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Bouck, William C., 1786-1859. Papers, 1727-1866.

N.Y.S. Canal Commissioner, 1821-1840; Governor, 1843-1844. These papers pertain largely to William Bouck's political career and include appointment papers and other official documents concerning his service as sheriff, assemblyman, and postmaster; letters (1812-1819) concerning his duties as sheriff and the revision of regulations governing the militia; also, considerable correspondence and related papers dealing with New York State canals, especially with respect to Bouck's position on the Canal Commission, and Whig-Democratic party struggles as they related to the canal system (1839-1840). Also, incoming correspondence and copies of Bouck's letters concerning local, state, and national politics (1812-1857), and prison and meat inspection regulation in New York State; considerable material pertaining to the sale of lands in Schoharie County and adjacent areas (1727-1858); and papers relating to Bouck's Wisconsin land investments (1841), his position as Assistant U.S. Treasurer at New York City (1846-1849); and personal and family business. 2 ft. (original MSS.); 15 pcs. (photostats); 1 reel microfilm. [For detailed descriptions and notes, see attached sheets.]

Card entries:

Bouck, William C., 1786-1859. Papers, 1727-1866.

Astor, John Jacob, 1763-1848  
 Beardsley, Samuel  
 Best, Benjamin  
 Crowell, Edwin *Bouck, Christian W. (2-72)*  
 Dickinson, Daniel Stevens  
 Edmonds, John Worth  
 Ferguson, John  
 Hoffman, Michael  
 Jervis, John Bloomfield  
 Johnson, (Sir) William  
 Lawyer, Jacob  
 Lawyer, Thomas  
 McAlpine, William Jarvis *Melville, Herman (KJ, 7/63)*  
 Niven, Archibald Campbell  
 Roberts, Nathan S.  
 Sanford, Lyman  
 Spalding, Lyman  
 Van Buren, Martin *(rev. 2-72)*  
 Wright, Benjamin  
 Barnburners  
 Bouck Family (Schoharie County)  
 Cayuga and Seneca Canal  
 Champlain Canal

## Card entries: (cont.)

Chemung Canal  
 Chemung Dam  
 Chenango Canal  
 Crooked Lake Canal  
 Democratic Party  
 Erie Canal  
 Genessee Valley Canal  
 Whig Party  
 Fulton (Schoharie County)  
 Schenectady (Schenectady County)  
 Schoharie County (land sales)  
 Schoharie County (politics)  
 Utica (Oneida County)

Anti-Masonry  
 Antirent movement  
 Canals (New York State)  
 Debt (Imprisonment for)  
 Epidemics (Cholera)  
 Labor (canal construction)  
 Militia (New York State)  
 Politics (New York State)  
 Prices (c. 1800-c.1850)  
 Prisons (New York State)  
 Public health (New York State)

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BOUCK, WILLIAM C., 1786-1859. Papers, 1727-1866; 2 ft. (original MSS.), 15 pcs. (photostats), 1 reel microfilm. Sheriff of Schoharie County, 1812-1814; member of the N.Y.S. Assembly, 1813-1814; Postmaster, West Middlebury, New York, 1821+; member of the N.Y.S. Canal Commission, 1821-1840; Governor of New York State, 1843-1844; Assistant U.S. Treasurer at New York City, 1846-1849. ~~Customs Collector of the Port of New York, 1845.~~

These papers pertain largely to Governor Bouck's political career and include appointment papers and other official documents concerning his service as sheriff, assemblyman, and postmaster; incoming letters (1812-1819) from J. P. Adams, Samuel Baldwin, Joseph Bouck, Joseph Bout, Peter Farrell, Lyman Hawes, Elias Holliday, Aaron Hubbard, Thomas Lawyer, Alexander Loun, Henry McKown, George Mann, F. G. Meyer, Freegift Patchin, J. Shepard, Peter Snyder, F. Stranahan, George Tiffany, Joseph Trout, and J. Vanderpoel concerning his duties as sheriff, the revision of regulations governing the militia, and state and local politics. Also, considerable correspondence and related papers dealing with Bouck's position on the Canal Commission, including contractors' receipts and accounts (1830-1840); monthly construction and repair estimates for the Chemung, Chenango, Erie, Champlain, and Crooked Lake Canals (1830-1840) and the Chemung Dam (1833); detailed reports on construction and seasonal openings and closings, with information on technical difficulties with locks and other construction problems and on the procurement of labor (1830-1842), as reported by the canal engineers and other correspondents, among whom were Dana Allen, Alfred Barrett, Orville Childs, Isaac Crane, Michael Hoffman, H. Hutchinson, John Bloomfield Jervis, William Jarvis McAlpine, Frederick Mills, Curtis Porter, Nathan Roberts, and Porteus Root; petitions to the Canal Board and later to Bouck personally for restitution for damages allegedly suffered from canal construction and operation; letters from Benjamin Wright concerning the enlargement of the Canal; discussions of projects involving the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad and the enlarged Erie (1834-1845) and the Oswego Ship Canal (1835).

problems arising from the passage of canals through Schenectady and other cities (1839), and Whig-Democratic party struggles as they related to the canal system (1839-1840). ↗

Also, further correspondence with Lyman Sanford, Robert McClellan, and others concerning Bouck's later public life, including his political views (1836-1838), especially in regard to the national Subtreasury plan; with associates in the canal system regarding his political position as it might affect the canals; with William Coleman, E. H. Goodwin, and David Hamilton concerning maneuvers behind his first gubernatorial nomination (1840), analyzing the reasons for his defeat in the 1840 election and discussing plans for his renomination; with George Caldwell, Edwin Croswell, <sup>PERHAPS?</sup> William Brown Macclay, 1812-1882, William McMurray, John Peirce, William Sherwood, B. Staats, Aaron Vanderpoel, and others concerning his second nomination (1842); and Bouck's personal statements (1842) on the direct tax and other issues. ↶

