

Coll. 90

George Washington Collection

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Scope and Content Note:

This collection is made up of both primary and secondary materials relating to George Washington. Of special interest are a number of letters written by Washington to various people during the Revolutionary War. These deal with loyalists in New Jersey, provisions for the army, retrieving cannons before they are lost to the enemy, and the death of a Spanish officer. Post-war letters deal with the Potomac Company in Virginia. Other primary documents include an appointment of a collector at the Port of Perth Amboy, and certificates for founding New Jersey members of the Society of the Cincinnati, signed by Henry Knox and George Washington.

Secondary materials include pamphlets and booklets from Mount Vernon, various celebrations and anniversaries of Washington, and reprints of letters and speeches. The collection also includes a few photographs taken in the 1960s of Washington's ancestral home Sulgrave Manor, and various prints of Washington and his family.

Item List:

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Correspondence</u>		
1	To Sir <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "It is lamented that the states will not pursue the proper methods to root out all such dangerous enemies from among them, it is not in my power to do it at present..."• Gift of Edward K. Straus in memory of his father, Herbert N. Straus, May 8, 1937	March 28, 1777, Headquarters, Morristown
2	To Col. Benj[amin] Flowers, or his Deputy, Allen Town <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "As seven of the gallies (sic) at Bordentown are to be stripped and sunk, not having men sufficient to work them, I desire you will send down travelling carriages to remove the fine heave cannon belonging to them."	March 18, 1778, Headquarters

- 3 To [Mr. Henry of Brunswick] March 23, 177[8]

 - Gift of Mrs. J. Armory Haskell, in memory of her husband, J. Amory Haskell, June 7, 1938
 - “I shall be obliged to you...”
 - Note mounted on thin wood, in bad condition and hard to read, donation note say it is from his tailor concerning a suit of clothes.
 - Gift of Jean Hoffman Baird and Katharine Hoffman, October 28, 1932
- 4 To His Excellency Don Diego Jos. Navarro April 30, 1780,
Headquarters,
Morristown

 - Informing him of the death of Don Juan De Miralles
 - Duplicate copy in Washington’s hand
- 5 To General [David] Forman, Freehold July 12, 1780,
Headquarters,
Bergen County

 - Regarding the approach of the French fleet and Major Lee’s movement to Monmouth to open communication with the French admiral
 - Photostat, not an original
- 6 To Moore Foreman (sic), Esq, Deputy Q.M. General July 30, 1780,
Headquarters,
Robinson’s house,
State of New York

 - To Moore Furman
 - “You are hereby authorized and empowered to impress as many teams in the State of New Jersey as you find necessary for the purpose above mentioned (forwarding the stores and provisions for the use of the army)...”
 - Gift of Mrs. J. Armory Haskell, in memory of her brother, Samuel Riker, November 17, 1937
- 7 To William Hartshorne, Treasurer Potomac Company October 4, 1787,
Alexandria

 - Order to pay Col William Darke, 325 pounds for rations supplied the workmen for the Potomac Company
 - Signed by George Washington, George Gilpin, John Fitzgerald
- 8-9 To William Hartshorne Oct. 1, 1797,
Mount Vernon

 - Sending a subscription paper and check, but having financial troubles and had to sell two tracks of land
 - Mounted on a wooden board

Other Primary Documents

- 19 Certificate into the Society of the Cincinnati for Luther Halsey, signed by H[enry] Knox, Secretary, and George Washington, President. Halsey was an original member of the Society. May 24, 1784,
Mount Vernon
- 20 Certificate into the Society of the Cincinnati for Anthony Reckless, signed by H[enry] Knox, Secretary, and George May 24, 1784,
Mount Vernon

Washington, President. Reckless was an original member of the Society.

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| 21 | Certificate into the Society of the Cincinnati for Moses Sprowl, signed by H[enry] Knox, Secretary, and George Washington, President. Sprowl was an original member of the Society. | May 24, 1784,
Mount Vernon |
| 10 | Appointment of John Halsted as Collector of the Port of Perth Amboy, printed document signed by George Washington | August 4, 1789 |
| 11 | <p>Writing sample of George Washington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reads “The result is known to every citizen of America – the same Spirit of Liberal concession & mutual accommodation • Below in another hand it reads “I hereby certify that the above manuscript was taken from a letter written and signed by General George Washington, by the subscriber, November, 1883, George Trent” • Mounted on a painting canvas | n.d. |

Booklets and Pamphlets

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| 12 | “George Washington’s Camp on the Middlebrook Bridgewater, New Jersey,” prepared by the Rotary Club of Bound Brook, New Jersey | n.d. |
| 12 | “George Washington’s Physician: Their Friendship and his treatment During the President’s last illness” | n.d. |
| 12 | “Mount Vernon, Virginia,” by the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association (bicentennial year) | 1932 |
| 13 | “Programs and Papers Portraying the Personality, Character, and Achievements of George Washington,” United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington, D.C. | 1932 |
| 14 | “Rocky Hill Headquarters, Washington Writes a Gallant Letter,” <i>Monmouth Inquirer</i> , Freehold, New Jersey | 1921 |
| 15 | “Washington’s Farewell Address: September 17, 1796,” prepared and distributed by the General Society, Sons of the Revolution American Heritage and National Security Committee, 250 th Birthday Edition | 1982 |

16 "Washington's Reception by the People of New Jersey in 1789" 1882
by William S. Stryker, Trenton, NJ

Photographs and Prints

17 Photographs and notes on Sulgrave Manor, the home of George 1961
Washington's ancestors

18 Printed card "Washington and Family," showing Washington n.d.
sitting with his family surrounding him

18 Lithograph "Valley Forge – Washington & Lafayette" n.d.

18 Printed page showing the Ancestry of George Washington 1899