

Robert C. Massonneau Collection

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Repository

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7562 North Broadway
Red Hook, NY 12571

Accession Number

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Title

Robert C. Massonneau Collection

Extent

One file folder of papers

Dates

1816-1832 [bulk]

1816-1872 [inclusive]

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

The collection consists of business correspondence and papers belonging to Robert Claudius Massonneau, a member of the family that founded Red Hook's Tobacco factory. There is also a newspaper, Aurora Borealis, published by the business in 1872.

Biographical/Historical Note

French immigrant Claudius Massonneau (1769-1846) built a store in 1812 on the SE corner of Red Hook's four corners and the tobacco factory south of that in 1830. Claudius married Catherine Livingston (Preissac) and had a son Robert Claudius Massonneau (1797-1877). Robert Claudius's son was Robert Livingston Massonneau (1825-1898).

Provenance

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