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## **War of 1812 Manuscripts in Our Collection**

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Items below are listed in call number order. Selections from our War of 1812 manuscripts have been digitized at: [www.WNYlegacy.org](http://www.WNYlegacy.org).

### **Mss. A00-8**

**Aigin, James. Reminiscences of early Buffalo.**

Note: Includes accounts of Buffalo during the War of 1812, including the "mobbing" of Ralph Pomeroy's hotel, the burning of Buffalo in December, 1813, and the role played by Seneca chief Farmer's Brother. Also, sketches about Seneca chief Tommy Jimmy's journey to England in 1816, Capt. Jedediah Rogers, who commanded the Walk-in-the-Water and other early Great Lakes steamboats, and early hangings in Buffalo.

### **Mss. A00-15**

**United States and Aspinwall, Thomas. Certifications to declarations by Sir John Pirie and Thomas Kelly.**

Note: Certificates signed by Thomas Aspinwall, Consul of the U.S. for London, regarding declarations made before him by Sir John Pirie, lord mayor and chief magistrate of London, and Thomas Kelly, alderman and magistrate of London, 23 July 1842. Seals of the Consulate are affixed, but declarations are missing.

### **Mss. A00-33**

**Bird, William A and Holley, Myron. Letters, autobiography, and historical writings.**

Note: Letter from Myron Holley, Utica, 13 Apr. 1821, concerning Bird's purchase of "the instrument" from Benjamin Wright, an Erie Canal engineer; letter, Washington, to Absalom Bull, Black Rock, 21 Apr. 1841, regarding political maneuvering during the Tyler administration, specifically a plan to remove [George W.?] Clinton from office, apparently related to Bird's Buffalo and Niagara Falls Railroad; letter, Black Rock, 25 Feb. 1865, to Charles D. Norton, regarding Bird's "recollections of conversations with those men likely to know the facts" surrounding the sortie from Fort Erie, 17 Sept. 1814; and a brief autobiography, written in 1874. Also includes three papers written by Bird, one on the origin of the name "Black Rock", 1863; the second on early transportation between Albany and Buffalo, 1866, and the third on early charters and boundaries of New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, 1883.

### **Mss. A00-48**

**Dorr, Eben. P. Letter : Buffalo, to Buffalo Historical Society.**

Note: Informational letter accompanying Dorr's donation of a portrait of Capt. Chedsey Blake, who served under Winfield Scott at the battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane, during the War of 1812.

### **Mss. A00-57**

**The first golden wedding of Lester Brace.**

Note: List of family and guests at the wedding of Lester Brace and Tamma Sutherland, on 31 Dec. 1812, in Sheldon, Genesee County, N.Y. Also, a list of the guests present at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration, at their residence in Buffalo, 31 Dec. 1862. Apparently the Braces were the first American citizens to celebrate a golden anniversary in Erie County, N.Y. Also notes the marriage of Orpha Brace, sister of Lester, and Arden Merrill, on 13 Sept. 1813, and Merrill's death on 16 Dec. during the sortie to Fort Erie during the War of 1812.

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**Mss. A00-59**

**Brayman, Daniel and Emerson, George D. Recollections of Daniel Brayman.**

Note: Describes Buffalo as it was when he arrived there in 1810, and relates his involvement in the defense of Buffalo during the War of 1812.

**Mss. A00-63**

**Broke, Philip Bowes Vere. Scrapbook pages concerning Sir Philip Bowes Vere Broke.**

Note: Pages contain a letter from Sir Philip B.V. Broke, Broke Hall, to Admiral Page, Ipswich, 24 May 1827, thanking Page for a note from Lord Frederick Spencer; two engraved portraits, one of Sir Philip Bowes Vere Broke, 1815, the other of Sir Philip Vere Broke, 1836; and clippings from various British and American publications on the Brokes, Capt. Lawrence, and the battle between the Shannon and the Chesapeake, 1832-1866.

**Mss. A00-65**

**Brown, Jacob and Ormsby, D. Letters of Jacob and Joseph W. Brown.**

Note: Three letters from Maj. Gen. Jacob Brown, Buffalo and Fort Erie, June -Sept. 1814, to Brig. Gen. P.B. Porter, and to his brother, Joseph W. Brown, regarding the need for tents and kettles, with some detail on military affairs. Also, instructions of the Adjutant General's Office regarding Maj. Gen. Brown's funeral honors, 25 Feb. 1828; and three letters received by Joseph W. Brown from William Waffle and D. Ormsby, DePauville, N.Y., Feb. 1871, regarding the provenance of Maj. Gen. Brown's sword, worn during the battle of Sackett's Harbor.

