garrison in Peekskill to prevent the British from landing on the east bank of the Hudson. He remained there until the British return to New York City in November 1777. Lent served in the construction of West Point for six weeks as a first Lieutenant in 1778. In 1780 he again took a commission as First Lieutenant in the New York militia and was appointed as Brigadier General in 1786.

## Provenance

The Collection was donated to the Dutchess County Historical Society by Francis B. Warring in 1933.

## Subject Headings

American Revolution; Genealogy; West Point

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