Also, correspondence (1842-1844) of Timothy Corbin, D. Lawyer, and Burton Thomas with related appeals and statements, dealing with the anti-rent movement and resultant civil disturbances, mainly in Schoharie and Rensselaer Counties; with Ward B. Howard, Henry P. Nugent, John W. Edmonds, Archibald C. Niven, and others in regard to prison affairs at Sing-Sing, Auburn, Mt. Pleasant, and other state penal institutions (1840-1844), including such matters as imprisonment for debt, requests for pardons, unsatisfactory conditions in female and juvenile prisons, and competitive convict labor; and with Martin Fairchild and Charles A. Jackson concerning meat inspection regulations. Also, scattered letters of Samuel Beardsley, Daniel S. Dickinson, Chester Griswold, and others concerning Barnburner-Hunker factionalism in the Democratic Party, New York City opposition to the Bouck administration, the secret circular movement, pre-Civil War tensions, and various other aspects of national, state, and local politics.

Also, considerable material pertaining to the sale of lands (1727-1858) in Schoharie County and adjacent areas; includes bills of seizure, deeds, and indentures and involve the following persons: Ryley Adams, Alexander and Stephen Alexander, John Jacob Astor; Frederick, Hendrick, John, and William Bauck; Hermann Bernhard; Benjamin, Henry, and Isaac Best; Joseph Bleecker, Christian Bogh, Joseph and William Bouck, John Cruyseler, Peter and Thomas Danforth, John Depeyster, Cornelius Feeck, John and James Ferguson, Johannes Frick, David Frisbie, John Frymire, Elijah and Elon Galusha, Henry Hamilton, Joseph Henry, Sir William Johnson, Abraham Keyser, Daniel Larkin, Jacob Lawyer, Morgan Lewis, George Moyers, Jacob Murphy, Jacob Russell, Lyman Sanford, Philip Servis, Lyman Spalding, Frederick and Truman Stanton, Asa Starkweather, Frederick Stewart, John Torgerson, Alexander and Peter Vroman, Adam and Martines Vrooman, and Nicholas and William York. <sup>4</sup>

Miscellaneous items include N.Y.S. Militia commissions, deeds, indentures, copies of wills and probate papers, and other legal documents (1771-1859) of Bouck, his father, Christian, and his grandfather, William; papers relating to Bouck's Wisconsin land investments (1841), his <sup>appointment as Assistant U.S. Treasurer a</sup> ~~position as Customs Collector~~ (1846-1849) ~~in~~ New York City ~~area~~, and his rental incomes and other personal and family business; militia appointments of Joseph Bouck (1829); Charles Bouck's certificate of appointment to the Fulton, N.Y. War Committee (March 1865); estate inventory of Cornelius Feeck (1805); a schedule (1840) of days that property owners were required to work on roads, Fulton, Schoharie County; and business papers of Benjamin and Juliet Best (1844-1866) and John Ferguson (1852-1855). Unpublished guides available. (2206)

## William C. Bouck Papers

Additional notes on selected items in original accession described in 1958-1962  
Report:

Letter to W.C.B., Albany, from Lewis Eaton, Washington, U.S. Congressman, January 25, 1845, re annexation; Cabinet appointments likely to be given only to those who supported leading measures discussed in recent Presidential election.

February 7, 1845, letter from son, J. W. Bouck, re possibility of WCB's getting position in Polk administration, possibly Collector of the Port of New York; comment on (Silas) Wright.

February 12, 1845, letter from son, Christian W. Bouck, New York City, re cabinet appointments of Polk; comments on (Silas) Wright; New York City collectorship and various consular posts discussed.

February 23, 1845, to WCB from son, JWB, New York City, re visit of General Cass to city; Wright's political views; states that a strong effort will be made to remove the incumbent collector (Van Ness), but that it will not be easy because he has too many friends.

JW in Customs House; got job from Collector.

More on possible appointments for WCB under Polk---Postmaster General; Berlin, Vienna

Importance of the collectorship; WCB a possibility if Van Ness removed.

March 9, 1845, to WCB from JWB, more on appointments.

May 17, 1845, to WCB in Washington, from Jacob Tooker, re Polk appointments and possibility of WCB as collector.

Also, from Tooker:

June 13, 1845, more on possible appointment to collectorship.

July 21, 1845, wants an appointment; more on patronage and the Democratic Party generally.

May 19, 1845, to Bouck from Archibald C. Niven, making uncomplimentary references to (Silas) Wright.

May 28, 1845, dft. of WCB's letter to William L. Marcy, saying he will accept office of collector, if appointed, but does not wish to be an open candidate.

S. S. Schmucker letter, November 10, 1845. See also notes on additional papers---S.S.S. letter of December 1845.

Fair copy of WCB's letter, December 13, 1845, about being a candidate for delegate to the NYS Constitutional Convention of 1846.

Bills and accounts indicating 1840's prices:

Meat prices--butcher's bill submitted to Bouck for period April 8, 1844-January 22, 1845.

Blacksmith's account, June 2, 1845, and general store account (sulphur, indigo, spices, hardware, etc.) Fulton, N.Y.

Cobbler's accounts receipted November 8, 1845. Charles Best, Fulton, Schoharie.

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Correspondence of or pertaining to Martin Van Buren, 1840-1855.