**Mss. A00-84**

**Chapin, Cyrenius and Stoddard, R.W. Papers.**

Note: Includes receipts for medical treatment of Red Jacket, 1806, and Mr. [Montoful?] of the Town of Erie, [ca. 1809]; certification of Ira G. Watson of Willink in Phisic [sic] and surgery, sent to Chapin by examiners Sylvester Clarke and John Watson, 14 Nov. 1811; letter from Simeon R. Jones, Elmira, 9 Oct. 1815, asking Chapin's help in clearing his name and that of Mrs. Young of Newark, North Canada; letter from [John?] Crow, Albany, 8 Aug. 1816, regarding the execution against him, to be forwarded to Detroit; letter from R.W. Stoddard, Geneva, 8 Sept. 1816, asking Chapin for a discharge for William Stephens, and for advice on the appropriate bounty for a Canadian volunteer; letter from A. [Cutting?], Erie, Pa., 15 Sept. 1816, regarding claims of privates in Chapin's corps of volunteers; and part of a title search of unidentified Chapin property.

**Mss. A00-166**

**Gardner, Gideon. The situation and proceedings of the inhabitants of Nantucket, with sundry occurrences during the War of 1812.**

Note: Account of Nantucket in the War of 1812, including copies of letters, declarations, and town meeting notes.

**Mss. A00-191**

**Haddock, John and Haddock, Daniel. Letters : Buffalo, N.Y., to Daniel Haddock, Lynn, Mass.**

Note: Letters to his brother Daniel, 15 Jan. 1815, and 18 Sept. 1817, in which he describes his situation in Buffalo and the impact of the War of 1812 on the town and on his family.

**Mss. A00-200**

**Hanks, Jarvis Frary and Hanks, Frederick Lewis. Jarvis Frary Hanks biographical memoir and family notes.**

Note: Reminiscences of Jarvis Frary Hanks. Includes his experiences as a drummer boy in the War of 1812, and his life after the war. At the end of the volume are comments by Hanks son, Frederick Lewis Hanks, and individual sketches of his parents, himself, and his siblings, Romelia, Henry, Edwin, Virginia, Arthur, Emeline, Christian, and Walter.

**Mss. A00-201**

**Harris, Samuel D and Watts, George. Samuel D. Harris War of 1812 and Boston Fire Dept. papers.**

Note: Papers concerning the military service of Harris with the Northern Army during the War of 1812. Includes his discharge from the Boston Hussars, 28 Feb. 1812; appointment as a captain of Light Dragoons, 12 Mar. 1812; an order for the arrest of Capt. Nathaniel Leonard, 30 June 1814; several letters, including one from Lt. George Watts describing the condition of Gen. Winfield Scott, 29 July 1814, and one to Harris' brother describing the wounding of Gen. Gaines, 31 Aug. 1814; Harris' appointment as aid-de-camp to Major Gen. Dearborn, 18 Oct. 1814; and a sketch of

Harris' military service. Also, an order to appear as a witness in the case of Major General Gaines, 23 Mar. 1816; and an order of thanks from the mayor and aldermen of Boston, Mass. to Harris for his three years of service as chief engineer of the Boston Fire Dept., 22 Dec. 1828.

**Mss. A00-245**

**Jones, Roger. Journal of a military inspection tour of the Western Lakes.**

Note: Journal kept by Jones on a tour of military posts and garrisons on the Western Lakes, including Brownville, Niagara, Buffalo, Erie, Detroit, Mackinac, and Cleveland. The tour was led by Gen. Jacob Brown. Jones includes descriptions the areas visited in addition to details of the military installations.

**Mss. A00-249**

**Kent, Anna and Rowe, Elizabeth. Anna Kent letter : Willink, to Joshua Hale and Elizabeth Rowe.**

Note: Letter to friends in her former hometown, Corinth, Orange County, Vermont, of life in Willink. States that she feels safe and unafraid of the indians, that she has been teaching school, and that soldiers are stationed at Lewiston and Buffalo. She asks about the 127 soldiers that left Corinth, sends greetings to various people, and requests all send letters.

**Mss. A00-262**

**Knight, Elijah. Early recollections of Western New York.**

Note: Describes his family's life in Newstead, on the Holland Purchase in Western New York. Includes details on farming, early roads, post offices, Methodist circuit riders, Indians, the War of 1812, the trial of the three Thayers, and his chance meeting with Joseph Ellicott, agent for the Holland Land Company.

**Mss. A00-265**

**Lay, Frances E. Journal of Mrs. John Lay, Jr.**

Note: Reminiscence of her early life and eventual marriage to John Lay, Jr., whom she had known since childhood. Includes much material on her husband's life and his adventures during the War of 1812.

**Mss. A00-279**

**Love, Thomas C and Shedden, James S. Thomas C. Love letters : Buffalo, to I. & J. Townsend and James S. Shedden.**

Note: Letters, to Messrs. I. & J. Townsend, 9 Feb. 1831 regarding the sale of a Buffalo commercial property owned by Tilden & Taylor, and uncollected debts; and to James S. Shedden, Mooers, Clinton County, N.Y., 17 Jan. 1838, expressing his views on the Upper Canada Rebellion.

**Mss. A00-331**

**Hayward, George W and Draper, Lyman Copeland. George W. Hayward letters received.**

Note: Letters written to Hayward by Oran Follett, Sandusky, Ohio, and Lyman C. Draper, Madison, Wisconsin, in response to Hayward's invitation to attend the celebration of the semi-centennial of the City of Buffalo. Follett includes his memories of the village when he arrived in 1826; Draper writes of his grandfather, Job Hoisington, and his father, Luke Draper, and their experiences during the War of 1812.

