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Introduction

Abstract This set of correspondence is from many authors, addressed to Henry Onderdonk Jr. (1804-1886) of Jamaica, L.I. It is one set of four in the **Series 2: Correspondence** series of the Onderdonk collection. This set is designated as Series 2-1.

Organization Onderdonk preserved his historical materials, including these letters, in scrapbooks. The bulk of this set of correspondence was previously separated from these scrapbooks, and is here arranged and foldered alphabetically, with an original index provided by Onderdonk. Some authors are foldered individually (noted below). One scrapbook entitled "Historical Letters addressed to Henry Onderdonk Jr. of Jamaica, L. I. 2nd Series" remains intact, and is kept with this set; its organization is neither chronological nor alphabetical.

This finding aid divides the set into two sections: Section A - previously separated material; Section B – the intact scrapbook. Separate indices are provided for each section.

Biographical Notes Henry Onderdonk Jr. was an educator and historian, a collector of Long Island antiquities, and the author of many works based on his findings among local records. Later, he became a founder (1863) and councilor (1868-1886) of the Long Island Historical Society, and a contributor to the Society's library and manuscript collections upon their formation.

Onderdonk was born at Manhasset, formerly North Hempstead, NY, the son of Joseph Onderdonck, a farmer, and Dorothy Monfoort. (It is supposed that Henry added "Jr." to distinguish his name from that of his eminent relative, Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1789-1858), the Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Pennsylvania and a noted theological scholar.) Henry Jr. graduated from Columbia in 1827, took up teaching, and was principal of Union Hall Academy at Jamaica from 1832 to 1865, after which he devoted himself to literary pursuits. He was also a director of the Long Island Bible Society.

Onderdonk's career in historical and genealogical study may have been inspired by his father's tales as a young witness to the Revolutionary war period on Long Island and in New York City. Joseph Onderdonck, born in 1766, saw his father, Andries, a Deputy Chairman of the Whig Committee, taken prisoner by the British, 21 September 1776. After experiencing many scenes of the British military occupation of Long Island, Joseph was present at the Federal procession in New York (23 July 1788) and at the inauguration of George Washington as President of the U. S. (30 April 1789), and later often saw Washington around town.

Henry Onderdonk Jr.'s first published works - *Documents and letters intended to illustrate the revolutionary incidents of Queens County, N.Y.* (1846), *The capture and death of Brig. Gen. Nath'l Woodhull;* *In a series of letters addressed to J. Fenimore Cooper Esq* (1848) and *Revolutionary incidents of Suffolk and Kings Counties: With an account of the Battle of Long Island and the British prisons and prison-ships at New York*

(1849) – focused on local events during the Revolution, and relied on eye-witness accounts. He cast a broad net in gathering material, as this collection of correspondence suggests. While he became a prolific writer of local and religious histories, he is perhaps most notable as a collector, compiler, and preservationist of official and military papers, diaries, old newspapers, oral histories, and many early records of Long Island towns and churches.

Onderdonk's later works include: *Church and ministers of New Utrecht, L.I.* (1872), *The annals of Hempstead, 1643 to 1832: Also, the rise and growth of the Society of Friends on Long Island and in New York, 1657 to 1826* (1878), *Antiquities of the parish church, Hempstead, including Oysterbay and the churches in Suffolk County,: Illustrated from letters of the missionaries and other authentic documents* (1880), *Antiquities of the parish church, Jamaica (including Newtown and Flushing): Illustrated from letters of the missionaries and other authentic documents ... history of Grace Church to the present time* (1880), *Documents and letters intended to illustrate the revolutionary incidents of Queens County, N.Y: With connecting narratives, explanatory notes, and additions* (1884), and *History of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, L.I.* (1884).

[Henry Onderdonk Jr. was first cousin, once removed, to two prominent brothers and leaders of the Protestant Episcopal church in America in the early 19th century, Henry Ustick Onderdonk, Bishop of Pennsylvania, and Benjamin Tredwell Onderdonk, Bishop of New York. Both were accomplished authors and ministers, but they were controversially suspended from their ministries in the mid 1840s, under separate accusations of intemperance and intoxication. Each protested the charges, and their sentences; Henry U. Onderdonk was ultimately reprieved, Benjamin T. was not. Later, their nephew, a classical scholar and member of many learned societies, lectured extensively on temperance, as well as on local history.]

Container List - Section A

<u>Correspondent</u>	<u>Date</u>
Abbot, Ezra [see Sibley, John Langdon – foldered under S (Sibley)]	1867
Allibone, Samuel Austin (1816-1889) Author, bibliographer, editor, librarian	1861
Anthon, Charles E. (Professor) (1823-1883)	ND, ND (2 items)
Apess or Apes, William (1798-1839) Native American author, of Pequot descent; Methodist minister; political activist who took part in the Mashpee Revolt of 1833; his autobiographical work, <i>A Son of the Forest</i> was one the earliest published writings by a Native American	ND
Arthur, William	1855
Bache, Alexander Dallas (1806-1867) Physicist and educator who studied the earth's magnetic field; superintendent of the United States coast survey; educational leader, organized the Philadelphia public schools; a great grandson of Benjamin Franklin; one of the incorporators of the Smithsonian Institute Re: coast survey of Long Island	1845
Bancroft, George (1800-1891) [in separate folder] Historian, author of 10-volume <i>History of the United States</i> ; minister to Great Britain	1843, 1843, 1845, 1846, 1846, 1846, 1849, 1862, 1862, 1862, 1862, ND, ND (13 items)
Barber, John Warner (1798-1885) Engraver, author and publisher of illustrated religious and historical works	1844
Barnard, Frederick Augustus Porter (1809-1889) President, Columbia College, New York City	1865
Barroll, William H. Merchant, of Hempstead	1842
Bartow, Dr. M. of Tappan	1846
Beare, Henry M. (Rev.) (d. 1887) Rector, Zion Church, Little Neck, L. I.	[1885?]
Beck, Theodoric Romeyn (1791-1855) Physician, professor and author	1849
Beck, Theodoric Romeyn Jr.	1853

<u>Correspondent</u>	<u>Date</u>
Benedict, Henry Marvin Genealogist	1868
Benedict, S. W. Printer	ND
Benton, Nathaniel Seley (1792-1869) Politician, Secretary of State for New York, auditor of the Canal Department	1860
Bergen, Teunis Garret (1806-1891) Politician, historian, author, colonel of the 241 st regiment of New York State Militia (known as Kings County Troop)	1866
Berrian, William (Reverend) Rector of Trinity Church, New York City, author	1847
Betts, William (1802-1884) Lawyer, professor, later a trustee of Columbia and the College of Physicians and Surgeons	1843
Blackwell, R. M.	1844
Boice, Ira C. (Reverend)	1861
Bowne, Jacob T.	1869
Bowne, Walter of Flushing [poss. Walter Bowne (1770-1846), mayor of New York (1828-1832)]	1845
Bradlee, Caleb Davis (Rev.) (1831-1897)	1862
Bradley, Charles William	1853
Breckinridge, John Cabell (1821-1875) 14 th and youngest Vice President of the United States	1860 [with portrait, print] (2 items)
Brinley, George (1817-1875) image – a tracing of an inscription, allegedly published in the <i>New London Gazette</i> , July 1790, alluding to a dagger and a pot of gold, “Capt. Kidd’s treasure,” found at Southampton, L.I.) Brinley was a book collector, of Hartford	1846, 1868, 1868, [1868] (4 items; includes image – a tracing of an inscription, allegedly published in the <i>New London Gazette</i> , July 1790, alluding to a dagger and a pot of gold, “Capt. Kidd’s treasure,” found at Southampton, L.I.)
Brodhead, Jacob (1782-1855) Clergyman, Dutch Reformed Church; father of John Romeyn Brodhead (1814-1873), the historical scholar Re: Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D.D., of Jamaica; with biographical details of both author and subject	1852
Brown, William Homer At Foster’s Meadow (Elmont, NY)	ND

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Brown[e], G. W. [see Greene, George Washington]	
Buchanan, James (President) (1791-1868)	1860 [image]
Autograph inscription of a volume given to Onderdonk on behalf of the Union Hall Academy, affixed to a newspaper clipping of a print by Holcomb [image - to be scanned?] of Chief-Justice Taney administering the oath of office of the presidency to Buchanan, in 1857	
Bunce, Oliver Bell (1828-1890)	1852
Publisher, playwright, editor of <i>Appleton's Journal</i>	
Burtis, L[eonard] J.	1854
Secretary, North Hempstead Debating Association	
Bushnell, Charles Ira (1821[?]-1880)	1865
Editor, publisher, author, collector	
Campbell, William Henry (Rev.) (1808-1890)	1856
Professor of Oriental Languages at Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, NJ, from 1851; eighth president of Rutgers College, 1862-1882	
Capen, Edward	1866
First librarian of the Boston Public Library, associated there from 1852 to 1874	
Carle, Albert G. [?]	1849
of Jericho [bookseller]	
Re: Revolutionary War era incidents on Long Island	
[note: The 1979 alphabetical listing of this collection interpreted this author's name as "Early."]	
Carmichael, William M. (Rev.)	1840
Rector of St. George's Church, Hempstead, 1834-1843	
Carnahan, James (1775-1859)	1847
President of Princeton College, 1828-1854	
Cass, Lewis (1782-1866)	1850 (with ND image)
[image – to be scanned? – a print (newspaper clipping) portrait of Cass, as Secretary of State, "Ambrotyped by Whitehurst"]	
Statesman, soldier, Governor of Michigan territory (1813-1831), Secretary of War (1831-1836), Minister to France (1836-1842), U.S. Senator from Michigan (1845-1848, 1849-1857), Democratic candidate for President in 1848, Secretary of State (1857-1860)	
Caulkins, Frances Manwaring (1795-1869)	1853, 1867, ND (3 items)
[in separate folder]	
Educator, abolitionist, historian of New London and Norwich; author of Sunday School tracts; first woman elected to the Massachusetts Historical Society	
includes genealogical information on the Smith family, re: the name John Smith, of Groton, Lyme, New London, and Stonington, CT	