Three letters from Van Buren to WCB: July 31, Sept. 9, 26, 1855. (*Orig. acc.*)

Van Buren mentioned in the following letters to Bouck from:

- |            |                            |  |
|------------|----------------------------|--|
| 7-16-1840  | Christian W. Bouck         | mentions VB wants WCB to visit him   |
| 10-04-1840 | Christian W. Bouck         |  |
| 4-07-1841  | Christian W. Bouck         | comments on death of President Harrison and new Pres. Tyler (anti-Bank man)  |
| 4-02-1840  | W.C.B.                     | draft, mentions Argus' opposition to himself [Van Buren not mentioned]   |
| 8-31-1840  | Adam Bouck (cousin)        | Superior, Mich., asking WCB for accurate assessment of Van Buren's political views; draft of WCB's reply 9-10-1840 |
| 10-03-1840 | E. Crosswell               |  |
| 10-12-1840 | Dr. I. (?) Van Buren,      | Albany, N.Y., invitation to WCB to speak to the Democratic German Assoc. of Albany                                 |
| 11-10-1840 | Wm. M. Oliver              |  |
| 11-20-1840 | Leonard Manore ?           | mentions VB and also Argus   |
| 7-? -1841  | J. <sup>ur</sup> Krüland ? | Milwaukee, Wisc., VB stopped there on his way down lakes   |
| 8-26-1842  | A. Vanderpoel              | "Mr. Van Buren & his sons are for you"   |
| 1-17-1844  | M. Sterling                |  |
| 5-02-1844  | Wm. E. Cramer              |  |
| 6-03-1844  | H. W. Brown                |  |
| 11-23-1844 | S. Birdsall                |  |
| 12-09-1844 | S. Beardsley               |  |
| 12-25-1844 | unknown (only 1st p.)      |  |
| 2-03-1845  | MVB & WCB                  | nominated for N.Y.S. Regents   |
| 05-17-1845 | J. Tooker                  |  |
| 12-13-1845 | W.C. Bouck                 |  |
| 03-03-1846 | C.W. Bouck                 |  |
| 11-12-1847 | J. Staats                  |  |



ACC. SHEET FOR PAPERS TO BE DESCRIBED IN 1962+ Report.

Bouck, William C., 1786-1859. Papers, 1798-1859.

These additional papers also pertain largely to Bouck's public life, as well as to his Wisconsin land investments (1840-1858) and to personal and family business. [For detailed description and notes, see attached sheets.]

Card entries:

Buchanan, James  
Dickinson, Daniel Stevens  
Grant, William H.  
McAlpine, William Jarvis  
Marcy, William Learned  
Niven, Archibald Campbell  
Polk, James Knox  
Seward, William Henry  
Wright, Silas

Bouck Family (Schoharie County)  
Free Soil Party (New York State, 1853)  
Hartwick Seminary  
Oneida Indians  
U. S. Department of the Treasury

Canada (description)  
Schoharie County (land sales)  
Schoharie County (political)

Antirent movement  
Canals (New York State)  
Liquor control (elections)  
Militia (New York State)  
Politics (New York State)  
Prisons (New York State)  
Public Health (New York State)  
Religion (New York State, 1840's)  
Sabbath observance

7/62, 7/63

INVENTORY DATA:	REQ, 7/63
Mss. sheets	2580
Mss. vols.	
Reference vols.	
Newspapers.	
Bound vols.	
Unbound issues	
Pamphlets.	
Broadsides	
Photographs, slides, and pictures	
Greeting and post cards	
Trade cards	
Maps	1
Microfilm (reels)	1 + 6 -- NOT
Tape recordings	copies of papers
Phonograph records	described on this
Films	sheet, but of original accessi

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D. Lytle's unedited description of the additional Bouck Papers, not included in 1958-62 Report, acc. January 1963:

Bouck, William C., 1786-1859. Additional Papers, 1798-1859;

These papers pertain largely to Bouck's political career. Concerning Bouck's duties as sheriff of Schoharie County, include bonds, correspondence, and other miscellaneous papers (1812-1819). Concerning his work on the New York State canals, include letters (1824-1840) from Joseph Anderson, John B. Jervis, Timothy Jervis, Roswell Judson, and William J. McAlpine, dealing with the Seneca and Cayuga Canal (1827), a legislative request for technical information on the canals, and Bouck's personal statement (copy) upon terminating his service as Canal Commissioner (1840). Other papers relate to Bouck's years as a prominent New York politician (1840-1846); for the period before his election to the governorship, include papers and letters from William Baker, Edward Broadhead, William Cramer, Daniel Dusenberg, John Edmonds, William J. McAlpine, and S. B. Strong, relating to events at the 1840 nominating convention, Bouck's notification of his nomination (1840), his 1840 campaign, his personal statements (copies and drafts) on the political significance of his actions as Canal Commissioner, political advice from Samuel Beardsley (1841-1842), Whigs and the state debt, appointments to the Canal Commission (1842), political importance of internal improvements, proposed reform of the New York judiciary, and an attempt to prevent Bouck from receiving the nomination for governor (1842); for the years of Bouck's term as governor (1843-1844), include letters from Samuel Beardsley, G. Feeter, David Hamilton, and S. B. Strong, and other papers, concerning expenses of the executive department (1843-1845), an attempt to limit Bouck's initiative in New York City appointments (1842), reports on local politics (1843), dissension over the role of David Hamilton in the administration, the scandal of Monmouth Hart, Sheriff of New York City (1843), trouble with Westchester County appointments (1844), Barnburners and the November elections (1844), political maneuvers behind