**Mss. A00-332**

**Parker, Thomas J and Sloan, Matilda M. Thomas J. Parker letters : to Matilda M. Sloan, Buffalo, N.Y.**

Note: Letters concern his daily life in Cattaraugus County, N.Y., Civil War service with the 64th New York Volunteers, attendance at the 1897 G.A.R. Encampment in Buffalo, N.Y., and his gift to Miss Sloan of three buttons he wore during the Civil War, and a button worn by his father during service on the Niagara Frontier during the War of 1812. The last letter, dated 21 Jan. 1901, was written when he was nearly totally blind.

**Mss. A00-370**

**Cant, Alice M. S. 1812 cemetery, Garrison Road, Williamsville.**

Note: Brief overview of Williamsville's role in the War of 1812, the Williamsville hospital, the War of 1812 cemetery (actually in Cheektowaga) and who might be buried there, and ownership of the land from 1851 to 1922.

**Mss. A00-371**

**Bingham, Robert W and Wadsworth, James Wolcott. Robert W. Bingham letters received : from H. C. Griffith and J. W. Wadsworth.**

Note: Letters to Bingham, Director of the Buffalo Historical Society, enclosing the text of Griffith's and Wadsworth's addresses at a ceremony dedicating a cannon placed in the War of 1812 cemetery on Decoration Day, 1939.

**Mss. A00-378**

**Binney, Amos. James Lawrence scrapbook.**

Note: Scrapbook includes newspaper and other articles about Lawrence, engravings of him, and a requisition for rope for the use of the Hornet, 21 Sept. 1812, signed by Lawrence and U.S. Navy agent Amos Binney, approved by William Bainbridge.

**Mss. A00-379**

**Parker, Perry G. Parker family history.**

Note: Partial genealogy of the Parker family, and his recollections of life in Abbott's Corners, with information on his family's experiences during the War of 1812.

**Mss. A00-387**

**Remington, Cyrus Kingsbury. Cyrus Remington addresses and historical sketches.**

Note: Addresses and sketches on patriotism; the capture of the British brigs Caledonia and Detroit, the capture, siege, defense, and sortie of Fort Erie during the War of 1812; and the Sons of the Revolution. Includes a letter from a retired London, Ontario lieutenant colonel thanking Remington for a newspaper article regarding the Battle of Lundy's Lane; and some pencil sketches of Fort Erie.

**Mss. A00-389**

**Perry, Oliver Hazard and Jones, William. Battle of Lake Erie orders, log extract, and victory announcement.**

Note: Orders to Daniel Dobbins, 8 July and 22 Aug. regarding his command of the U. S. Schooner Ohio; Perry's letter to William Jones, secretary of the Navy, 10 Sept. 1813, announcing his victory in the Battle of Lake Erie; and an extract of the rough log Perry's flagship Lawrence, 10 Sept. 1813, giving an account of the battle.

**Mss. A00-420**

**Sloan, James and Wilkeson, Samuel. James Sloan reminiscences.**

Note: Reminiscences, several in the form of letters to Samuel Wilkeson, L.K. Haddock, and Charles D. Norton, of his early life on the Niagara Frontier. Includes an account of Gen. Bishop's attack on Black Rock during the summer of 1813, boating on the Niagara River and Lake Erie, and Lake Erie tides. Two letters were written to Sloan by Robert Orr of Kittanning, Pa. These contain some history of Kittanning and include notations by Sloan.

**Mss. A00-424**

**Smyth, Alexander and Porter, Peter B. War of 1812 communications.**

Note: A statement, written at "camp near Buffalo" exhorting the men of New York to join him when his troops plant the American standard in Canada, 10 Nov. 1812; three notes to Gen. Porter, one asking him to issue provisions for a party of militia, 19 Nov. 1812, the second requesting his attendance at a council of war at Landon's in Buffalo, 23 Nov. 1812, and the third instructing him to gather provisions and boats, and asking his opinion on landing opposite the upper part of Grand Island, [late Nov. 1812]. Also, Smyth's instructions to his men for the embarkation to Canada from the navy yard, labeled "Gen'l. Smyth's last proclamation", 29 Nov. 1812.

**Mss. A00-446**

**Swift, J. G and Lossing, Benson J. J. G. Swift letters : Geneva, to Benson J. Lossing, Poughkeepsie.**

Note: Two letters to Lossing describing the coastal defenses of the United States during the War of 1812.

**Mss. A00-453**

**Townsend, Bronson & Company and Colt, Jabez. Townsend, Bronson & Co. letters, notes, and receipts.**

Note: Letters, notes, and receipts 1810-1821, concerning the shipment of salt and other freight on the Great Lakes. Includes circular letters from several Montreal firms regarding market prices and importation of specific goods; the coasting license of Jacob Townsend & Co.'s Schooner Catharine, signed by Erastus Granger, District of Buffalo Creek, 6 Mar. 1811; and a scale of transportation prices for the year 1820.

**Mss. A00-461**

**Mahoney, Daniel E. The early days of Black Rock.**

Note: Unfinished manuscript includes information on the ferry at Black Rock, early settlers, and the War of 1812.