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Chamberlain, Mellen (b. 1821) Lawyer, judge, historian, collector; librarian of the Boston Public Library, 1878-1890	1859
Choate, Rufus (1799-1859) Lawyer and congressman, from Massachusetts	1847
Clarkson, M. M. Clarkson's letter written at New York Re: Clarkson's ancestry, mentions Rev. Bernardus Freeman, Anna Margareta Freeman, David Clarkson "son of the Secretary," Goosen Gerritsen Van Schaick of Albany, et al.	1865
Close, Ebenezer at Manhasset Re: Church minutes, etc., mentions John Close, former Presbyterian minister of Huntington	1847, 1849 (2 items)
Cock, George W. [This name was omitted in the 1979 alphabetically listing] of Buckram, L.I., a local historian	1853
Cogswell, Joseph Green (1786-1861) Librarian, 1848-1861, of the Astor Library in New York City (now part of the New York Public Library)	1854
Congar, Samuel Hayes (1796-1872) Librarian of the New Jersey Historical Society, 1853-1872; antiquarian, genealogist Re: Rev. Calvin White (d. 1853, at Derby, CT), and his family, including his wife, née Phebe Camp	1865
Cook, Luther D. Local historian, of Sag Harbor, L.I.; contributed to Benjamin F. Thompson's <i>A History of Long Island</i> (1839) Re: Onderdonk's specimens of wampum	1859
Cooper, James Fenimore (1789-1851) [in separate folder] author of, among other works, <i>The Last of the Mohicans</i> (1832), <i>The Deerslayer</i> (1840) and <i>The Pathfinder</i> (1841) 1844 letter, re: biographical and genealogical details of the family of Cooper's wife, née Susan Augusta De Lancey, including Brigadier-General Oliver De Lancey and other Loyalist family members of the Revolutionary period; 1848 letter, further re: the De Lancey's, with sketched chart, and comments on the matter of Oliver De Lancey and the wounding of General Woodhull (both letters with marginalia by Onderdonk, "H. O. Jr.")	1844, 1848 (2 items)
Corwin, Edward Tanjore (1834-1914) Church historian and genealogist, of Millstone and New Brunswick, NJ	1869
Cothren, William Historian of Woodbury, CT	1854

<u>Correspondent</u>	<u>Date</u>
Davidson, Robert (Reverend) Clergyman; Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, L.I., 1864-8, after holding pastorates in Lexington, Kentucky, New Brunswick, NJ, and New York City; long-time member of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions	1866
Dawson, Henry Barton (1821-1889) Historian, editor of <i>The Federalist</i> (1863), author of works on Westchester County and on the British occupation of New York City during the Revolutionary War	1862
Deane, William Reed (1809-1871) [in separate folder] Merchant, antiquarian, genealogist, of Boston; an officer, and contributor, of the New England Historic Genealogical Society Re: the Deane family, mentions Samuel Dean Sr., and Nicholas Deane of Jamaica	1850, 1850, 1850, 1850, ND, 1851 (6 items)
Demarest, Cornelius T. (Reverend) (d. 1862) Re: Rev. Dr. Solomon Fraligh of Queens, NY, and Bergen Co., NJ, and his family, including a macabre story of Fraligh's wife, Rachel Vanderbeek, and of his son-in-law, the Rev. Ralph A. Westervelt	1854
Demarest, William (Reverend) (1813-1874) Clergyman and translator of the sermons of Theodore Jacobus Frelinghuysen (1691-1747)	1866
Denton, Oliver Schuyler (b. 1809) of Near or East Rockaway Re: local witnesses to the Revolutionary War period, for Onderdonk's reference, mentions Uriah Pearse, James Abrams, Isaiah Doxsey, Philip Doxsey, and Gilbert Johnson	1844, 1844 (2 items)
Del Vecchio, James R. Proprietor and editor of <i>The Brooklyn Standard</i> , a weekly journal begun in 1859	1865
De Witt, Thomas (Rev. Dr.) (b. 1791) Pastor, Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York Re: Henry Onderdonk Jr.'s ancestor, Andries Adrianse Onderdonk	1843, 1844 (2 items)
Dix, John Adams (1798-1879) United States Senator from New York, 1845-1849; later, briefly Secretary of the Treasury, 1861, and Governor of New York, 1873-1875	1845
Dixon, Benjamin Homer (1819-1899) Dutch consul at Boston, and later at Toronto Re: the Onderdonk name	185[7]
Docharty, Gerardus Beekman (1804-1889) Educator and Mathematician Re: interesting accounts of the Revolutionary War period, on Long Island and in Westchester, mentions elderly local witnesses Benjamin Nostrand of Flushing, Mr. Bloodgood, Stephen Hewlett of Hempstead, and John Bedell of Merrick	1844, 1844 (2 items)

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Drake, Samuel Gardner (1798-1875) Antiquarian, publisher; a founder of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, and the Society's president, from 1858	1861
Duer, William Alexander (1780-1858) Jurist; president of Columbia College, 1829-1842; biographer of his maternal grandfather, Lord Stirling 1844 letter, re: Lord Stirling's role during the Revolutionary War, at the Battle of Long Island, and of Stirling's friendship with George Washington; 1849 letter, re: Duer's published works, including his addresses to Columbia's literary society and the St. Nicholas Society	1844, 1849 (2 items)
Durrie, Daniel Steele (1819-1892) Historian, genealogist; librarian, Wisconsin State Historical Society, and secretary of the Madison Board of Education	1858
Duryea, Peter Re: reporting an incident "when the Boys was a coming home," in which Garret Van Sicklen, Peter Van Sicklen, and "one of Mrs. Early's Boys" attacked Abner and Nicholas [surnames?] because Abner would not lend "his atlas in school"	ND
Duryea, Joseph Tuthill (b. 1832) Clergyman; pastor, Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York, 1862-1867; a graduate of Union Hall Academy	1866
Early [see Carle, Albert G.]	
Eastman, H. W. Re: lectures, invitation tendered by H. W. Eastman of the Manhasset Lyceum, and S. Schenck, of the Roslyn Lyceum; Onderdonk's subjects: "The Life of Tecumseh" and "The Battle of Long Island"	1835, 1835 (2 items)
Edwards, J. C. [poss. "Rev. J. Cooke"] Re: Transcription from the Town record of Smithtown, 1774, remonstrating against "unconstitutional" acts of Parliament	1847
Eldred, A. [N.] [bookseller?] of Providence, RI	1845
Ellet, Elizabeth Fries (Lummis) (1818-1877) Author, historian Re: Ellet's sketches of women of the Revolution, her other works and travels [All works apparently early 1850s; mentions her husband, Dr. William Henry Ellet, who died 26 January 1859]	ND, ND, 1852 (3 items)
Fairchild, Ezra (1799-1854) Educator; principal of the Institute, Flushing, NY, 1845-54 Re: the innocence of "Young Bowne"	1846