the nominating convention (1844) and explanations of Bouck's defeat, and appointments to the United States Senate (November 1844); concerning antirent disturbances in New York State during the Bouck administration, include letters from J. Barrel, Elisha Brown, Timothy Corbin, Almerin Gallup, and copies of Bouck's letters, dealing with disturbances in Rensselaer County and the 1840 election, disturbances in 1844, petitions from antirenters and from landowners, and Bouck's personal statements (1840 and 1844). Relating to Bouck's later political life (1845-1859), letters from Christian W. Bouck, George Caldwell, G. Feeter, David Hamilton, Archibald C. Niven, Smith Rider, William Seldon, John Staats, and John H. Wright; these letters include reminiscences of Archibald C. Niven on Bouck's political career (1845), evaluations (1845-1847) of Silas Wright's state administration, influence of ex-Governor William Marcy in New York State appointments, John H. Wright's reflections on his political friendship with Bouck (1846), anti-Texas Congressmen from New York, an office-holder allegedly persecuted by Barnburners appeals to Bouck (1846), an attack upon Bouck in the New York legislature and its rebuttal (1846), Bouck's records of official business and correspondence while Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in New York City (1846-1849), Barnburner factionalism in New York and remedies proposed by the national administration (1853), Marcy and the Free-Soilers (1852), an evaluation of William Seward by Bouck and his political friends (1853-1856), and Buchanan's popularity in New York State.

Also, include Bouck family affairs, 1798-1858; bonds to Christian Bouck (1798-1805), and other miscellaneous bonds (1808-1812); personal and business receipts (1805-1857); survey of Christian Bouck, Jr.'s land, (1825-1829); indenture between Christian Bouck and William C. Bouck, concerning land in Schoharie County; sale of land in Schoharie County to one Almerin Gallup; indenture between William C. Bouck and Isaac Leger regarding sale of land; also, papers dealing

with Bouck's investments in Wisconsin (1840-1858), to include a printed map of Milwaukee (1840) with notations regarding Bouck's property, advice of Joshua Hathaway and Jesse Van Dyck on Wisconsin land sales, Bouck's own account of his landholdings (1848), sale of some Wisconsin property (1853), and tax receipts for Milwaukee land (1854-1856, 1858-1859).

Miscellaneous items include papers concerning Hartwick Seminary (1829-1838); a letter of 6 March 1839 from Oliver Tiffany, describing his observations in Canada; documents concerning the sale of some lands belonging to the Oneida Indians (1843); the case of one Leonard Whitcom, counterfeiter (1843); letters of Justin Edwards and Timothy Stillman concerning observance of the Sabbath on the Canals; cures for kidney ailments (1843); letters from John Edmonds, Martin Marclay, and F. M. Niven, concerning New York State prisons, especially Sing-Sing; hospitals for the insane (1844); a letter from Thomas Gardner concerning beef and pork inspection in New York City (1844); petition for legislation prohibiting the sale of liquor on election and town meeting days (1844); petition for William and Edmund De Garno to be pardoned from fines imposed upon them as conscientious objectors (1844); Schoharie mail contracts (1845); plan submitted by the Reverend Schumacher [Schmucker?] for Christian unity, with comments by G. A. Lintner and William C. Bouck (copies, 1845-1846); and impressions of the West by John Bartholomew, a Schenectady man in Chicago (1856).

NOTE: See also KJ's notes made 10/62 before papers sent for appraisal.

notes on Bouck Papers borrowed 9/22/62 for describing and taken to Philadelphia for appraisal 10/22/62. Returned 12/29/62 for Jan. 1963 accessioning. General description and cards made by D. Lytle, 1/63. Description to appear in 1962+ Report.

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BOUCK

# 2206, *add.*

Miscellaneous loose papers:

Packet (unsorted) of receipts and other papers showing cost of living, 1830's-50's.

Printed report on the state of the arsenal in NYC, March 29, 1842.

Printed report of the Regents of the University of the State of New-York, 1843.

Letter, deposition, and petition concerning Indian affairs (Oneida Nation), 1843.

Temperance items: 2 letters and printed circular--oppose giving liquor to voters on election day, etc. 1843-1844.

Wisconsin letters: three from Milwaukee re land investments there, 1844, 1845, 1848.

Lease for "Island Farm", WCB to and with Isaac Seger, 1848.

7 white legal-size envelopes:

Old bonds, notes, etc., 1798-[1805-1822]  
or drafts

Fair copies/(in his own hand) of interesting letters written by Bouck, 1827-56.

To Thomas Lawyer: Mr. Adams and Gen. Jackson "unfortunate candidates for the democracy of this state." Aug. 14, 1827.

✓ To Gov. Marcy, 1835. NYS roads and canals; lake navigation.

Aug. 25th, ? to ? re state political convention; possible nomination of Throop.

To someone in Suffolk County re party politics; patriotism.

✓ Grievances of leasehold occupants in Schoharie County; comments on forms of land tenure. 1842? or 43 or 44?

✓ Thanks newspaper editor for favorable notice; discusses views on fiscal policy--favors internal improvements, but not to point of impairing credit of state. June 8, 1842. Newspaper is Daily Mercantile Courier; place not given; recipient's name illegible.

Notes and figures on state debt. Date?

✓ To Isaac Brewster, Aug. 2, 1844, impossible to explain reasons why IB not app. to some office; general discussion of governor's appointive power; WCB has served Dem. Pty. faithfully for 40 yrs.