**Mss. A00-472**

**Warren, William. A pioneer narrative.**

Note: Sketch of his life, from the time he and his father first visited Western New York, to the building of the General Riley's house in 1824. M

**Mss. A00-489**

**Wilkinson, James and Van Rensselaer, Solomon Van Vechten. James Wilkinson letters to Col. Solomon Van Rensselaer, Albany.**

Note: Letters written to Van Rensselaer from Niagara, 22 Sept. 1813, asking the colonel to come to Sacketts Harbor in early October; and from Sacketts Harbor, 20 Oct. 1813, stating his understanding of Van Rensselaer's failure to meet him, that he is ill, but will leave with his troops to try the "tug of war."

**Mss. A00-496**

**Worth, William Jenkins and Marcy, William L. W. J. Worth letter : Buffalo, to Gov. Marcy.**

Note: Worth reports on the robbery of the state arsenal at Batavia and his capture of the Patriots at their Comstock camp. He bemoans the support given the Patriots by Dr. Johnson, Tillinghast, and others.

**Mss. A00-509**

**Nott, Ezra and Fay, Amos F. Ezra Nott letter : Pike, to A. F. Fay.**

Note: In reply to the inquiries of Fay, Nott writes of attending the first town meeting in Concord, N.Y., held the first Tuesday in April, 1812; mentions that the towns of Concord, Wales, and Sardinia were named for popular tunes of the day; and that he hosted the first sermon and first singing school in Sardinia. He also gives some details of his War of 1812 service.

**Mss. A00-513**

**Scheetz, Henry and Hill, Ezekiel. Henry Scheetz letter : Whitmarsh, to Ezekiel Hill, Manchester Great Falls, Niagara River.**

Note: Apologizes for the loss of Hill's letter at the time Fort George was in flames. Relates his activities during the War of 1812, and describes the state of crops in his part of the country.

**Mss. A00-517**

**Scott, Winfield and Townsend, E. D. Winfield Scott letters and pass.**

Note: Letters, Buffalo, 25 Jan. 1838, to Gen. Burt, charging him to recover the state guns, muskets, and ammunition, and stating that he does not wish New York to "have anything directly to do with this business"; and 1 Nov. 1850, to Hon. N. K. Hall, postmaster general, declaring that it is impossible to extend the leave of Lieut. Collins. Also, a pass issued at Army headquarters, Washington, 1 Aug. 1861, to Mrs. Eliza D. Hart and son, permitting them to pass through United States lines, signed by Scott and Assistant Adjutant General E. D. Townsend.

**Mss. A00-525**

**Wickser, Josephine Wilhelm. James Fenimore Cooper in Lewiston, New York.**

Note: Paper discusses Cooper's stay in Lewiston before the War of 1812, and the influence of Thomas and Betty Hustler, the proprietors of Hustler's tavern, on the characters Sargeant Hollister and Betty Flannigan in his book The Spy.

**Mss. A00-527**

**Russell, L. B. L. B. Russell letter and genealogy broadside.**

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Note: Letter, Comanche, Texas, to Robert W. Bingham, director of Buffalo Historical Society, 10 Aug. 1934, regarding his great grandfather Henry Russell, who died from wounds received at the Battle of Black Rock, and enclosing a letter from the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, detailing the military service of Henry Russell during the War of 1812. Also, a newspaper broadside entitled Genealogy of the Russell family, as compiled by L. B. Russell, Comanche Texas, 1937.

**Mss. A00-537**

**Eagle Tavern (Niagara Falls, N.Y.) and Catlin, George. Eagle Tavern guest register.**

Note: Guests include George and Henry Catlin, registered 29 Aug. 1825. Volume includes a business card for The Cataract House, also owned by Parkhurst Whitney.

**Mss. A00-565**

**Lovejoy, Henry. Old Settlers Festival address.**

Note: Lovejoy discusses changes in transportation since the first settlers came to the Niagara Frontier and the exploits of Oliver Hazard Perry during the War of 1812.

**Mss. A00-566**

**Bachelder, Louise. Early pioneer days of Niagara County.**

Note: Describes life in western Niagara County in the early 19th century.

**Mss. A00-572**

**Bidwell, Jane. My past recollections of the War of 1812.**

Note: Relates her experiences from October, 1812 through July 16, 1813, when she left the village until after the burning of Buffalo in December, 1813.

**Mss. A00-574**

**Bronson, Alvin and Bird, William A. Alvin Bronson letter : Oswego, to W. A. Bird.**

Note: Gives a brief summary of his forwarding activities on the Great Lakes with his partners Jacob Townsend and Sheldon Thompson.

**Mss. A00-583**

**Kingsley, Ebenezer C. Ebenezer C. Kingsley settlement of paymaster accounts.**

Note: Settlement of Kingsley's War of 1812 paymaster accounts with the United States, 1819-1823.

**Mss A64-87**

**Barton, Benjamin. Letter book and account book.**

Note: Communications between Benjamin Barton, Deputy Quarter Master General of the Niagara Frontier, and his superiors, and an abstract of purchases made by Barton as Deputy Quarter Master General. Included in letter book: "estimate of property lost by Benjamin Barton on the 19th day of December by the burning and plundering of the British and Indians."