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- Farquhar, James 1852, 1852, [1852] (1 item)
Two letters, 1852, from James Farquhar, at Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia, attached to a single sheet bearing [1852] copies of three documents: 1781 letter, from Ambrose Weeks and Phebe Weeks, of Huntington, LI, NY, to their son, a Loyalist, Daniel Weeks (also spelled Weekes or Wickes), “in His Majesty’s Nova Scotia Regt.” at Halifax, NS; 1783[5?] regimental discharge granted to Daniel Weeks by Col. John Parr, at Halifax; ND Weeks’s receipt of discharge
- Felt, Joseph Barlow (Reverend) (1789-1869) 1844
New England historian; Librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1842-1858; president, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1850-53
Re: the commissioning of privateers by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for patrol against the British during the Revolutionary War, includes a copy of a petition (1782) and its granting, and mentions a number of Captains and their vessels - including George Blankingship and Stephen Morton [/Martin] (Boston) of the *Rochester*, Moses Hale (Boston) of the *Wasp*, David Jenks (Kingston and Boston) of the *Black Snake*, William Sanford (Falmouth) of the *Success*, Jabez Meigs (Falmouth) of the *Dolphin*, John G. Scranton (Boston) of the *Hero*, Jeremiah Cushing (Boston) of the *Conquerant*, John Harvey (Boston) of the *Caesar*, Edward Smith (Salem) of the *Jack Lantern*, Seth Freeman (Warwick) of the *Success*, Rufus Whitmarsh (Taunton) of the *Spy* – with other particulars.
- Felton, Cornelius Conway (1807-1862) 1861
President, Harvard College, 1860-62; professor of Greek Literature
- Ficklin, Joseph (1775-1859) 1843, 1843 (2 items)
Postmaster at Lexington, Kentucky (1822-1841, 1843-1850), and prominent in local affairs; formerly, editor, *Kentucky Gazette* [Ficklin and his wife, Polly, had roomed Jefferson Davis as a boarder, when Davis was a student at Transylvania University in Lexington, 1822-24)
Re: Tecumseh
- Field, Richard Stockton (1803-1870) 1849
Jurist, educator, historian; grandson of Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Princeton, class of 1821, and long associated with the university; Attorney General, New Jersey, 1838-1841; Professor, New Jersey Law School, 1847-1855; U.S. district judge for New Jersey, 1863-1870 (appointed by President Lincoln)
- Field, Thomas Warren (1820-1881) 1866
Educator, local historian of Brooklyn; associated with the Long Island Historical Society; Superintendent of Brooklyn public schools, 1873-1881
- Fish, Hamilton (1808-1893) 1845, 1865 (2 items)
Statesman; Governor of New York, 1849-1850; U.S. Senator, 1851-1857; U.S. Secretary of State, 1869-1877, during the administrations of Ulysses S. Grant
1845 letter, re: Onderdonk’s request for maps from the Coast Survey [see Bache, Alexander Dulles] for Union Hall Academy, with later print affixed – a portrait of Fish as Secretary of State [image to be copied?]; 1865 letter, re: Information on fellow classmates of Fish and Onderdonk in the Columbia College class of 1827

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Floyd-Jones, David Richard (1813-1871) Lawyer, assemblyman and state senator; Secretary of New York State, 1860-1861 [previously foldered under J for Jones]	1861
Folsom, Charles (1794-1872) Scholar, educator, editor; Librarian of Harvard College (1823-1826) and of the Boston Athenaeum (1845-1856)	1849
Folsom, George (1802-1869) Lawyer, antiquarian, author; charge d' affaires at the Hague, 1850-1854 Re: genealogical matters [?], regarding the Dutch	1853, 1857 (2 items)
Foote, Elial Todd (1796-1877) Doctor and jurist Re: exchanging books, and of mutual interests in genealogy and historical preservation	1850, 1850 (2 items)
Force, Peter (1790-1868) Journalist, historian; editor, <i>Tracts and Other Papers Relating Principally to the Origin, Settlement, and Progress of the Colonies in North America</i> (4 vol., 1836–46) and <i>American Archives</i> (9 vol., 1837–53), based on national, state, and private documents of the years, 1774-1776	1843, 1847 (2 items)
French, Samuel Gibbs (1818-1910) Graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, 1843 (a classmate of U. S. Grant); rose to rank of Major, U.S. Army, during the Mexican War, and was later Major General in the Army of the Confederacy Re: responding to Onderdonk's inquiries, regarding particulars of Fort Meigs, including a sketch by French "from Niles' Register," the fort being prominent in the War of 1812 and the exploits of Tecumseh	1843
Frelinghuysen, Theodore (1787-1862) Politician, educator; U.S. senator from New Jersey, 1829-1835; chancellor, New York University, 1839-1850; unsuccessful Whig candidate for vice president on the ticket with Henry Clay in 1844; president, Rutgers University, 1850-1862	185[0], 1856 (2 items)
Frothingham, Richard (1812-1880) Revolutionary War historian; politician; associated with the Massachusetts Historical Society	1866
Furman, Garret (1782-1848) of Newtown and Maspeth, LI, NY; author Includes a poem by Furman, "To the Moon", newspaper clipping, affixed	1846
Gale, George (1816-1868) Jurist, genealogist; Senator from Wisconsin, 1850 Re: the Gale family of Long Island	1864
Gardner, A. S. of Hempstead	1849

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Garretson, Garret J. (Reverend) (1807-1854) Pastor, Dutch Reformed Church, Newtown, LI, NY Re: “this dreadful matter,” involving accusations made against Garretson by “this girl” (Garretson fathered a child out of wedlock, in 1852)	1846
Gilder, William C. Re: organization of a Bible Society in Flushing, LI, NY	1855
Goldsmith, John (ca. 1795-1854) Pastor, Presbyterian Church of Newtown, LI, NY; president, Long Island Bible Society, 1843-1853	1844, 1846, 1846, 1850 (4 items)
Goodwin, Nathaniel (1782-1855) Genealogist, of Hartford; author “The Foote Family” (1849)	1850
Greene, George Washington (1811-1883) Historical scholar and instructor in modern languages at Brown University (1848-1852); original member of the Dante Club; grandson of General Nathanael Greene; author, <i>The Life of Nathanael Greene</i> ; professor of American history at Cornell University Re: General Greene’s correspondence viz. the Battle of Long Island [This letter originally mis-filed under “Brown, G. W.” in Onderdonk’s index, the mistake compounded by a marginal notation in pencil at the top of the sheet, “Browne.”]	1849
Greene, Zachariah (Reverend) (1760-1858) Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Setauket, LI, NY, later at Hempstead Re: Autobiographical details, including Revolutionary War service	1855
Hackett, James Henry (1800-1871) American actor, theater manager; the first American actor to appear abroad (Covent Garden, London, 1827); held lease on the Astor Place Opera House during the Astor Place Riot (1849); author, <i>Notes and Comments on Shakespeare</i> (1863); Hackett was born at Jamaica, LI, NY Re: School books, mentions “my sons lessons” [with 1832 print, a portrait of Hackett, engraved by Asher B. Durand “for the New York Mirror” from a painting by Henry Inman – to be copied]	1843 [1832 image] (2 items)
Hackett, John K. Recorder of the City of New York Re: the “Lincoln Obsequies”	1869

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Hale, Edward Everett (1822-1909) [in separate folder] Author and Unitarian clergyman; pastor of the church of Unity, Worcester, MA, 1846- 1856; grandnephew of Nathan Hale (1755-1776), the Revolutionary War martyr spy 3 letters from Everett, at Worcester, MA: Sept. 1846 letter to Onderdonk, re: Onderdonk’s authorities for his account of the 1776 execution of Nathan Hale in “ <i>Revolutionary Incidents of Queens County</i> ” (1846); 2 letters, Oct. 1846, introducing Onderdonk in laudatory terms to Hale’s uncle, Edward Everett (1794-1865; president of Harvard University, 1846-1849, formerly U.S. envoy to Britain and, later, U.S. Secretary of State and Senator from MA), and to Hale’s father, Nathan Hale (1784-1863; proprietor and editor of the <i>Boston Daily Advertiser</i>); with image, ca. 1855, newspaper clipping, being a portrait of Hon. Nathan Hale (1784-1863) engraved “from a photograph by Masury & Silsbee”	1846, 1846, 1846 [+ Image,ca. 1855] (4 items)
Harper Bros. Publishing house formed by four brothers – Fletcher, James, John, and (Joseph) Wesley Harper – who began as printers in 1825 Re: printing costs	1846
Harold, John of Hempstead Re: agriculture	1862
Harriman, Orlando Jr. (1813-1881) Re: British army companies or regiments noted at Hempstead, 1777-1783	1844
Harris, Thaddeus William (1795-1856) Librarian, Harvard University (1831-1856) mentions Rev. Joseph Barlow Felt	1847
Hasbrouck, Abraham Bruyn (1791-1879) President, Rutgers College (1840-1850)	1848
Hatfield, Edwin Francis (D.D.) (1807-1883) Presbyterian clergyman, author Re: Onderdonk’s notes on Hatfield’s history, mentions John Ogden, Lindsay Mosley, Judith (Smith) Pierson, Rev. John Pierson of Woodbridge, NJ, Rev. Jacob Green, Ashbel Green, D.D., et al.	1869
Hathaway, Joseph D. (1793-1870) of Berkley, Bristol Co., MA Re: “Jersey Captive”, by Rev. T. Andros	1846
Hawks, Francis Lister (1798-1866) Re: transcript “made from the letters of the Missionaries to Jamaica” Clergyman	1846, 1847 (2 items)