✓ To Gen. Cass, Aug. 22, 1848, re approaching presidential election; abolitionist factor.  
{Lewis}

To D. S. Dickinson, Mar. 1856, re org. of Cincinnati Convention. Pierce will use whole power of the Govt. to get the "soft" delegates admitted.

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BOUCK

# 2206, add,

## Medical subjects in the 1840's.

NYC woman recommends certain plasters for pain in side and shortness of breath, Nov. 1843.

Fair copy of letter from A. Brigham to Miss Dix re his views on hospitals for the insane. Jan. 14, 1844.

Printed endorsement for the New-York Gravel Infirmary, which treats kidney disorders. 1843.

MSS. prescriptions and one letter re medication for WCB.

## "English as used in the 1840's."

Mainly requests for positions, letters of recommendation; of introduction.

## ✓ "Large landowners and Anti-Renters."

April 8, 1846 from Elisha Brown re recent Anti-Rent Convention; Barnburner, Hunker, other factions in local politics and in securing nominations of various persons.

Views of a Democratic anti-rent tenant of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, Sept. 1, 1844. No name signed. Good letter.

Copy of letter from WCB to Schoharie Co. resident, Aug. 7, 1844. Hopes for reconciliation; doesn't doubt tenants have grievances, but this doesn't justify their breaking the law.

Letter from A. Gallup, Oct. 20, 1840, saying that rumors are being circ. that WCB is strongly pro-Rensselaer and anti-tenant; suggests that, if this be false, WCB make effort to refute claim. Dft. of WCB's reply, denying truth of rumor.

Letter from Samuel Rollo, Aug. 26, 1844, appeals for protection against more violent anti-renters who, he alleges, are threatening, abusing, and insulting the populace, including private persons in no way connected with Rensselaer but who object to lawlessness.

Three letters from Timothy Corbin of Middletown, July 13, August 7, 15, 1844, re urging WCB to uphold the laws, forbid unlawful assemblies, etc. Second letter charges WCB with neglect of duty in not quelling mobs who prevented sheriff and posse from discharging their official duties; refers to tarring and feathering of Rensselaer deputy. Third similar. Both filled with irony and sarcasm.

## Suggestions for Christian Union, 1846

Printed circular urging union of Protestant evangelical denominations, with MSS. note to WCB from S. S. Schmucker, Dec. 1845.

Letter from G. A. Lintner, January 10, 1846, giving reasons why he thinks above plan untenable; dft. of WCB's reply to Schmucker, giving views of clergymen he has consulted. Also, letter of intro. from clergyman for a Mr. Doyle, 1846.

BOUCK

# 2206, add.

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Various letters regarding painting WCB's portrait, 1845-6. 4 items.

Two of these from son Charles; portrait referred to was to be hung in NY City Hall.

Also, one letter to WCB re portrait of son Charles, 1843.

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Sixteen manila folders:

Miscellaneous early papers, [1813-1839]-1845= deeds, legal notices, correspondence, including report on size and value of buildings and land of Hartwick Seminary, Dec. 10, 1838; Bouck's notification of his nomination for office of Governor, Sept. 1840; one from Oliver Tiffany, Milwaukee, March 6, 1839; who has been in Canada ("the enemy's country"), but has now settled in Wisc. Terr. and is interested in a federal appointment.

Letters, 1840, to WCB, re national and state politics, the political climate in Washington, canal business; his nomination as Gov., subsequent ~~nomination~~ election of Seward and defeat of Bouck; include several post-mortem letters.

Letters, 1840-1844, re prison affairs, incl. such matters as opposition of mechanics of state to allowing products of prison labor to be in competition with their own; pardoning system, overcrowded conditions, etc.

Letters, 1841, NYS RR construction, financing; political appointments and removals, incl. one from Daniel Dickinson, Nov. 13th; canal affairs; letter from J. Dis- turnell, Albany, Nov. 23rd, requesting information on Schoharie Co. for his gazetteer. Comment on trends in state politics.

Letters, Jan. 1842-Sept. 1842, political developments; Bouck's nomination for Governor; few letters from son, J. [?] W. Bouck on business affairs of the family.

Letters, Oct. 3, 1842-Dec. 12, 1842, much the same as above.

Letters, 1843, same as above; also, letters re conditions in Sing Sing Prison, prison chaplaincy appt.; various appts. Printed notices, petitions, notations re state finances scattered throughout. One letter, Boston, Dec. 2, 1843, from Justin Edwards, Secretary of the American and Foreign Sabbath Union, urging that the Erie Canal not be in operation on Sunday; letter from Timothy Stillman, corresponding secretary of the American Bethel Society, re memorials from boatmen on same subject.

And 9 others for later years; one on Wisconsin lands.

And 2 envelopes re service as Asst. U.S. Treasurer at NY, 1846-49.

kj, 10/22/62.

