

Zephaniah Platt Papers

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Creators

Zephaniah Platt (1735-1807)

Extent

0.25 linear ft

Dates

Inclusive: 1754-1795

Bulk: 1792-1795

Conditions Governing Access

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Languages

English

Scope and Content

The collection consists of six documents formerly in the possession of Zephaniah Platt. Most of which bear his signature. These items relate to the families of Brett Z. Platt and Van Vliet.

Historical Note

Born on Long Island, Zephaniah Platt, Esq. was an important figure in Revolutionary era Dutchess County and the early development of New York State. He was a trained lawyer and judge who served in Poughkeepsie during the 1770s-1790s. In this time he served as a member of the Provincial Congress (1775-1777), the council of safety (1777), New York State Senate (1777-1783), Confederation Congress (1785 and 1786), council of appointment (1778 and 1781), and County judge (1781-1795). In the mid 1780s Platt helped found the town of Plattsburgh in Northern New York.

A companion collection can be found at the New York State Library (Zephaniah Platt Papers, 1745-1846 – <https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/msscfa/sc9828>)

Provenance

The Collection was donated to the Dutchess County Historical Society by P. DeLease in 1995. These documents belonged to Zephaniah Platt, Esq. They are all hand written on paper and have a typed copy, which was done by Katherine Thompson Beede prior to 1995. The donor is the sixth generation grandchild of Zephaniah Platt. The items in this collection as well as a companion collection donated to the Smithsonian appear to have come from the DeLease house.

Subject Headings

History - Great Nine Partners

History - First Nine Partners

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Container List

Box 1

| Folder | Contents | Date |
|------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Folder 1 1995.0010.001a-b | Deed from John DeWitt to Zephaniah Platt for land in the town of Washington, dated June 22, 1792 | June 22, 1792 |
| Folder 2 1995.0010.002 | Transference of 200 acres in the State of New York from William Bashford, John Strong, Joshua Hyatt, John Hyatt Jr., Joshua Strong William Welch, John Hyatt, Jeremiah Conklin (members of the Westchester militia) to Platt Rogers of Fishkill, dated April 24, 1793 | April 24, 1793 |
| Folder 3 1995.0010.003a-b | Deed from Clear Everitt and Magdalen Everitt to Joseph Atwell for a farm originally belonging to Catharyna Brett, dated 1760 | 1760 |
| Folder 4 1995.0010.004 | Deed on parchment between Daniel Brodhead, Luk Brodhead, and Garrett Brodhead for 400 acres of land in Nine Partners at a place called the Crum Elbow (lot 26-27), dated May 10, 1762 | May 10, 1762 |
| 1995.0010.005a-b | Deed from Henry Livingston to Robert H. Livingston all that lot of land in the town of Poughkeepsie, dated August 1, 1795 | August 1, 1795 |
| 1995.0010.006 | Indenture for suretyship to Clare Everitt from George Cornell, re: land in Great Nine Partners lot 26, dated April 1, 1754 | April 1, 1754 |