**Mss A64-124**

**Hovey, Nathaniel and Clark, William. Letter : Headquarters, Fort Erie, to William Clark, Bradford County, Pa.**

Note: Concerns the progress of the war and includes a note to his wife.

**Mss A64-140**

**Waite, Morrison Remick. War of 1812 veterans' letter and autograph.**

Note: ALS, Washington, D.C., 12 Sept. 1854?, from William Marcy Learned expressing regret he cannot attend convention of War of 1812 veterans; card with autograph of Morrison Remick Waite; and typed biographical notes on the two veterans by the donor, Vincent Di Bona.

**Mss A64-149**

**Barker, Jacob A and Gillet, Joshua. Affidavit and letter.**

Note: Affidavit notarized by Jonas Harrison and witnessed by Joshua Gillet and Benjamin F. Barker, attesting to Jacob A. Barker's citizenship and physical characteristics, 10 July 1818; ALS, Silas Chatfield, Marengo, Mc Henry County, Ill., to Jacob A. Barker, Buffalo, N.Y., re Chatfield's service in the War of 1812 and his request for help in filing a pension application, 24 June 1846.

**Mss A64-160**

**Remington, Cyrus Kingsbury. Certificates.**

Note: Life member, "D" Company, Buffalo City Guard, 1873; Vice- President, "D" Company, Buffalo City Guard, 1881; President, "D" Company, Buffalo City Guard, 1882; member Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company, Boston, Mass., 1892; and his passport, issued 20 June 1896.

**Mss A64-161**

**Bird, William A. Military appointment and discharge.**

Note: Appointment to rank of captain, Eighth Brigade National Guard, State of New York; and honorable discharge.

**Mss A64-189**

**Porter, Peter A and Porter, Elizabeth L. Research on Peter B. Porter.**

Note: Material collected in preparation for planned biography of Peter B. Porter. Includes letters from other researchers, copies of correspondence of Peter B. Porter, an 1827 broadside and a certificate received by Elizabeth L. Porter upon a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 1870.

**Mss A64-193**

**United States and Willis, Elizabeth. War of 1812 military bounty land grant.**

Note: Land grant of 160 acres in St. Peters, Minn., assigned by Elizabeth Willis, widow of War of 1812 veteran James Willis, to Frederick G. Manser.

**Mss A64-234**

**Wheeler, Frank S. Some incidents in the War of 1812 : according to the Tuscarora Indians.**

Note: Brief account of the capture of General Peter B. Porter and the death of General Brock.

**Mss A64-248**

**Mitchell, Olivia Babcock. Recollections of Buffalo during the War of 1812.**

Note: Two typescript copies of journal and one 5-page carbon of typed excerpts from journal interspersed with comments by great-great-granddaughter. Includes biographical note and letter from great-grandson donating his copy to the Buffalo Historical Society.

**Mss A64-254**

**Morrison, Noel and McColester, Hamilton. Letter : to Brother and Sister.**

Note: Describes War of 1812 skirmishes in Buffalo and Black Rock.

**Mss A64-281**

**McIntire, Rufus and Holmes, John. Letters : to John Holmes.**

Note: Letters to Maine state senator John Holmes from various locations in New York State, concerning the military situation and the country through which his unit passed.

**Mss A64-286**

**Wool, Sally H. War of 1812 letters and prisoner list.**

Note: Four letters from Brig. Gen. Winfield Scott to Col. Charles K. Gardner concerning war matters; one letter from Capt. John E. Wool to Sally H. Wool concerning battle at Queenston Heights; one letter from "Pike" to the National Advocate concerning Battle of Chippewa; and a list of prisoners taken near Fort George, 27 May 1813.

**Mss. A64-320**

**Love family and Love, George M. Papers.**

Note: Military commission and orders of Levi Love, 1809-1812; ALS, Buffalo, Thomas C. Love to Levi Love, re Thayer trial, 8 May 1825; diary kept by George Love during trip to California, 1849; clippings and other information about the Love family.

**Mss A64-338**

**Cummings, D and Magraw, James. Letter : Camp Conchaquaty Creek near Black Rock, to Revd. James Magraw, Cecil County, Md.**

Note: Concerns Gen. Alexander Smyth's campaign on the Upper Niagara.

**Mss A64-347**

**Remington, Cyrus Kingsbury. Fort Erie : its history for the first fifty years of its existence 1764-1814.**

Note: Includes hand drawn plans of Fort Erie, Aug. and Sept. 1814, and the ruins of the fort, 20 Aug. 1886.

**Mss A65-32**

**Porter, Peter B and Worth, G.A. Letter : Black Rock, to G.A. Worth.**

Note: ALS, regarding note due at Worth's bank.

**Mss. A66-18**

**Severance, Frank H. Our frontier in 1812.**

Note: Describes the fortifications on both sides of the Niagara River prior to the War of 1812.