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REEL 4

BOUCK, WILLIAM C., 1786-1859. Family Papers, 1727-1866; 1 reel microfilm; 15 pcs. (photostats). New York State Governor, 1843-1844. Include copies of wills and probate papers of Governor Bouck (1858-1859), his father, Christian Bouck (1823, 1828, 1839), and grandfather, William (1784); N.Y.S. Militia appointments of William C., Christian, and Joseph Bouck (1807-1829); Charles Bouck's certificate of appointment to the Fulton, N.Y., War Committee (March 1865); William C. Bouck's appointment papers as Sheriff of Schoharie County (1812) and Postmaster of West Middlebury (1821) and official papers referring to his membership in the N.Y.S. Assembly (1813-1814); letters (1812-1819) to William C. Bouck concerning his duties as sheriff, the revision of regulations governing the militia, and state and local politics from J. P. Adams, Samuel Baldwin, Joseph Bouck, Joseph Bout, Peter Farrell, Lyman Hawes, Elias Holliday, Aaron Hubbard, Thomas Lawyer, Alexander Loun, Henry McKown, George Mann, F. G. Meyer, Freegift Patchin, J. Shepard, Peter Snyder, F. Stranahan, George Tiffany, Joseph Trout, and J. Vanderpoel. Also, bills of seizure, deeds and indentures for the sale of lands (1727-1858) in Schoharie County and adjacent areas, in which the following persons were involved: Ryley Adams, Alexander and Stephen Alexander, John Jacob Astor; Frederick, Hendrick, John, and William Bauck; Hermann Bernhard; Benjamin, Henry, and Isaac Best; Joseph Bleecker, Christian Bogh, Joseph and William Bouck, John Cruyseler, Peter and Thomas Danforth, John Depeyster, Cornelius Feeck, John and James Ferguson, Johannes Frick, David Frisbie, John Frymire, Elijah and Elon Galusha, Henry Hamilton, Joseph Henry, Sir William Johnson, Abraham Keyser, Daniel Larkin, Jacob Lawyer, Morgan Lewis, George Moyers, Jacob Murphy, Jacob Russell, Lyman Sanford, Philip Servis, Lyman Spalding, Frederick and Truman Stanton, Asa Starkweather, Frederick Stewart, John Torgerson, Alexander and Peter Vroman, Adam and Martines Vrooman, and Nicholas and William York; an estate inventory of Cornelius Feeck (1805); business papers of Benjamin and Juliet Best (1844-1866) and John Ferguson (1852-1855); a schedule (1840) of days that property owners were required to work on roads, Fulton, N.Y., and other papers. Unpublished guide available. (2206)



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BOUCK PHOTOSTATS

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Material from Mrs. Cornell's Folder III and ?(I). 15 pcs.

Photostatic copy of description of lands belonging to William Bouck, Johannes Bouck, Christian Bouck, Frederick Bouck, and Hendrick Bouck, January 3, 1777; map and deed for lands of William Bouck, Frederick Bouck, Christian Bouck, Johannes <sup>Lawyer?</sup> Sawyer, and Nicolas York, June 5, 1759; deeds of land sales in Schoharie County involving Christian Bouck, Frederick Bouck, and William Bouck, 1747-1766; receipt for quit-rent payment from Peter Vroman to William Bouck, May 3, 1787.

Originals lent by Mrs. William B. Cornell, Montclair, New Jersey, for photostating, 4/13/62. Photostats rec'd from Photoscience, 4/30/62. Included in 1958-1962 REPORT description.

In OVERSIZE ~~CRH~~ <sup>K-</sup> ~~map~~ <sup>X-6</sup> map drawer, ~~D-2~~.

Des. by E. Hansen, 6/62.

William C. Bouck. Family Papers, 1727-1866, 1 reel microfilm.

*Reel 4*

Guides \*

No 1.

2. Interesting Bouck Family Papers.  
Last will and testament of William Bouck, Patentee of George the Second, 1784. Last will and testament of Christian Bouck, father of Wm. C. Bouck, later Governor, 1823-1828. Probate, 1839. Military Records--Christian Bouck--Captain Light Brigade, 1793. Wm. C. Bouck--various ranks--reached that of Colonel in 1818--Certificate signed by Gov. DeWitt Clinton. Charles Bouck (Father of Catherine Bouck Cornell) a member of the War Committee to help fill the quota of the town, Civil War 1865.

No 3.

4. Interesting as old letters--no real historical value, 1812-1819. Letters to Wm. C. Bouck as Sheriff of Schohaire about 1814-1820. Letters to Wm. C. Bouck as Assemblyman in Albany and notice of his election. Letters 1814--reference to military matters, War of 1812--petition to the President of the U.S. for appointment of Jacob Kromer as Captain. Reference to "Clintonianism," "Federalism," "Washingtonians," etc.

Year 1812 36th Year of our Independence

5. Commands of Supreme Court of New York etc. to Sheriff (Wm. C. Bouck, later Governor) of Schohaire County. Certificate of office of Sheriff of Schohaire 1812 signed by Daniel D. Tompkins, Governor. Also very interesting papers--Writ of Discharge to previous sheriff. Certificate as member N.Y. Assembly 1813, also 1814. Will--Wm. C. Bouck (bad condition).
6. Data on Cost of Living Early Nineteenth Century. (Notes and receipts)--Tuition private school, cost of shingles, cloth, etc.

*\* copies of notes supplied by donor; see also E. Hanseus notes in this folder.*

7. Deeds (about 1800-1850)
8. Various papers showing how business was conducted in the early 1800's.  
Schedule of Days Assessed for work on roads by property holders in Fulton 1840--very interesting. [Town of Fulton, Road District No. 36].  
Lease.  
Deeds.  
Appointment of rent agent.  
Judgement for debt (\$2.73).  
List showing rents received on lands, houses, etc.  
Inventory of property with values stated.  
Bond (\$10,000) for Wm. C. Bouck--was Asst. Treas. at New York.  
A statement of accounts owing.  
Announcement of foreclosure of mortgage through sale of property.  
Many of the papers refer to the settlement of the affairs of John Ferguson by Wm. C. Bouck, Assignee.
9. Very old deeds in quite good condition--very interesting. Dated: 1760; May 7, 1787; 1759 (Dividing the original grant into three parts) Feb. 7, 1729; Mar. 22, 1770. One deed from John Jacob Astor 1804--signed by him and his wife.

