Timothy Pickering Papers

Collection Summary

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Content Note

The Timothy Pickering collection of papers consists, for the most part, of his diaries and account books, and various financial statements. Some correspondence, either original or handwritten copies, is also a part of the collection. An addendum to the collection is formed by the miscellaneous correspondence and memorabilia of Timothy Pickering’s son, John Pickering.

Biography

Timothy Pickering was a Federalist and an intimate friend of George Washington. He held the posts of Secretary of War and State in Washington's Cabinet, as well as serving as a Senator and Representative from Massachusetts.
Detailed Description: Series Listing

**Series 1**  
Box 1 FF 1-7  
**Miscellaneous Correspondence of Timothy Pickering, Jr.**

**Series 2**  
Box 1 FF 8-13  
**Financial Affairs**

**Series 3**  
Box 1 FF 14-19  
**Pickering Family Materials**

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

**Series 1 – Miscellaneous Correspondence of Timothy Pickering, Jr.**

**Box 1 FF 1**  

**Box 1 FF 2**  
Correspondence. Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. 14 August, 1788 and 1 April, 1789. Correspondence from Edward Burd to Timothy Pickering, Jr., concerning fees to be charged for issuance of Writs of Certiorari, with undated list labeled "Account with Edward Burg, Esq. for blanks (writs) and fees rec'd."

**Box 1 FF 3**  
Correspondence. Lisbon, Portugal. 3 March, 1798. John Pickering to his father, Timothy Pickering, Jr. (marked "duplicate" and "rec'd June 6"). Speaks of departure of William Smith, American minister to Portugal, for Gibralter (John was Smith's secretary), and of rumors of the murder of the Dey of Algiers.

**Box 1 FF 4**  
Correspondence. Salem. 3 December, 1812. Thomas to Timothy Pickering, Jr. Recipe of Captain Jon Ingersoll for curing pork.

**Box 1 FF 5**  

**Box 1 FF 6**  
Correspondence. 13 August, 1828. Power of Attorney granted to Charles S. Cosce by Timothy Pickering, Jr.

**Box 1 FF 7**  
Correspondence. Report of Secretary of State Timothy Pickering to the President, 18 January, 1799 (printed copy).

**Series 2 – Financial Affairs**

**Box 1 FF 8**  
Account book and calendar of daily events, 1770.

**Box 1 FF 9**  

**Box 1 FF 10**  
Account book with two sections: Timothy Pickering in account with Peter Anspach, 1780 and Accounts, 1779-1784.
Box 1 FF 11 Miscellaneous financial statements and receipts, 1780-1810.

Box 1 FF 12 Account settled with Dr. Samuel Meredith, 7 November, 1801 and a fire "assurance" policy, 1825.

Box 1 FF 13 Town and County Tax receipt, 1827.

Series 3 – Pickering Family Materials

Box 1 FF 14 Miscellaneous correspondence of John Pickering, son of Timothy Pickering, Jr.

Box 1 FF 15 John Pickering's Senior Classology, 1796, with letter from W. Davis to John Pickering, 19 November, 1817

Box 1 FF 16 Newspaper clipping of the eulogy of John Pickering, n.d.

Box 1 FF 17 Newspaper clipping advertising the sale of John Pickering's rare book collection.

Box 1 FF 18 Two-tone photograph of a portrait of John Pickering (apparently clipped from a book).


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