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Haven, Samuel Foster (1806-1881) Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA (1838-1881); author, <i>Archaeology of the United States</i> (1856) 1845 letter, re: the robbing spree of Richard Barrick, executed with John Sullivan, at Boston, 18 November 1784; 1846 letter, re: inquiries into the holdings of the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester; 1847 letter, re: biographical details of the British officer, Major Thomas Moncrieffe (d. 1791, at New York); 1849 letter, re: thank-you note	1845, 1846, 1847, 1849 (4 items)
Hedges, Henry P. (1817-1911) Attorney, judge, author; historian of the east end of Long Island	1857
Henry, Joseph (1797-1878) Scientist, professor; first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution (from 1846), and second president of the National Academy of Sciences	1857
Herrick, Edward Claudius (1797-1862) Yale University librarian, 1843-1858; treasurer of Yale College, 1852-1862; scientist Re: James Herrick of Southampton, LI, Nathan Hale, Benajmin Franklin Thompson's <i>History of Long Island</i> , etc.	1845, 1849, 1849 (3 items)
Herriman, James A. Re: Onderdonk lecture "on the Battle of Long Island" before the Jamaica Lyceum	1844
Hicks, Silas Re: the Meeting House of the Society of Friends, Flushing, LI, during the Revolution	1844
Hildreth, Richard (1807-1865) Journalist, author, abolitionist; wrote 6 vol. <i>History of the United States</i> (1849-1852)	1849, 1849 (2 items)
Hinman, Royal Ralph (1785-1868) Scholar, legislator, genealogist; Secretary of state of Connecticut, 1835-1842 The 1844 letter, re: the Battle of Long Island, an account drawn in part from a son of General Samuel Parsons	1844, 1863 (2 items)
Hitchcock, J. R. From Hitchcock, at New York, re: queries into Onderdonk's <i>Incidents of Suffolk County</i> , concerning John Pintard (1759-1844), who was Deputy Commissary of prisoners at New York, 1777-1781, under his uncle, Lewis Pintard	1855
Hoadly, Charles Jeremy (1828-1900) [in separate folder] State librarian of Connecticut, 1855-1900 Re: the Colony of New Haven, including Southold, LI, and problems in Thompson's <i>History of Long Island</i> , etc.; mentions Rev. Mr. Whitaker, Jonathan W. Huntting, Hoadly's predecessor J. Hammond Trumbull, Nathaniel Goodwin, the Guilford Covenant, with genealogical and bibliographical information	1856, 1856, 1857, 1857, 1863 (5 items)

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Hollister, Gideon Hiram (1817-1881) Attorney, scholar; wrote <i>History of Connecticut</i> (1855); later, U.S. envoy to Haiti (1868)	1855
Hornell [Howell?], Abraham [This name does not appear in Onderdonk's index.] Re: Hornell's grandfather and namesake, a soldier in the Revolutionary War from Oyster Bay, LI	1855, 1855 (2 items)
Hough, Franklin Benjamin (1820-1885) Physician, teacher, scholar; superintendent of the NY State census [ND Image, a portrait of Hough, "engraved by J. C. Buttre"]	1858 [+ ND Image] (2 items)
Hunt, Washington (1811-1867) Governor of New York, 1850-1852	1852
Huntington, Jabez Williams (1788-1847) U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1840-1847 Re: General Samuel Parsons	1844
Irving, Washington (1783-1859) [in separate folder] American author, short story writer, essayist, poet, travel book writer, biographer, and columnist, best known for the short stories "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle"; Irving published <i>Wolfert's Roost</i> in 1855, and was at work on his five-volume <i>The Life of George Washington</i> (1855-59) when he wrote to Onderdonk [1832] image, a portrait of Washington Irving, engraved by Hatch & Smillie "for the New York Mirror. 1832." from a painting by C. R. Leslie R. A.] Re: thank-you note	1855 [+ Image] (2 items)
Jay, John (II) (1817-1894) Prominent member of the Free Soil Party, and one of the organizers of the Republican Party in New York; member of the Anti-Slavery Society, founder of the Union League Club and the Huguenot Society of America; appointed Minister to the Court of Austria-Hungary from 1869 to 1874; a son of William Jay (1789-1858), judge of the county court of Westchester County, New York, for most of the period between 1818 and 1843, and one of the most significant American abolitionists of the nineteenth century; and, a grandson of John Jay (1745-1829), politician, statesman, co-author of the Federalist Papers, and first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court 1844 letter, re: Onderdonk's queries for his work on the Revolutionary incidents of Queens County; 1846 letter of thanks to Onderdonk, written as corresponding secretary of the New-York Historical Society	1844, 1846 (2 items)
Jay, William (1789-1858) American jurist and reformer; son of John Jay (1745-1829); a judge of the county court of Westchester co., N.Y.; an active abolitionist, Jay helped establish (1833) the New York City Anti-Slavery Society, was a strong opponent of the African colonization plan as a solution to slavery, and wrote vigorous pamphlets and articles, which were collected in his <i>Miscellaneous Writings on Slavery</i> (1853); a founder (1816) of the American Bible Society and president (1848-58) of the American Peace Society; wrote a two-volume life of his father (1833)	1844, 1849 (2 items)

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Jewett, Charles Coffin (1816-1868) Librarian; at Brown University (from 1841), at the Smithsonian Institution (from 1848, whence he was fired by Joseph Henry upon the transferral of the Smithsonian's materials to the Library of Congress), and superintendent of the Boston Public Library, 1858-1865	1851, 1866 (2 items)
Johnson, W. L. of Jamaica Re: a gift of a piece of wood, said to have been found embedded in the Third Pyramid at Giza	1842
Jones, H. [S.] of Massapequa Re: "My little boy," Herman Jones, a student of Onderdonk's	1838, 1838 (2 items)
Jones, Samuel J. of South Oyster Bay Re: the Jones, Jackson, and Floyd-Jones families of Queens County (at Oyster Bay?)	1849
Jones, W. A. Author, of New York Re: Long Island historians; mentions a memoir of Walter Restored Jones of the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Co.	1866
Judd, Sylvester (1789-1860) Antiquarian, editor of the Hampshire Gazette, genealogist, local historian, of Northampton, MA; father of Sylvester Judd Jr. (1813-1853), Unitarian minister Re: persons of the name of John Smith in the towns of Hadley, Northampton, and of Connecticut	1852
Kershaw, J. H. Re: Onderdonk's election to the Philoclean Society of Rutgers College	1849
King, John Alsop (1788-1867) Governor of New York, 1857-1859; NY representative to Congress, 1849-1851; a son of Rufus King, 1755-1827 (lawyer, politician, and statesman - delegate for Massachusetts to the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention, NY Senator, Ambassador to the United Kingdom, and Federalist candidate for both Vice President and President of the United States) 1843 letter, re: regrets to the Jamaica Lyceum; 1857 letters, re: King's subsidy of redecoration of the Reformed Dutch Church at Jamaica, Queens Co., LI; ND image (after 1857), portrait engraving, newspaper clipping, of John A. King as Governor	1843, 1857, 1857 [+ Image] (4 items)
Latting, John Jackson Genealogist Re: querying Onderdonk about a possible Latting ancestor, "Richard Lattin"	1867
Lawrence, Cornelius Van Wyck (1791-1861) Representative from New York, 1833-1834; mayor of New York City 1834-1837; director in several banks and trust companies; collector of customs at the port of New York 1845-1849 Re: regrets [includes Lawrence's 1861 obituary, newspaper clipping, affixed to the sheet]	1849

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Lawrence, John L. Re: the capture and death of General Nathaniel Woodhull, and Lawrence's account of same, partly derived from the recollections of his father, Jonathan Lawrence (1737-1812) of Newtown, Queens Co., LI (a politician, and a major in Continental Army during the Revolutionary War)	1844
Lawrence, John Watson (1800-1888) Politician Re: Onderdonk's proposed work on the Revolutionary incidents of Queens County, mentions General Johnson of Brooklyn, Lawrence's "Journal of the New York Provincial Congress", Willett Bowne of Flushing (as a sufferer of torture)	1844
Leech, C. [listed in Onderdonk's index; not found among foldered items of this collection / JWM August 2005]	? (1 item [p. "41"])
Lenox, James (1800-1880) Bibliophile, philanthropist; founder of the Presbyterian Hospital; his collection of books and paintings became the Lenox Library, which stood on the current site of the Frick Collection and which became part of the New York Public Library in 1895 Re: furnishing Onderdonk with "the copy of <i>De Vries</i> ," mentions the Historical Society	1854
Livingston, E. R. Re: querying Onderdonk about the source of a letter said to be by Henry B. Livingston and addressed to "his brother," Robert R. Livingston Jr., transcribed in <i>Revolutionary incidents of Suffolk and Kings Co.</i>	1849
Lossing, Benson J. (Benson John) (1813-1891) Author, illustrator, historian; produced <i>Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution</i> (1850-1852) Re: Thanksgiving, mentions Lossing's proposed works on the Civil War and the War of 1812	1863
Lott, John A. (1805-1878) Jurist, politician, of Brooklyn; New York state senator, 1842-1846; later, justice of the Supreme Court of New York State, and member of the Commission of Appeals Re: informing Onderdonk of the selection of Revd. Mr. Van Kleeck as the new principal of Union Hall Academy	1843
Ludwig, H. Printer, of New York [in different hand to that of the author below] Re: printing costs	1846
Ludwig, Hermann E. Author (?), of New York Thank-you note, mentions J. T. Bailey's <i>Historical Sketch of the City of Brooklyn</i> (1840)	1846
MacDonald, Allan Clerk of the Vestry of St. George's Church Re: inviting Onderdonk to the consecration of St. George's Church, Flushing	1854