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E. Hansen's notes\* on Bouck microfilm. #2206

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NO FOLDER I

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Folder II

1784

Last will and testament of William Bouck

Nov. 22, 1793

certificate commissioning Christian Bouck Captain of Light Infantry  
in N.Y. state militia

September 7, 1797 indenture

May 1, 1807

Certificate commissioning William Bouck Lieutenant in NY state militia

April 12, 1809

" " " " Adjutant

May 8, 1815

" " " " 2<sup>nd</sup> Master

April 24, 1817

" " " " Lieutenant-Colonel

April 24, 1817

" " " " Major

May 30, 1818

" " " " Colonel

April 17, 1823

Last will and Testament of Christian Bouck

April 19, 1828

" " " " " " " "

May 8, 1829

certificate commissioning Joseph Bouck Sergeant in NY state militia

August 10, 1829

" " " " " " " " adjutant

Dec 9, 1839

" admitting will of Christian Bouck to probate

March 16, 1865

" appointing Charles Bouck to the Fulton, N.Y. War Committee

NO FOLDER III

[Deed + map of Schoharie, 1750's - Photostats]

K- map Case X-6

\* Notes on selected items - NOT a calendar

Folder IV

- September 24, 1812 Janet Manning to WB re. duties as sheriff
- October 20, 1812 Alexander Loun [?] to WB re. " " "
- Nov. 4, 1812 J. Vanderpool to WB re. " " "
- Nov. 24, 1812 Henry McKown [?] to WB re. " " "
- February 17, 1813 J.P. Adams to WB re. " " "
- Dec. 27, 1813 Thomas Sawyer [?] to WB letter of introduction on behalf of Dr. Mead
- Jan. 31, 1814 \* Thomas Sawyer to WB re. revision of regulations governing state militia
- Feb. 5, 1814 \* G.H. Tiffany to WB re. revision of regulations governing state militia and possible invasion of Canada
- March 1, 1814 \* petition seeking improvement of the western branch of the Schoharie Turnpike
- March 10, 1814 Peter Snyder to WB declining to run for magistrate in the coming elections
- March 12, 1814 George Tiffany to WB re. personal matter and local politics
- March 12, 1814 G.H. Mann to WB re. military affairs
- March 14, 1814 Joseph Bouch to WB re. business affairs
- March 14, 1814 J. Shepard to WB re. politics in N.Y. state
- March 14, 1814 Thomas Sawyer to WB re. local politics
- March 16, 1814 Peter Farrell to WB re. local politics
- March 19, 1814 Joseph Bouch to WB re. local politics
- March 29, 1814 S. Baldwin to WB re. local politics and business affairs
- March 30, 1814 Petition requesting <sup>transference from NY S militia</sup> ~~appointment~~ of Jacob Kromer to Captain in U.S. Army

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- mil. April 5, 1814 Freegist [?] Patchin to WB re his resignation [rank is not mentioned] from a ~~the~~  
Army command -/alloy
- April 6, 1814 Joseph Trout to WB re local politics
- Wm 1812. April 9, 1814 x Aaron Hubbard to WB attacking those who seek peace with Great Britain  
and predicting a defeat for the Federalist Party in the coming local election
- military April 19, 1814 G. Mann to WB attacking a petition seeking the appointment of Jacob  
Kromet as Captain in the U.S. Army and requesting that the appointment  
be blocked
- April 20, 1814 Symon Hawes to WB re local politics
- Feb 20, 1815 Elias Holliday to WB urging that George Tiffany not be nominated  
for county clerk in the coming local elections
- July 26, 1819 F. G. Meyer to WB re personal affairs
- Nov. 10, 1819 F. Stranahan to WB re personal affairs and business affairs
- undated David Social(?) to WB re local politics
- undated [ ? ] to Sheriff of Schoharie county re legal affairs

Folder I

- March 12, 1812 writ of discharge to Stephen Soussine, Sheriff of County before William C. Bouck
- March 12, 1812 certificate naming William C. Bouck Sheriff of Schoharie County  
 legal documents relating to Bouck's duties as Sheriff
- April 24, 1821 Certificate naming William C. Bouck Postmaster, <sup>Way Middlebury</sup> Schoharie County
- July 12, 1858 last will and testament of William C. Bouck
- August 8, 1859 Approval of last will and testament of William C. Bouck by District Attorney of Schoharie County.
- May 27, 1813 certificate indicating William Bouck's status as member of State Assembly
- May 14, 1814 " " " " " " " " " " " "

Folder VI

- 1812 partial food budget for the family of Samuel Spencer, for the year 1812
- Dec 9, 1814 Maria Alexander to WB re sale of property
- Sept 29, 1824 unpaid school bills
- April 29, 1829 John Teller promissory note
- Nov 14, 1832 receipt of John Best for all bills due
- April 20, 1833 mansion house bill, Albany.
- \* Nov 7, 1842 inventory of furniture, Messrs. Governor's Mansion
- Bills and receipts of Juliet and Benjamin Best, 1844-1866

## Folder VII

Bills of seizure, deeds and indentures for the sale of lands in Schoharie County involving the following parties; Ayley Adams, Alexander Alexander, Maria Alexander, Stephen Alexander, Benjamin Best, Isaac Best, John Ferguson, Joseph Henry, <sup>\*</sup>Abraham Keyser, Morgan Service of Dutchess Co. ~~NY~~, and Philip Service, January 1814 - March, 1839.

\*Mortgage agreements, John Ferguson, party of 1st part, and Joseph Henry and Stephen Alexander parties of the second part, April 1834 & Feb. 1835, 2 pgs.