**Mss A66-19**

**Porter, Peter A. James Monroe letter and Peter A. Porter article.**

Note: Typescript of letter to Peter B. Porter from James Monroe, re President Madison's wish to give command of the Niagara Frontier forces to Porter, 16 Jan. 1815; article written by Peter A. Porter concerning the sale of the above letter, part of the library of historian Benson J. Lossing.

**Mss A67-11**

**Fort Humphrey marker dedication remarks.**

Note: Remarks made at the dedication by Mrs. Ovid McArthur and Mrs. Nora C. Kanner, focusing on the role of Holland, N.Y. settlers in the War of 1812, especially that of Israel Reed.

**Mss A67-52**

**Irwin, R.J.A. Buffalo in the War of 1812 : read at a meeting of the Pundits at Rose Hill, Ont.**

No notes available at this time.

**Mss A68-4**

**Benson, Elias W. Benson-Sprague War of 1812 papers.**

Note: Includes letter from Ephraim Sprague while fighting in Fort Erie, Upper Canada, 10 Oct. 1814; letter of guardianship concerning Ephraim Sprague's daughter, Lydia, 1815; commission of Elias W. Benson as captain in 62nd N.Y. Militia, 1823; Mason certificate of Elias W. Benson; a letter of condolence to Benson's family by the Wilkeson Post No. 87, G.A.R., on his death, 11 Dec. 1874; and a photograph of Gen. Benson.

**Mss A68-61**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Papers.**

Note: Correspondence, clippings, photographs and a merit award relating to ceremonies marking the 150th anniversary of the War of 1812, including rededication of the War of 1812 cemeteries on Aero Dr., Cheektowaga, N.Y., and on Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

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**Mss A68-72****Emery family and Emery, Edward K. Papers : (bulk 1807-1866)**

Note: Letters to Josiah Emery, Jr., 1844-1866; letter to Judge (Edward K.) Emery from "A", threatening the life of Theodore Roosevelt if Leon Czolgosz is convicted of the assassination of President McKinley, 17 Sept. 1901; account book, including remedies for illnesses, 1808-1813, also used by Josiah Emery, 1846-1866; two documents concerning a highway to be built on land owned by Josiah Emery and James Wolcott, 1828-1829; assessment roll for the town of Aurora, ca. 1840s; school register used by Josiah Emery, Jr., 1847, also used to list people subpoenaed for grand jury cases, 1874- 1875; register of visitors to the Emery Museum, Emery Park, South Wales, N.Y., 1926-1928.

**Mss A68-80****Macdonough, Thomas and Jones, William. Letter : U.S. Saratoga, Plattsburgh Bay, to Honble. Wm. Jones, Secretary of the Navy.**

Note: Details of the decisive battle with the British which took place at Plattsburgh 11 Sept. 1814.

**Mss A68-132****Wettlaufer, Crawford. Remarks : at Rush-Bagot Agreement ceremonies, Toronto, Ontario.**

Note: Remarks made as President of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, commenting on the peace between Canada and the United States.

**Mss. A68-224****Gookin, John and Gookin, Harriot. Letter : Buffalo, to Harriot [sic?] Gookin.**

Note: Letter to his sister Harriot [sic?] Gookin, 20 Dec. 1814, discussing family matters and his life as a soldier during the War of 1812.

**Mss. A68-239****Wesley, Mary B. Old Settlers Festival records.**

Note: Lists of early Buffalo settlers; ode for the festival written by Guy H. Salisbury; song "Fifty Years Ago" written by Elizabeth Keller; brief biographies of Dr. Cyrenius Chapin and Benjamin Caryl; reminiscences of Ira Merrill, T.N. Boynton, James Clark, Frances E. Lay, F.P. Billings, and Sophia Reynolds. These early settlers write about the burning of Buffalo during the War of 1812, the old school house on The Terrace at Swan Street, the visit of General Lafayette, early Great Lakes shipping, and pioneer life in Lancaster, N.Y. Includes a note written by Mary B. Weekly; two speeches, one unidentified, the other by Benjamin Hodge; a clipping about the 1864 festival; and a partial program of the sixth anniversary of The Nameless club.

**Mss A69-28****Rath, Edward A. Remarks : at Rush-Bagot Agreement ceremonies, Fort York, Canada.**

Note: Typescript of remarks made by Erie County (N.Y.) Executive Edward A. Rath.

**Mss. A69-52****Historical sketch of the Stillman family.**

Note: Handwritten reminiscences about the Rev. Timothy Stillman, corresponding clergyman and secretary of the American Bethel Society for 40 years, and his wife, who was born during the Buffalo riot of 24 Nov. 1812; written by their daughter.

**Mss. A69-60****Viele, Sheldon Thompson and Townsend, Sheldon C. Sheldon Thompson biographical papers.**

Note: Papers collected in preparing biographical pamphlet about early Buffalo businessman and mayor. Includes business papers, correspondence and contracts between Thompson and business partners, Viele's correspondence concerning Thompson, research and notes and pamphlet. Also includes later newspaper clippings inserted by donor.