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MacDonald, J. M. Historian (?) Note, responding to Onderdonk's correction, mentions [Benjamin F.] Thompson	[1861]
Macy, William H. Of New York [William H. Macy (1805-1887), banker, president of the Seamen's Bank for Savings and New York Hospital ?] Note, furnishing Onderdonk with a bibliography from "our Library"	1866
Mandeville, G. Henry Author of <i>Flushing Past & Present: A Historical Sketch</i> (1860) Re: responding to Onderdonk's query about a list of names in Mandeville's work, mentions Robert Townsend of Albany	1866
Manice, D. F. [DeForest ?] of Oatland (estate at Elmont, NY) Re: son Edward's illness	1849
Marcellin, Ed. P. (Dr.) of New York Thank-you note	1849
Mayer, F. B. Assistant Librarian of the Maryland Historical Society [Is this the Maryland artist, Francis Blackwell Mayer (1827-1899)? A relation?] Thank-you note	1849
Messler, Abraham (1800-1882) Clergyman and religious author; pastor at Somerville, NJ, etc. Re: queries, refers Onderdonk to Rev. William Demarest of Ramapo, mentions Frelinghuysen's sermons and "Domine [Johannes?] Arondeus"	1866
Miller, Silvanus Jr. Re: copy of the Valentine given by Lt. Col. John Graves Simcoe of Queens Rangers to Sarah "Sally" Townsend of Oyster Bay, 14 February 1779 ("America's first documented Valentine"), mentions "Col. Stone's article on Col. Simcoe's book" and Mrs. Simcoe, the Colonel's widow of New York	1845
Miscellaneous (var. institutions) [printed matter, on stationary (some imprinted with seals and engravings), some items signed; in a separate folder] 1847 invitation, University of the City of New-York commencement; 1847 receipt of donation, Connecticut Historical Society, signed by Charles Hosmer, with note by Erastus Smith; 1848 notice of election as member, Connecticut Historical Society; 1848 invitation notice, for the funeral of Judge D. [S.] Jones, from Charles L. Carpenter, sexton of St. Mark's Church; (continued)	1847-1869 (13 items)

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Miscellaneous, (var. institutions) - continued

1851 Columbia College Library invitation;
1851 invitation, Columbia College commencement, with note, signed by Charles King, president of the College;
1851 invitation, Union College literary anniversaries, Schenectady, signed by A. Van Nostrand;
1855 invitation, University of the City of New-York commencement;
1860 receipt of donation, Mercantile Library of the City of New York, signed by David H. Gildersleeve;
1861 receipt of donation, New England Historical and Genealogical Society, signed by Winslow Lewis (president) and John H. Sheppard (Librarian);
ND [1861?] Constitution of New England Historical and Genealogical Society;
1868 invitation, centennial celebration of the settlement of Glen Cove;
1869 admission ticket, to Onderdonk's lecture on "Persecutions of the Early Quakers on Long Island", at the Long Island Historical Society

Moll, F. M. [see Noll, F. M.]

Montfort, Daniel

1849

Tirade against "the mass of foreign paupers that are daily landed on our shores," mentions "the Cholera at present" in New York

Moore, George Henry (b. 1823)

1846, 1857 (2 items)

Librarian and author; asst. librarian of the New-York Historical Society, from 1841, and librarian of the Society, from 1849
1846 letter, inviting Onderdonk to lecture before the New-York Historical Society; 1857 letter, re: a proposed work by Moore on Gov. Thomas Dongan, querying Onderdonk about a duel between a Dr. John Livingston and a Thomas Dongan, 12 September 1715

Moore, Nathaniel Fish (b. 1782)

1847

President of Columbia College, 1842-1849
Re: (apparently) a curriculum for the Freshman class at Columbia, listed

Munsell, Joel (1808-1880)

1853

Printer, antiquarian, of Albany

Murphy, Henry Cruse (1810-1882)

1859, 1866 (2 items)

[in separate folder]
Lawyer, journalist, politician, statesman, author; Mayor of Brooklyn, 1842-1843; owner and editor of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle; Representative in Congress; unsuccessful presidential candidate at the Democratic National Convention in 1852; Minister Resident to the Netherlands, 1857-1861; member of the New York State senate 1861-1873
1859 letter, re: the etymology of the name of Onderdonk; 1866 letter, re: clergymen of the Reformed Dutch Church at New Utrecht, Dominie Casparus Van Zuren and Dominie Barnardus Freeman

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New-York Historical Society	1846
"Extract from the Minutes," Resolution, thanking Onderdonk for reading his paper "on the Incidents connected with the British Prisons and Prison Ships during the Revolutionary War"	
Newtown Reformed Dutch Church	1850
Notice of visit to pastor, shows committee: [Cornelius] Stoothoff M.D., George B. Brinckerhoff, John Van Alst, Jacob D. Fowler	
Noll, F. M.	1841
of Princeton [possibly Frederic M. Noll, later pastor at Brookhaven (1844-1877)?] Re: "Exegetical studies," mentions Wahl, Koppe, Kurzweil, Dr. Hodge, "Robinson's N.T. Lexicon," etc. [formerly foldered under "Moll, F. M."; see Onderdonk's index]	
O'Callaghan, Edmund Bailey (1797-1880)	1849, 1850, 1860, 1865 (4 items)
[in separate folder - see also, this collection, Series II] Historian, doctor, journalist; secretary and archivist of New York State; his works include <i>History of New Netherlands</i> (2 vols., 1846-1848), <i>Jesuit Relations</i> (1847), <i>Documentary History of New York</i> (4 vols., 1849-1851), <i>Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York, procured in Holland, England, and France by John R. Brodhead</i> (11 vols., 1855-1861), <i>Remonstrance of New Netherland</i> (1856), and <i>A Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State</i> (1865), among many others 1849 letter, re: volumes 1 and 2 of O'Callaghan's <i>Documentary History of New York</i> , and mentions Onderdonk as supervisor of the Third Edition of Benjamin F. Thompson's <i>A History of Long Island</i> ; 1850 letter, a query, re: Thompson; 1860 letter, re: queries, answered in list; 1865 letter, re: works of both correspondents	
Ogilby, John David (1810-1851)	1847
Teacher, clergyman, scholar Re: books, mentions Tillottson	
Onderdonk, Benjamin Tredwell (Bishop) (1791-1861)	1841, 1846, 1851 (3 items)
Protestant Episcopal Bishop of New York, 1830-1845, succeeding Bishop Hobart; ecclesiastical scholar; professor, General theological seminary, NY, 1821-1845 1841 letter, re: John C. Smith, a student interested in studying for the ministry (at General theological seminary); 1846 letter, re: Henry Onderdonk Jr.'s <i>Revolutionary Incidents of Queens County</i> (1846)	
Onderdonk, Henry Jr. (1804-1886)	1844, 1845 (2 items)
[Collector of this correspondence; see finding aid preface] 1844 letter, from Onderdonk, at Jamaica, LI, addressed "Dear Sir," re: Capt. Brooks, a living veteran of the Battle of Long Island (Onderdonk writes a list of questions to be asked of Brooks, with replies); 1845 letter [apparently a draft, with note in pencil "never sent"], from Onderdonk, at Union Hall Academy, Jamaica, LI, addressed "Dear Sir" [Hon. Ca{--} Johnson], re: request for the reinstatement of the past postmaster of Jamaica, includes Onderdonk's objections, and a sketch diagram of the Main Street of Jamaica, LI, showing the location of academies	

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Onderdonk, Henry Ustick (Bishop) (1789-1858)	1856
Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836-1844, succeeding Bishop White; ecclesiastical scholar	
Re: genealogical record of Henry U. Onderdonk, his wife Elizabeth Carter, and their children	
Onderdonk, Susan / Susanna	1843, 1846, 1849 (3 items)
A cousin of the collector of this correspondence	
1843 letter, re: responding to Henry Onderdonk Jr.'s queries for genealogical information, mentions family bibles, cousin H. F. Jones, and the evolution of the Onderdonk name; 1846 letter, re: <i>Revolutionary Incidents of Queens County</i> (1846); 1849 letter, re: genealogical details of the families of Henry Ustick Onderdonk and Elizabeth Carter, William Onderdonk and Maria Holmes, and Benjamin Tredwell Onderdonk and Eliza H. Moscrop	
Osborne, Oliver Webster (1823-1895)	1858
of Lenox, MA	
Re: Osborne's ancestor, Richard Osborne, of Hingham, MA, Windsor and Fairfield, CT, and East Chester, NY, trying to distinguish him from Osborne's in the early records of Long Island	
Parsons, Samuel H.	1845, 1846, 1855 (3 items)
Genealogist, Connecticut historian, of Middletown and Hartford; a grandson of General Parsons	
All three letters re: Revolutionary incidents involving General Samuel Holden Parsons at Setauket and at the Battle of Long Island	
Pearson, Jonathan (1813-1887)	1866
Professor and later librarian and treasurer of Union College, Schenectady, NY; diarist	
Re: Dominie Barnardus Freeman of Flatbush, mentions Freeman's wife Margaret Van Schaick	
Peck, E. F. (Dr.)	1849
Re: Onderdonk's contemplation of producing a new edition of Benjamin F. Thompson's <i>A History of Long Island</i>	
Pelletreau, William Smith (1840-1918)	ND
Antiquarian, of New York and Long Island	
Re: membership in the Long Island Historical Society	
Perkins, Erastus (1752-1853)	ND, 1844 (2 items)
Surveyor, and centenarian, of Norwich, CT; veteran of the Battle of Long Island campaign [ND note {ca. 1844}, author unknown, re: Erastus Perkins, says that he is 93 years old]; 1844 letter, re: the Connecticut regiment of Jabez Huntington in 1776	