Folder VII (continued) [no guide sheet on microfilm]

Bills of seizure, court awards, deeds and indentures for the sale of lands in Schoharie County involving the following parties: Stephen Alexander, Benjamin Best, Benjamin Best, William Best, Joseph Bouck, William Bouck, James Ferguson, John Ferguson, David Frisbie, John Frymire, Daniel Sarkin, Jacob Murphy, Frederick Stewart, and John Tongerson, August 1839 - June 1858.

## Folder VIII

Bills of seizure, court awards, deeds and indentures for the sale of lands in Schoharie County involving the following parties; Joseph Bouck, William Bouck, Peter Danforth, Thomas Danforth, Elijah Galusha, Elon Galusha, Henry Hamilton, George Meyers, Jacob Russell, Symon Sanford, Symon Spalding, F. Stanton, Truman Stanton, Asa Starkweather, and Alexander Vroman, 1823 - 1851; statement of Simon Kornebergh granting power of attorney to William Bouck, December 15, 1808; statement of John Ferguson granting power of attorney to Warren Street, January 1, 1852; inventory of the estate of Cornelius



Week, August 26, 1805; schedule of days assessed for work on roads by property owners in Fulton, March 28, 1840.

Folder VIII (Continued) [no guide sheet on microfilm]

Papers relating to the affairs of John Ferguson; bonds; description of the property of John Ferguson at Kilbuck; inventory of the personal property of John Ferguson, March 22, 1852; inventory and valuation of unsold Ferguson property, May 1853; lists of particulars, notes and receipts relating to the affairs of John Ferguson; notice of mortgage sale, February 14, 1843; statement of demands against John Ferguson, December 4, 1849 to January 1855.

Folders IX and IX (continued) [no guide sheet on microfilm for IX (continued)]

The folders contain deeds and indentures concerning the sale of lands in Schoharie County and in the area which was to become Schoharie County and involve the following people: John Jacob Astor, Frederick Bauck, Hendrick Bauck, John Bauck, William Bauck (sic), Hermann Bernhard, Benjamin Best, Henry Best, Joseph Bleiker, Christian Bough, <sup>John Ferguson</sup> Cruyseler, John Depeyster, Cornelius Feek, Johannes Frick, Sir William Johnson, Jacob Lawyer, Jacob Murphy, Peter Vrooman, Adam Vrooman, Martines Vrooman, Nicolas York and William York (1727) - 1840.  
 \ earliest date

Items from Additional William C. Bouck Papers (#2206) sent to  
Rev. M. A. Huggins on March 11, 1975.

1. Letter to Bouck from Henry Moeller, of Sharon, N.Y.,  
June 27, 1818. 3 sides
2. Indenture signed by W.C.B. as agent for Hartwick Sem-  
inary Trustees, February 25, 1829. 3 sides
3. Report on size and value of Hartwick Seminary  
buildings and lands, December 10, 1838. 2 sides
4. Printed proposal of Rev. Samuel Simon Schmucker [1799-  
1873], dealing with "Christian Union", December 22,  
1845. 4 sides
5. Draft of letter from W.C. Bouck (early 1846), to  
Rev. S. S. Schmucker on the subject of Christian  
Union. 4 sides
6. Letter from G.A. Lintner, January 10, 1846. 4 sides
7. Letter to W. C. Bouck, March 13, 1846, from Rev.  
F.W. Conrad, Hagerstown, Md., regarding a \$25.00  
contribution for a life membership in the Lutheran  
Congregation of Hagerstown. 2 sides
8. Letter to W.C. Bouck, July 10, 1846, from Charles  
Martin, sending Bouck a contribution for foreign  
missions. 2 sides
9. Letter to W.C. Bouck, January 25, 1847, from George  
Diehl of Easton, Pa., regarding a contribution  
for the Lutheran foreign missionary society. 2 sides
10. Letter to W.C.B., March 23, 1847, from Rev. H.N.  
Pohlman, directing a contribution to be paid to  
the foreign missionary society in behalf of Rev.  
and Mrs. Jacob Senderling. 3 sides
11. Letter to W.C.B., June 16, 1847, from Rev. H.N.  
Pohlman regarding money appropriations for the  
foreign missionary service. 1 side
12. Letter to W.C.B., June 22, 1847, from Rev. H.N.  
Pohlman, asking for funds for domestic and foreign  
missionary aid. 3 sides
13. Letter to W.C.B., December 8, 1847, from Rev. H.N.  
Pohlman regarding Pohlman's correspondence with  
Brother Lintner and Hartwick Seminary budgetary  
problems. 3 sides

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| 14. | Letter from Jerome Clark, December 20, 1847, dealing with the appointment of a principal for Hartwick Seminary.   | 1 side         |
| 15. | Letter to W.C.B., January 27, 1848, from Sarah Ebert, sending a contribution from the Lutheran Church of York Ladies Society.   | 2 sides        |
| 16. | Letter to W.C.B., February 22, 1848, from C.A. Morris, dealing with a contribution for the foreign missionary service.  | 2 sides        |
| 17. | Letter to W.C.B., March 9, 1848, from J. Smith, sending a contribution for the foreign missionary service.  | 2 sides        |
| 18. | Letter to W.C.B., April 15, 1851, from George Davison, informing Bouck that he was chosen for an honorary membership in the Philophronean Society at Hartwick Seminary. | 1 side         |
| 19. | Printed circular, January 20, 1858, urging support for Hartwick Library.  | 1 side         |
| 20. | Undated letter to W.C.B. from Jerome Clark, asking for funds for Hartwick Seminary.   | 2 sides        |
|     |   | <hr/> 11 sides |

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