

The Teller Family Papers

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Creators

Abraham Schenck
Isaac Teller
Alice Schenck Teller
Margaret Teller Van Kleeck

Extent

.5 linear feet, or 48 files

Dates

Inclusive: 1722 – 1929
Bulk: 1776 – 1868

Conditions Governing Access

No Restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

The collection consists of deeds, contracts, administrative records, correspondence and textual ephemera likely gathered by Alice Schenck Teller and her descendants. Most notably, the

collection includes administrative records of seven companies serving in the American Revolution garrisoning the forts of the Hudson Highlands from 1776 until 1777. These records include payrolls, accounts of rations and mileage.

Historical Note

Johannes Schenck was born in circa 1656, married Maria Magdalena and gave birth to Johannes Schenck on April 30th, 1691. Maria passed away on April 9th, 1792, and the elder Johannes died on February 5th, 1748 at the age of 92. The younger Johannes gave birth to Abraham Schenck on August 6th, 1720, Issac Schenck at an unknown date, and passed away on April 1st, 1729.

The Dutch-speaking Abraham Schenck and his wife Elsie Vandervoot (born August 23, 1720, died October 2nd, 1784 (consumption), gave birth to 15 children:

Name	Date of Birth	Location	Death
Johannes Schenck	April 15 th , 1740	Middlebush, N.J.	died at sea, 1755
Paulus Schenck	November 3 rd , 1741	Millstone, N.J.	circa 1839
Hendrick Schenck	July 30 th , 1743	Millstone, N.J.	
Neeltje [?] Schenck	May 19 th , 1745	Millstone, N.J.	consumption, 1763
Maria Schenck	January 10 th , 1747	Millstone, N.J.	childbirth, May 19, 1766
Catherine Schenck	September 22 nd , 1748	Bushwyck, Long Island	
Abraham Schenck	September 5 th , 1750	unknown	September 22 nd , 1750
Hannah Schenck	August 27 th , 1751	Bushwyck, Long Island	
Abraham Schenck	February 13 th , 1754	Bushwyck, Long Island	
Peter Schenck	November 1 st , 1755	Bushwyck, Long Island	
Elsie Schenck	September 23 rd , 1757	Bushwyck, Long Island	consumption, 1782
Elizabeth Schenck	January 7 th , 1759	Bushwyck, Long Island	
Maria Magdalena Schenck	January 23 rd , 1762	Bushwyck, Long Island	1779
Neeltje Schenck	November 15 th , 1764	Bushwyck, Long Island	
Maria Schenck	April 18 th , 1767	Bushwyck, Long Island	

Elizabeth Schenck married John MacPherson (born November 12th, 1758) on November 10th, 1774. They gave birth to a daughter, Maria Magdalena MacPherson on August 25th, 1780. The child died on February 9th, 1782.

The elder Abraham Schenck, whose account listed the above information, was the grandfather of Alice Schenck Teller. Alice Schenck Teller married Isaac DePeyster Teller and gave birth to Isaac Teller, who died single in 1868.

It may have been Alice Schenck Teller who gathered material on her father's side of the family. Francis Rombouts married Helena Teller, sister of William Teller, on September 20th, 1683. They

gave birth to Catherine Rombouts who married Roger Brett. Rombouts was an elected official in New Netherland, serving as Mayor of New Amsterdam in 1679-1680. In 1683, Rombouts, along with Gulian Verplanck and Stephanus Van Cortlandt, purchased around 85,000 acres in modern-day southern Dutchess County. The land was granted by King James II in 1685 as the Rombout Patent which encompassed the east bank of the Hudson River between the mouths of Fishkill and Wappingers Creeks to an eastern boundary roughly halfway between the river and the Connecticut border. Rombouts died in 1691. Another daughter of Helena Rombouts, Maria, married Isaac de Peyster.

In 1709, 300 acres directly north of Fishkill Creek along the Hudson was transferred to merchant William Peartree. Roger Brett was found on the 1714 list of the 445 inhabitants of Dutchess County (including slaves but probably not women); he died in 1716. In 1737, Catherine Brett transferred 150 acres on the north side of Fishkill Creek to Richard Prippen. Catherine Brett gave birth to two children, Francis Brett and Robert Brett, before dying in 1763. The estate was split between Francis Brett and the children of Robert Brett: Matthew, Francis, Rombout, Sarah, and Robert, and two grandchildren: Theodoures the son of Francis & Robert the son of Robert.

Provenance

The Teller Family Papers were donated to the Dutchess County Historical Society by F. B. Van Kleeck in 1948.

Subject Headings

Accounting; American Revolution; Business records; Commerce; Deeds; Genealogy; Land titles; Marquis de Lafayette; Rombout Patent

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File 20	Payroll for Israel Vail's company	1776 August

File 21	Payroll of commissioned and non-commissioned officers and privates of Captain Israel Vail's Company	1776 August
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File 37	An abstract of rations due to the field and staff officers of Colonel Jacobus Swartwout's regiment	1776 September
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File 42	Letter from Hilary Baker to Jacobus DePeyster detailing the fate of two barrels of sugar and a listing of their account	1778 October 3
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