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- Pierrepont, Henry Evelyn (1808-1888) 1844
Prepared plans for laying out the public grounds and streets of the City of Brooklyn, adopted in 1835; founder of Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn; first president of the Brooklyn Academy of Music; active in various Brooklyn societies and financial institutions, also in organizations of the Protestant Episcopal church; son of Hezekiah Beers Pierrepont (1768-1838) and charged, by his father's will, with the care and development of much Brooklyn property and the wild lands in Franklin, St. Lawrence, and Lewis counties - in Brooklyn, he excavated Furman Street, built a retaining wall 775 feet in length to sustain the Heights, and created five acres of wharf property by erecting a new bulkhead on the water-front
Re: aids for Onderdonk's study of the Battle of Long Island, including maps (Pierrepont's copy of Ratzler's 1776 map of New York and environs, and Colton's 1837 map of Long Island) and living witnesses (Gerrit Bergen, Robert DeBevoise); gives details of locations relevant to the battle, extant in 1844, including Washington's headquarters (the home of Pierrepont's mother)
- Pierson, David H. 1838
Re: Onderdonk's election to the Cliosophic Society of the College of New Jersey (Princeton)
- Pleasants, T. S. 1860
Librarian [Petersburg, VA, Library Association]
- Poole, William Frederick (1821-1894) 1852
Librarian, bibliographer, historian; librarian of the Boston Athenaeum (1856-69), of the public libraries of Cincinnati (1871-73) and Chicago (1874-87), and of the Newberry Library (1887-94); founder of the American Library Association (1876), and later its president; compiled the first general index to U.S. periodicals, *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature* (1848), and edited two other editions (1853, 1882)
Re: bibliography, and the importance of subject indexes
- Porter, William S. 1847
of Farmington, CT
Re: Revolutionary War prisoners at New York
- Pratt, Daniel Johnson (1827-1884) 1869
Educator; assistant secretary of the regents of the University of the state of New York; published *Annals of Public Education in the State of New York, 1626-1746* (1882)
Re: query, per Pratt's research for *Annals of Public Education*
- Prime, Nathaniel Scudder (Reverend) (1785-1856) 1846
Historian, clergyman; author, *A history of Long Island : from its first settlement by Europeans, to the year 1845, with special reference to its ecclesiastical concerns* (1845)
Re: publishing costs
- Probasco, Henry 1868
Merchant, of Cincinnati
Re: inquiring as to records of Probascos on Long Island
- Putnam, Charles S. 1843
of Keene, NH
Re: the Journal of Adam Walker

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Quincy, Edmund (1808-1877)	1868
Author, known for his biography of his father, Josiah [see below]	
Re: reminiscences of Harvard, c. 1827-1828, with mention of Emerson, Winthrop, Hillard, Wordsworth; also, re: Edmund's biography of his father, Josiah Quincy, mentioning Daniel Webster's praise of Josiah Quincy's speeches in Congress on the subject of Slavery	
Quincy, Josiah (1772-1864)	1848
Statesman; member of Congress, 1804-1812; Mayor of Boston, 1823-1828; President of Harvard University, 1829-1845	
Re: Maj. Samuel Shaw (1754-1794) on Long Island in 1776	
Reed, William Bradford (1806-1876)	1845
Statesman, teacher; Attorney-general of Pennsylvania, 1838; State senator, PA, 1841; professor of American history at the University of Pennsylvania, 1850-1856; U.S. minister to China, 1857-1858	
Re: Reed's grandfather, Joseph Reed (1741-1785), adjutant general of the Continental army during the Revolution who was with George Washington throughout the events surrounding the Battle of Long Island; mentions materials in William B. Reed's possession, including a manuscript journal of Colonel Atlee who commanded a Pennsylvania regiment during the Battle of Long Island [Q. – Is this the copy now in the Brooklyn Historical Society's collection? JWM 6 September 2005], a memorandum of the Council of War as to the evacuation of Brooklyn, and memoranda of Colonel Edward Hand	
Richmond, James C. (Reverend)	1856, 1861 (2 items)
Author and publisher of <i>The Conspiracy against the Late Bishop of New-York, Unravelled by One of the Conspirators</i> (1845) about the downfall of Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Episcopal Bishop of New York	
1856 letter from Rev. James C. Richmond, at Hartford, re: personal details; 1861 letter from Richmond, at Washington DC, mentions Miss Eliza Ware	
Rider, James	1841
Of Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.	
Re: "this very <i>unpleasant transaction</i> "	
Riker, J. S.	1855
of New York	
Re: Membership in the Long Island Bible Society for Rev. John P. Knox	
Riker, James Jr. (b. 1822)	1846, 1848, 1848 (3 items)
Historian, teacher; at the American Home Missionary Society, 1850-1863; author of a <i>History of Harlem</i> (1881, revised 1904)	
1846 letter, re: requesting genealogical information; 1848 letter, from Riker, at "Harlem, NY," re: source of the name for "the Cedars," and information on Onderdonk and Brinckerhoff ancestry; 1848 letter, from Riker, at "Harlem, NY," with further, regarding the previous letter	

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Robbins, Thomas (Reverend) (1777?-1856) Congregational minister, bibliophile; Librarian of the Connecticut Historical Society Re: Onderdonk's chosen task of compiling incidents of the Revolutionary period, mentions "naval transactions on the Sound" and the late Col. Benjamin Talmadge of Litchfield	1845
Romondt, Charles Rudolph von Professor at Rutgers College, NJ Thank-you note	1856
Roslyn Lyceum Invitation to lecture before the Roslyn Lyceum on Long Island, by committee members A. W. Leggett, E. A. Hyde, and T. F. Jackson	ND
Sabine, Lorenzo (1803-1877) [in separate folder] Congressman from Massachusetts; author of <i>The American loyalists, or biographical sketches of adherents to the British crown in the war of the revolution . . .</i> (Boston, 1847), <i>Notes on Duels and Duelling</i> (1855), and <i>Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution with an Historical Sketch</i> (1864; reprinted by Kennikat Press, 1966), 2 vols. 1847 letter, re: Sabine's <i>The American loyalists, or biographical sketches of adherents to the British crown in the war of the revolution . . .</i> (Boston, 1847); 1847 letter, further to the above; 1848 letter, re: loyalists, again, mentions James Fenimore Cooper's "defence" of Oliver De Lancey in "Home Journal", also dicusses Onderdonk's work and personal matters; 1854, re: Sabine's ongoing literary works; and 18[6]4 letter, re: Sabine's new edition of <i>Loyalists</i>	1847, 1847, 1848, 1854, 18[6]4 (5 items)
Sands, A. H. Of New York; a former pupil of Onderdonk's Re: Onderdonk's queries for witnesses to Revolutionary War period episodes, mentions the mother of Mrs. William Cox, living in Newburg	1844
Sands, I. Henry Of New York [not in Onderdonk's index]	1849
Sayres [see Jay, William]	
Scharis, H. W. Of New York [?] [not in Onderdonk's index] Query, re: Thomas Ross, an original settler of Brookhaven, who removed to Woodbridge, NJ	ND

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Schenck, G. C. Of Pompton Plains, NJ 1852 letter, re: the Schenck family, mentions the Dutch military commander Martin Schenck (d. 1589, at Nijmegen); ND note, unsigned [apparently in the handwriting of G. C. Schenck], with the heading "From the Records of Wills in the Surrogate's Office New York", giving genealogical details of the Schenck families of Kings County in the 17 th and 18 th centuries, includes related surnames: Ryerson, Onderdonk, Rappleye [sic?], Montfort, Couwenhoven, Voorhees, Terhune [the reverse of this sheet shows an apparent draft {?} of a letter, unfinished by Henry Onderdonk Jr., addressed "Dear Cousin," to Miss Sarah Onderdonk]	1852, [ND] (2 items)
Schoolcraft, H. R. [or Schoolcroft]	
Schoonmaker, Jacob (Reverend) (1777-1852) Pastor of First Reformed Dutch Church of Newtown, Long Island (later known as Elmhurst, and now part of the Borough of Queens in the city of New York) and the Queens First Reformed (Dutch) Church in Jamaica, New York from 1802-1849, and solely for Jamaica from 1849-1850 Re: Onderdonk's service to Union Hall Academy	1850
Scott, Charles (Reverend) Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Shawangunk / Bruynswick (now Wilkill, Orange Co., NY), 1851-1868 All three letters, re: Reverend Rynier Van Nest (b. near North Branch, Somerset Co., NJ, the son of Peter Van Nest and Catharine (Hager) Goetschius), pastor of the Reformed Dutch Churches at Shawangunk, Montgomery, New Paltz, Middleburgh, Schoharie, Brookville, Manhasset, and Newtown, NY	1858, 1861, 1861 (3 items)
Seabury, Samuel (1801-1872) Clergyman, author; professor, General Theological Seminary, 1862-1872; grandson of Samuel Seabury (1729-1796), first bishop of the episcopal diocese of Connecticut Re: "the acct. book," mentions John S. Seabury	1867
Seaman, Ardon (1795-1875) Of Nassau Co., LI, NY Re: Seaman family, contains genealogical information of several generations, mentions Giles Seaman (died 1782) who married Letitia Onderdonk	1865
Seely, Ebenezer [in separate folder] of Oyster Bay All letters re: aspects of the Revolutionary period in and around Oyster Bay, and sources who might furnish the same; mentions witnesses Elizabeth Wooden, Phebe Cashow, Nancy Weeks, Jane Summers, William Ludlam, George Townsend, Jane Fleet, and Joseph White; also re: Col. Simcoe and Miss Sarah Townsend [see elsewhere in this finding aid the record of "Miller, Sylvanus Jr.," re: valentine], Peter St. John of New Canaan, the capture of Nathan Hale and the role of David Maltby of Stamford	1844, 1846, 1846, 1848 (4 items)