**Mss A70-28****Hopkins family and Van Buren, Martin. Papers.**

Note: Papers of four generations include family genealogies, military commissions, letters and other papers of Timothy S. Hopkins, his son Timothy A. Hopkins, his grandsons Horace G. Hopkins and T. Orlando Hopkins, and his great-grandson Mark Hopkins, and other family papers. Includes justice of the peace casebook and list of marriages performed by Timothy A. Hopkins in Amherst, N.Y., 1841-1884; diary, 1865, of Mark's wife's father or grandfather, George C. Dunham; grant of land in Michigan to Peres Lincoln, 1837, signed by Martin Van Buren; and letter concerning enlistments in 129th Regiment N.Y.S.V., 1862.

**Mss A70-33**

**Root, M.A. Papers.**

Note: Three documents, 1886-1887, concerning land claim due to service of his father, Aretas L. Root, in the War of 1812; one stock certificate from the Pan-American Exposition Company; and two stock certificates and two bonds from the Crystal Beach Steamboat and Ferry Company.

**Mss A70-60**

**Storrs, Lucius and Storrs, Juba. Lucius and Juba Storrs papers.**

Note: Letters, business agreements, receipted bills book and other papers of Lucius Storrs and his older brother Juba Storrs. Includes memoir of Juba by a nephew.

**Mss A71-1**

**Worden, Walter. War of 1812 subsistence account.**

Note: Covers period 1 Aug.-28 Sept. 1814.

**Mss A71-47**

**Scott, Winfield. Letters.**

Note: ALS, Buffalo, 27 Apr. 1814, to C. Divine, Commanding General of Purchases, Philadelphia, 2pp., concerning need for clothing and other supplies; and ALS, Buffalo, 17 May 1814, to John Armstrong, Secretary of War, 12 pp., concerning campaign in Upper Canada.

**Mss A72-13**

**Adams, Harry. History of Fort Niagara.**

Note: Brief typescript history of Fort Niagara, N.Y., beginning with early claims by Robert Cavalier de La Salle and Jacques Denonville during the 1600s. Covers the French and Indian War, the massacre at Devil's Hole, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Morgan mystery during the 1820s.

**Mss. A93-8**

**Porter, Peter B. Letters received.**

Note: Many letters soliciting his recommendation for various government positions, including postmaster of Albany, U.S. Navy agent at New York City, and keeper of the Genesee Light House; other letters concern personal and business matters.

**Mss. A93-11**

**Graves, Donald E and Hanks, Jarvis Frary. Annotated memoir, military record and bounty-land warrant application of Jarvis Frary Hanks.**

Note: Transcription of Hanks' memoir with annotations. Includes copies from the National Archives of Hanks' military records and bounty-land warrant application, and a letter from Graves describing his paper, 4 Jan. 1993.

**Mss. A93-20**

**Porter, Peter B and Hall, Willis. Letters received.**

Note: Five ALS, from Benjamin Barton, David Thompson, Joseph McCollum, A.S. Porter and Willis Hall. Subjects include the sale of Niagara Falls land, a geography written by Thompson, and a visit to Syracuse by "Mr. Clay."

**Mss. A95-8**

**Harrington, James and Harrington, Orpha Pelton. Pension records and genealogy.**

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Note: Declaration, claim and other documentation regarding the War of 1812 widow's pension sought by Orpha Pelton Harrington, 1816-1887; includes genealogies of Harrington family, ca. 1913.

**Mss A96-36**

**Notice to the good people of Salisbury.**

Note: Request to residents of Salisbury, N.Y., for linen, bandages and medicinal herbs for the general hospital at Fort George, crowded with sick.

**Mss. B00-3**

**Hubbell, William S. The history of Fort Erie and the Niagara Frontier.**

No notes available at this time.

**Mss B00-11**

**Goodyear, A. Conger and Hall, Amos. War of 1812 manuscripts.**

Note: Miscellaneous War of 1812 mss. collected by A. Conger Goodyear, including orderly books of camps Batavia and Buffalo; memoranda from an original journal by Gen. Jacob Brown, 1814; letterbooks of Amos Hall and Roger Hale Sheaffe; and letters, documents and maps concerning the Porter- Smyth controversy, the Battle of Black Rock and the destruction of Buffalo, and the battles of Chippewa, Queenstown, Lundy's Lane, Lake Erie, and Fort Erie. Writers include Peter B. Porter and Stephen Van Rensselaer.

**Mss B00-15**

**Culbertson, Laila F. War of 1812 papers.**

Note: General orders, proclamations, newspaper reports and letters concerning military campaigns, including papers of Maj. John G. Camp; letterbook of Sir Phineas Riall, 1813-1814; minutes and subscription lists, 1814, of the Committee of Safety and Relief at Canandaigua, and other documents of property losses on the Niagara Frontier; rough draft of a treaty arranging for indemnification for slaves and property seized by British forces, 1822; military commissions and papers related to bounty and pension claims of soldiers and their descendants, 1810-1934; an account of Buffalo's role in the War of 1812 by Laila F. Culbertson, 1899; and ms. catalogs, bibliographies, and an inventory of the A. Conger Goodyear War of 1812 collection.

**Mss B70-1**

**Fuller, Philo Case and Bond, C.R. Letter books.**

Note: Letters received, ca. 1813-1837, from family, friends, and business and political associates. Subjects include antimasonry, bills pending before the N.Y.S. Legislature, other state and national political matters, and family affairs. Correspondents include Millard Fillmore, Thurlow Weed, and C.R. Bond.

