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A Guide to the Teunis Van Vechten Papers

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Abstract

Teunis Van Vechten (1785-1859) was a prominent Albany, New York, attorney, trustee and director for numerous Albany organizations, and served as the mayor for four terms.

This collection includes receipts for goods and services, business letters, real estate insurance policies, legal agreements, real estate transactions, a copy of a summons and complaint in Saratoga Supreme Court.

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Biographical/Historical

Teunis Van Vechten was born in Albany, New York, in 1785 to Teunis T. and Elizabeth Wandelaer Van Vechten. He graduated from Union College, and after studying the law with his uncle, he was admitted to practice in 1807. In December 1810 he married Catherine Gansevoort, and together, they had ten children.

Teunis became a prominent Albany attorney, served as a trustee and director of numerous Albany organizations, and served as mayor of Albany for four terms. He died in 1859.

Scope and Contents

The material is separated into four categories: agreements, receipts and bills for goods and services, letters, and insurance policies. The majority of the correspondence concerns Counselor at Law Teunis Van Vechten in his capacity as Trustee for the estate of Stephen Van Renssalaer, Jr. The papers document various types of building construction and the monies paid for them, legal agreements for real estate rentals and sales, and real estate insurance policies. Names also mentioned in the papers include Strover (administrator of estates for Van Vechten), Telfair, Bradley, Purdy, Slott, Taylor, Smith, and Petit. Papers dating after the mid 1800's are concerned with real estate management and insurance on those properties originally managed by Teunis Van Vechten and his employees.

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