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Servoss, Thomas Lowery (1786-1866)	1847
Merchant; aided U.S. troops during the War of 1812; agent for a line of packet ships running between the ports of New York and New Orleans	
Re: Servoss's father-in-law, John Pintard, who assisted in the relief of American prisoners at New York during the Revolutionary War	
Seward, William Henry (1801-1872)	1860
Statesman; U.S. Secretary of State under Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson; negotiated the purchase of Alaska, 1867	
Brief note, dated at Auburn, NY	
Shelton, D.	ND
Brief note [in Latin]	
Shelton, F. W. (Frederick William) (1814-1881)	1849, 1850, 1852, 1866 (4 items)
[in separate folder]	
Episcopal clergyman, of Long Island; author of fiction, including <i>Salander and the Dragon</i> (1850), <i>The Rector of St. Bardolph's; or, Superannuated</i> (1853), and <i>Peeps from a Belfry</i> (1856)	
1849 letter, re: Onderdonk's <i>Revolutionary Incidents</i> , mentions Benjamin F. Thompson, Dr. Rhineland, and St. John's Church, Huntington; 1850 letter, re: publication of Shelton's allegory, <i>Salander and the Dragon</i> , requesting that Onderdonk write a review of in the <i>Long Island Farmer</i> ; 1852 letter, re: a paper on Antiquarians, requesting words about Benjamin F. Thompson, mentions Mr. Stevens of Vermont; 1866 letter, re: material relating to the early history of New York	
Shepard, George H.	1865
Editor and Publisher of the <i>Long Islander</i> newspaper, Huntington, LI, NY	
Sibley, Henry Hastings (1811-1891)	1850
Congressman, 1849-1853, and later Governor of Minnesota, 1858-1860	
Sibley, John Langdon (1804-1885)	1867
Librarian of Harvard University, 1856-1877; author, <i>Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard University</i>	
[with note by Ezra Abbot (1819-1884), biblical scholar and Sibley's assistant, mentioning William Smith's <i>Dictionary of the Bible</i>]	
Simms, Jephtha Root (1807-1883)	1846, 1849, 1853 (3 items)
Historian; author of <i>History of Schoharie County, New York</i> (1845), <i>The American Spy, Nathan Hale</i> (1846), <i>Trappers of New York</i> (1850); and <i>The Frontiersmen</i> (2 vols., 1882-1883)	
1846 letter mentions Major Andrew Finch Jr. of Herkimer Co., NY, an officer of the Continental army during the Revolutionary War; 1849 letter, re: Nathan Hale, at the time of his capture, also mentions Simms family details, and John Cleves Symmes; 1853 letter, re: a revision of Simms's <i>History of Schoharie County</i>	
Skillman, F. [prob. Francis, 1817-1898]	1843
Of Hempstead Harbour, a nephew of Henry Onderdonk Jr.	
Re: Revolutionary war era memories of a family acquaintance named Stubbs	

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Sleight, Henry C. Of Geneseo, NY, and formerly of Jamaica, LI, NY; journalist, printer; publisher of the <i>Long Island Farmer</i> newspaper (from 1819)	1863
Smith, Charles Jeffery Of New York and Mastic; a grandson of General Nathaniel Woodhull 1846 letter, re: a journal kept by General Woodhull; 1850 letter, re: possible scenes to be sketched by the wood-engraver, author, and editor, Benson John Lossing (1813-1891)	1846, 1850 (2 items)
Smith, James D. Of Philadelphia Re: William Bradford Reed (1806-1876), of Philadelphia, as a source of information on the Battle of Long Island, through papers of his grandfather, Joseph Reed (1741-1785), an aide-de-camp and military secretary to General George Washington in 1775-1776, and an adjutant-general with the rank of colonel in 1776-1777	1844
Smith, John Jay Head librarian of the Library Company, Philadelphia	1845
Smith, N. E. (Reverend) Clergyman of the Reformed Dutch Church; a native of Jamaica, LI, NY Re: reply to Onderdonk's queries for church information, mentions a vacancy at the Jamaica church	1849
Smith, Samuel A. [see Thompson, A. G.]	1860
Somerby, H. G. Genealogist; author of <i>The English Ancestry of Reverend John Cotton of Boston</i> (1868) Re: the genealogy of Robert Field, one of the first patentees of Flushing	1862
Sparks, Jared (1789-1866) [in separate folder] American historian and educator; President of Harvard University, 1849-1853, successor to Edward Everett; owner and editor of the <i>North American Review</i> , 1824-1830; founder and editor of the <i>American Almanac and Repository of Useful Knowledge</i> , 1830; publisher of the <i>Life and Writings of George Washington</i> (12 vols., 1834-1837; redated 1842), his most important work; and in 1839, separately, the <i>Life of George Washington</i> (abridged, 2 vols., 1842); also published <i>The Works of Benjamin Franklin; with Notes and a Life of the Author</i> (10 vols., 1836-1840; redated 1850); McLean professor of ancient and modern history at Harvard, 1839-1849 - his appointment to this position, says his biographer, was the first academic encouragement of American history, and of original historical research in the American field; a pioneer in collecting, on a large scale, documentary material on American history 1843 letter, re: Sparks' opinions on sources of information on the Battle of Long Island; 1843 letter, further re: the preceding subject, includes a copy (in different hand [Onderdonk's?]) of the "Proceedings of a Council of General Officers" (Washington, Putnam, Spencer, Mifflin, McDougal, Parsons, Scott, Wadsworth, Fellows), on 29 August 1776, detailing the justifications for the removal of the army from Brooklyn; (continued)	1843, 1843, 1844, 1844, 1846, ND [1846?], 1846, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1848, 1849, 1849, 1849, 1852 (15 items)

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Sparks, Jared (1789-1866) - continued

1844 letter, re: plans of the Battle of Long Island; 1844 letter, further re: sources; 1846, re: Onderdonk's *Revolutionary Incidents*, and George Washington's papers; ND note [a fragment, prob. 1846], re: William Cunningham's "Confession"; 1846 letter, re: Cunningham, plans of "forts and redoubts," Washington's tour on Long Island, and a discussion of repositories (esp. at Harvard) in which to find material of interest to Onderdonk's Revolutionary War era researches, mentions Erskine and Pintard; 1846 letter, further re: the battle of Long Island, mentions Miles, Williams, Sullivan, Joseph Reed, and Cunningham; 1847 letter, further re: the Battle of Long Island, Sparks answering Onderdonk's number queries (the original, attached); 1848 letter, re: Col. Troup, Cooper, General Lee, "Hellgate" and "Frog's Neck," Cunningham; 1848 letter, re: Col. Troup, William Franklin (son of Benjamin Franklin); 1849 letter, re: Nathan Hale; 1849 letter, congratulatory; 1849 receipt of gift, printed matter, from the Corporation of Harvard University, re: Onderdonk's *Revolutionary Incidents of Suffolk and Kings Counties*, signed by Sparks, and by Harvard librarian Thaddeus William Harris; 1852 letter, re: strictures levelled at Sparks's edition of Washington's writings, and also, further re: Nathan Hale, and thanks, for a brief sketch of the life of Onderdonk's father

Spear, W. S.

1839

At Roxbury [possibly a former student of Onderdonk's]
Re: the correspondent's acceptance to Harvard College, and subsequent course of examinations

Spooner, Alden J. (Alden Jeremiah) (1810-1981)

1862

Historian; founder of the Long Island Historical Society (now, Brooklyn Historical Society); editor of Gabriel Furman's *Notes, Geographical and Historical, relating to the Town of Brooklyn* (1865), and Silas Wood's *Sketch of the First Settlement of the Several Towns on Long Island* (1865)

Re: arranging the preliminary meeting for the organization of the Long Island Historical Society

Spooner, M. J.

