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A Guide to the Lush Family Papers

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Lush Family Papers

Call Number: DG 565

Creator: unknown

Inclusive Dates: 1727-1860

Bulk Dates: 1784-1835

Abstract: Business and legal papers of Stephen Lush, Albany financier and politician, and Richard Lush, Albany merchant and civil servant, including agreements, receipts, property records, notes, bills, maps, correspondence, and leases. Some concern land owned in central and western New York which they had purchased from Revolutionary War veterans.

Quantity: 1 box; 5 linear inches

Administrative Information

Custodial History: From Lansing Collection. Item #1025 added Dec. 19 1975

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Index Term

Persons

Lush, Richard; Lush, Stephen

Subjects

Finances; deeds; documents

Document Types

Notes; receipts; bills; bonds; letters

Biography of Stephen Lush and Richard Lush

Stephen Lush (1753-1825), born in New York City, 1753, graduated at King's (Columbia) College, admitted to the Bar of the Province of New York, 1774. At the outbreak of the Revolution he became a Captain in Col. Oliver Spencer's Continental Regiment. Later Stephen Lush was military secretary and aide-de-camp to New York Governor George Clinton. Lush was captured by the British at the fall of Fort Montgomery in October, 1777, exchanged in November and became Brigade Major in 1778 and continued to serve as Clinton's aide until the close of the Revolution when he settled in Albany as a lawyer. He married Lydia Stringer, the daughter of Dr. Samuel Stringer, prominent Albany physician. Lush was a member of the New York State Legislature, Director of the Bank of Albany, the Albany-Schenectady Turnpike Company, the Albany Water Works and the Albany Insurance Company.

Richard Lush (?-1817), presumed to be a brother of Stephen, was born ? and died in Albany in 1817. He married Lyntje Fonda, daughter of Gysbert Fonda, Albany merchant in 1780. Richard Lush was a successful merchant, land speculator and public servant. He held the offices of Assistant Alderman, Surrogate Judge of Albany County and County Clerk of Albany County. He was a prominent member of the Albany Ineffable Lodge, F. and A.M.

Scope and Contents of the Papers

These papers consist of receipts, notes, bills, maps, and letters of the Lush family, some concerning lot ownership and transfer, property ownership, and mortgages.

Organization of the Papers

The contents of this collection are arraigned chronologically in two sets of dates in the first five folders. The sixth folder contains miscellaneous unsorted material, and the seventh contains the estate of Gilbert Wilson 1860-61.

Related Material

ms-5 City of Albany. Voucher for \$.78 for direct tax on the property of Stephen Lush in the City of Albany, thirteenth collection district in the State of New York, dated December 21, 1814.

ms-2059 De Witt, Simeon. Receipt: to Stephen Lush, 1785 December 27. Receipt for 200 acres in Fonda's Purchase.

ms-002234 Richard Lush Memorandum.-- 1790. Lush's attempt to buy the office of the Clerk of the City and County of Albany.

Other Finding Aids

Original Finding list in box.

Control File- several other finding lists including a more detailed description of the Lush family

Detailed Description of the Papers

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series # DG565. Series Title Lush Family Papers

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
1	1	1-70: 1784-1819
1	2	71-100: 1821-1833
1	3	101-140: 1772-1812
1	4	141-170: 1814-1835
1	5	171-201: 1835, 1860, 1727, 1786
1	6	Miscellaneous, unsorted, #1025
1	7	Estate of Gilbert Wilson, 1860-61