**Mss. B80-7**

**Severance, Frank H. War of 1812 bibliography notes.**

Note: Primarily index cards, clippings, and correspondence related to a bibliography on the War of 1812 compiled by Frank H. Severance; also includes cards for a bibliography published in vol. XIX of Buffalo Historical Society Publications, "The Periodical Press of Buffalo 1811- 1915."

**Mss C00-2**

**Dobbins, Daniel and Champlin, Stephen. Family papers.**

Note: Genealogical and biographical material concerning the Dobbins, White and Penfield families; Dobbins family correspondence, 1811-1890; general business, financial and legal papers of Daniel Dobbins, 1799-1862; maritime logbooks, impost books, enlistment records, contracts, ledgers, receipts and other records of Dobbins' career in maritime, naval, engineering and Dept. of Revenue service, 1800-1853; and accounts and commemorations of the Battle of Lake Erie, 1856-1875. The collection also includes papers of Daniel Dobbins' sons, Stephen Decatur, David Porter, Leander and William, 1821-1891, including maritime logbooks, ledgers, scrapbooks and letters.

**Mss C67-5**

**Hauenstein, John. Rochester-Hauenstein-Duffield family papers.**

Note: Genealogical materials pertaining to the Rochester, De Lancey and Hauenstein families, including financial and personal correspondence, medical diplomas, diaries and scrapbooks; and military papers of Norman Duffield.

**Mss C68-4**

**Lake & Haight (Buffalo, N.Y.) and Haight, Albert. Civil War pension and bounty papers.**

Note: Correspondence with pensioners, U.S. government agencies, and other claim agents concerning collection and payment of pensions and bounties on behalf of Civil War soldiers and their families; applications and receipts; military discharges, marriage certificates, affidavits and other documents used as evidence of eligibility; and administrative records, including monthly payment summaries, 1867-1871 (with gaps), and lists of pensioners and their addresses. Soldiers whose claims were prosecuted fought mostly in New York State volunteer regiments, but many other Union regiments are represented as well. Also, three folders of records related to pension claims by War of 1812 and Mexican War veterans.

**Mss C80-1**

**Porter, Peter B and Clay, Henry. Papers.**

Note: Correspondence, minutes, receipts, maps, deeds, surveys, slave extradition papers, pension and bounty papers, provision contracts, and photographs related to the varied career of Peter B. Porter.

**Mss M69-3**

**Porter, Peter B and Clay, Henry. Papers (microfilm edition)**

Note: Correspondence, minutes, receipts, maps, deeds, surveys, slave extradition papers, pension and bounty papers, provision contracts, and photographs related to the varied career of Peter B. Porter.

**Mss. W-5**

**Bennett, Joseph. Reminiscences and diary.**

Note: Bennett began his diary on 1 May 1850. The earlier entries are family history and reminiscences of his life through age 47. He writes of his town's experiences during the War of 1812 (the town of Jay, near Plattsburgh, N.Y.), his work, shipwrecks on Lake Erie near his homestead, his family, farm, everyday life, and national events, including the death of Abraham Lincoln. Entries are sporadic, sometimes only a few per year. The diary ends in August 1892, when Bennett was 89 years of age.

**Mss. W-20**

**Town of Erie memorandum book and Village of Buffalo school house subscription book.**

Note: Memorandum book notes payments received for licenses to sell liquor, 7 May 1805-19 Feb. 1808, and monies reimbursed to individuals for care of the poor, 22 Mar. 1806-20 Nov. 1808. Subscription book is a record of the pledges and payments made by inhabitants of the village of Buffalo for the purpose of erecting a school house, 1807-1809. Pasted in the subscription book is a clipping from 1875 on the history of the school house.

**Mss. W-41**

**Harrison, Jonas. Letter book.**

Note: Copies of letters written by Harrison during his tenure as collector of customs for the District of Niagara, N.Y., many to Samuel H. Smith, Commissioner of the Revenue. There are also some letters written to Harrison by others. Letters written 1813-1814 detail Harrison's experiences during the British invasion of the Niagara Frontier, including the capture of Fort Niagara, the burning of Lewiston, his flight to Batavia, N.Y., and the effect of the war on the region. The volume includes a brief biographical sketch of Harrison, and comments on some of the letters, presumably written by John Porter, a resident of Lewiston.

**Mss. W-97**

**Board of Commissioners under the Sixth and Seventh Articles of the Treaty of Ghent and Fraser, Donald. Minutes and report.**

Note: Includes minutes of the proceedings of the board in execution of the 6<sup>th</sup> article, 18 Nov. 1816-22 June 1822; minutes of the board relating to the 7<sup>th</sup> article (between the Nebish Rapids in St. Mary's River and the north west corner of the Lake of the Woods), kept by Major Donald Fraser, secretary, 16 Feb. 1824-25 Oct. 1827; and the report of Anthony Barclay, British commissioner, respecting the boundary line under the 7<sup>th</sup> article of the Treaty of Ghent, 27 Oct. 1827.

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