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John Middagh Account Book, 1773-1810

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This collection consists of one item: the account book of John Middagh, hatter and merchant, of Brooklyn. Middagh was active in the fur trade. The account book contains the autograph signatures of Middagh's business associates in both Brooklyn and New York City, with their notations for dates of payment, amounts, and items or services purchased by Middagh for the period, 1773-1810. It also records the collection of Middagh's taxes. Many prominent early Brooklynites set their hands to this book, as did John Jacob Astor (1763-1848) and his agents.

John Middagh's house was located at the corner of Fulton and Henry streets, and may be seen in the paintings of Brooklyn Village made by Francis Guy, ca. 1820, as the property of his widow, Sarah Middagh [see the collections of the Brooklyn Historical Society and the Brooklyn Museum]. According to Henry R. Stiles' *A History of the City of Brooklyn* [1867], Sarah Middagh, died in 1837 at the age of 92. Middagh's shop faced Fulton Street, and his barn, located at the corner of Henry Street and Poplar, was adopted as a meeting house for Brooklyn's small Episcopalian congregation in 1784.

The book is hardcover, with leather boards and metal clasp. The front cover has become detached. The binding and pages are in fair condition. [JWM October 2005]

This finding aid contains names only, listed first as they appear in the book, followed by an alphabetical index. Note that the order of entries in the account book is *not* strictly chronological. Many names appear more than once in the book. Some names have been omitted due to illegibility. Researchers should be aware that the spellings used below conform to their appearance in the book and may vary from those found in other sources.

List of Signers, as they appear:

William Backhouse, Abraham Willson, Alexander Mercer, Aert Middagh, Arie Lagrange, Ephraim Ludlow, James Rose, G. Hasting, John Portrous, Hayman Levy, Solomon Levy, John Seathley, O. Reid, Josiah Applegate, Peleg Back, Denis McGahagan, Thomas Wilkinson, Joel Bunce, Henry Mitchell, James Tillary, David Titus, Abraham Stoothoff, John Rapalje, John Lefferts, Sarah Astor, Alexander Fraser, Samuel Burtis, John Hicks, Thomas Ash, William Ash, Isaac H. Levy, Teunis Schenk Jr., John Jacob Astor, John C. Middleton, Robert Boyd, Jameson Cox, Abraham Parlee, William Rigby, Charles DeBevoise, Samuel Stratten, Sleight & Boerum, Cornelius Heeney, Jacob Bedell, William Laight, L. Keating, John Moore, J. Davis, Alexander Bleecker, [--] Waldron, James Smith, Charles Smith, Christopher Bruckner, James Willson, A. Williams, William Wilson, David Pearson, Elias Smith Jr., Henry Troup, John Murray, James Cuyler, Joshua Pell Jr., George Smith, Eli Chadwick, John Greene, Mobray Smith, William Carpenter, William W. Todd, Augustin Betts, Charles Doughty, Michael Hann, John Rees, Michael Rawley, James M. Willson, Fowler Woolsey, James Mills, Derick Amerman, Jon A. Pell, James Leverich, J. Harrison, Marvel Richardson, Isaac Nichols, Benjamin Demilt, William Grigg, Samuel Smith, Benjamin Tyler, Theodosius Hunt, Caleb S. Riggs, George W. Strong, John Garrison, Jeremiah Lott, Benjamin Bennit, William Jones, Nathaniel Akerley, Enoch Sizer, Benjamin Lyon, Richard Coddington, Daniel Dunscombe, George DePeyster, Solomon Taylor, John Collins, James Pettit, Abel Conkling, John Moon, Samuel Engler, John C. Middleton, [--] B. Duyckinck, Simeon Pettit, Duncan Sickels, Thomas Denton, Obadiah Wells, Thomas Willets, Samuel Albertson, Jacob Hicks, Volkert Sprong, Thomas Fowler, John Cornell, Francis Coimiel, John Coimiel, Kenneth McKenzie, Joseph Colwell, John Chapman, John Woglomy, Robert

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