1849

Re: conveying a family request that Onderdonk act as a pall bearer, at the burial (24 March 1849) of Benjamin F. Thompson

Sprague, William B. (Reverend Dr. William Buell) (1795-1876)

1862 [ND image] (2 items)

American clergyman, biographer, and autograph collector; pastor of the Congregational Church of West Springfield, Massachusetts, 1820-1829; pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York, 1829-1869; author and compiler of *Annals of the American Pulpit* (9 volumes, 1857-1869)

1862 letter, re: Dominie Johannes Casparus Rubel or Rubell, mentions Dr. Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan; ND image, engraving by Asher B. Durand, portrait of Rev. Dr. W. B. Sprague

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Stead, Benjamin F. Minister at Astoria Presbyterian Church, Astoria, LI, NY, 1852-1879 Re: matters concerning several local churches, mentions Charles H. Burr, William M. Blackwell, Mr. Shelton, Rev. Mr. Jones	1855
Stevens, Abel (Reverend Dr.) (1815-1897) American editor, historian, and Methodist Episcopal clergyman; author, <i>History of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America</i> mentions Rev. Mr. Wakely of Yonkers	1865
Stevens, Henry Jr. (1819-1886) Bookseller Re: sources on The Battle of Long Island, mentions Ezra Stiles	1843
Stiles, Henry R. (Dr. Henry Reed) (1832-1909) Physician, historian, genealogist; a founder, librarian (from 1863), and director of the Long Island Historical Society; author of <i>The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor, Connecticut</i> (1859; supplement, 1863); <i>Monograph on Bundling in America</i> (1861); <i>Genealogy of the Massachusetts Family of Stiles</i> (1863); <i>The Walla-bout Prison-Ship Series</i> (2 vols., 1865); <i>The Genealogy of the Stranahan and Joselyn Families</i> (1865); and <i>History of the City of Brooklyn, New York</i> (3 vols., Brooklyn, 1867-'70); editor of <i>Illustrated History of the County of Kings and City of Brooklyn</i> (2 vols., 1884) 1859 letter, of 8 December, re: requesting materials of Onderdonk for a proposed History of Brooklyn; 1859 letter, of 22 December, re: returning a map; 1863 letter on LIHS letterhead, re: describing the progress of the collections of the Society's Library	1859, 1859, 1863 (3 items)
Stone, Edwin M. (Edwin Martin) (1805-1883) Librarian, historian, genealogist; librarian of the Rhode Island Historical Society both letters, re: the Journal of Christopher Hawkins	1865, 1869 (2 items)
Strong, James (b. 1822) Theological scholar, educator; also builder and president of the Flushing Railroad Re: enclosing a sketch made by William H. Gilder Jr. of the "Old Barn" (identified by Onderdonk's margin note as "the Quaker Meeting House in Flushing")	1855
Strong, Thomas M. (Thomas Morris, D.D.) (1797-1861) [in separate folder] Pastor of the reformed Dutch Church of Flatbush; author, <i>The History of the town of Flatbush, in Kings County, Long Island</i> (1842) 1843 letter, of 2 October, re: the Battle of Long Island, the position of redoubts in the vicinity of Flatbush, those who took part in the fighting there, the recollections of elderly inhabitants, an anecdote of two friends of Lord Stirling, and problems in Strong's own published account; 1843 letter, 18 November, re: information on Onderdonk's ancestors, records of the Flatbush church; 1843 letter, 28 November, further re: the preceding subjects; 1844 letter, 15 June, re: Elbert Hegeman of Flatbush and his family, and separately, re: two elderly brothers named Venderver [sic?] as witness of Revolutionary incidents in Flatbush, mentions route taken by the British during the Battle of Long	1843, 1843, 1843, 1844, 1844, 1846, 1848, 1848 (8 items)

<u>Correspondent</u>	<u>Date</u>
Thompson, Abraham Gardiner (1816-1887) (Dr.) Of Babylon, LI, NY Re: details and incidents relating to George Washington's tour of Long Island in 1790, mentions Zebulon Ketcham, Judge Isaac Thompson (died 1816, grandfather of the correspondent) of Islip, Obadiah Green of Sayville, Captain Roe of Setauket, widow Blydenburgh, Gilbert Platt of Huntington; includes interesting details such as the correspondent's uncle and namesake (at age 13) being permitted to stand in the General's boots, and the recollections of Joshua Willetts; includes details of the Thompson and Willetts families	1860
Thompson, Benjamin F. (Benjamin Franklin) (1784-1849) Historian; author of <i>History of Long Island; ...</i> (1839; 2nd ed., rev. and greatly enl., 1843) 1846 letter, of 4 May, re: Onderdonk's <i>Revolutionary Incidents of Queens County</i> (1846), with suggested corrections, including that of the name of Dr. Samuel Martin of Far Rockaway; 1846 letter, 26 June, attached on reverse, re: praise for Onderdonk, criticism of Prince [See also Series II]	1846 [1846] (1 item)
Toner, J. M. (Joseph Meredith) (1825-1896) Physician; attending physician of St. Joseph's orphan asylum, Washington, DC; collector and scholar of early American medical literature; established the Library of the American Medical Association Re: Onderdonk's <i>Queens County in Olden Times</i>	1866
Trow, John F. Printer and Publisher, of New York, NY; publisher of Onderdonk's <i>Documents and letters intended to illustrate the revolutionary incidents of Queens County, N.Y.</i> (1846) Re: printing costs	1845
Tuthill, William H. Jurist of Cedar County, Iowa All four letters re: Tuthill family ancestry and genealogy, bearing on John Tuthill and the Rev. John Youngs, both early settlers of Southold, LI, NY, mentions James M. Tuthill of New York, Daniel Tuthill (1762-1803) of Jamaica, LI, NY, Sarah Thurston, Phineas Tuthill of Jamaica, Patience Tuthill of Brooklyn, LI, NY, Nathaniel Tuthill, Prudence Goldsmith, and many others	1856, 1856, 1857, 1857 (4 items; first 3 are attached)
Van Cleef, Paul D. (Rev. Dr.) Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Jersey City, 1849-1896 1848 letter (unsigned; one sheet of apparently more than one [?], the others missing or lost), re: the recollections of Mr. Everitt, including the robbery of John Skidmore and wife in 1780, and the robbery of Isaac Hendrickson, also includes genealogical details for Hugo Van Kleek, Rachel Brinckerhoff, Isaac Lent, Abraham Lent, and Catharine Brinckerhoff; 1869 letter, re: a proposed donation of Onderdonk's books to a seminary	1848, 1869
Van de Water, Lott Publisher of Onderdonk's <i>The annals of Hempstead, 1643 to 1832: Also, the rise and growth of the Society of Friends on Long Island and in New York, 1657 to 1826</i> (1878) Re: printing arrangements	1869

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Van Sinderen, Hotso Of New Lots Note, re: regrets	1864
Verren, Antoine (1801-1874) Clergyman; rector of L'Eglise du St. Esprit, New York, NY Re: records of the French Church at New York City, mentions Rev. Abraham Keteltas, Mr. Daller, Rev. Jacques Adam de Martel, Rev. Mr. Duby	1858
Wakefield, Samuel A. at East Boston Re: requesting information on the Revolutionary wartime imprisonment of John Joy, David Joy, and Caleb Joy, natives of Augusta, Maine	185[4]
Watrous, Charles S. Re: Watrous's resignation from the English department at Union Hall Academy, Jamaica, LI, NY, addressed to the Rev. Dr. Schoonmaker	1840
Watson, John Fanning (1779-1860) Historian of Philadelphia and New York City; author of <i>Annals and Occurrences of New York City and State, in the Olden Time</i> (1846) and <i>Annals of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania</i> (1857) 1849 letter, re: books and history-writing, and Watson's Fanning ancestors, mentions Loyalist officers during the Revolution, Edmund Fanning (a secretary to Gov. Tryon before the war) and Barclay Fanning, and their father, Col. Phineas Fanning; 1849 letter, re: comment on Onderdonk's <i>Revolutionary incidents of Suffolk and Kings Counties</i> (1849) ("May such a picture of by-gone days, have a tendency to keep us, of subsequent times, from the horrors of Civil War!"), with comment on New York City ("... a great city – fast running away from all former traces – a sumptuous, ambitious construction of Palaces ~ money, money enriches – then generates pride and vainglory – aristocracy – all, all, hostile to <i>Republican</i> lowliness and simplicity!"), and further, re: Edmund Fanning	1849, 1849
Webb, Edwin at Hempstead Re: Native American arrowheads found at Rockville Center	1863
Webster, Richard (1811-1856) Clergyman; Presbyterian minister at Mauch Chunk, PA, 1835-1856; author of <i>History of the Presbyterian Church in America from its Origin till the Year 1760, with Biographical Sketches of its Early Ministers</i> (published posthumously, 1857) Re: researches into the history of Presbyterianism at Hempstead and Jamaica, mentions Zechariah Walker, Jared Spencer, David Brainerd, Jonathan Edwards, Cotton Mather, Rev. Thomas Reynolds, Rev. Harry Munro, among others, with some genealogical and biographical details	1849
Wheeler, John H. (John Hill) (1806-1882) Historian, diplomat; author of <i>History of North Carolina</i> (1851) 1852 letter, re: incidents in early North Carolina history, mentions Governors Josiah Martin and Thomas Burke, and Robert Potter	1852

<u>Correspondent</u>	<u>Date</u>
Wheeler, William Adolphus (1833-1874) Philologist Re: Onderdonk's etymological works, and the impending publication of the quarto edition of Noah Webster's Dictionary (1864), to which Wheeler contributed	1863
Whitehead, William A. (1810-1884) Historian; president of the Newark Library Association, 1847-1884; corresponding secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society Re: acknowledgement of receipt of a book, with particulars on the collections of the New Jersey Historical Society	1846
Whiting, J. At Roslyn, LI, NY [possibly an editor of the <i>Long Island Democrat</i> newspaper] Re: soliciting an article from Onderdonk, for a proposed guide to Long Island	1832
Wickes, Stephen (b. 1813) Physician, historian; active at Troy, NY, and later, at Orange, NJ Re: the family of Thomas Wickes, patentee of Huntington, LI, in 1666	1847
Willard, Emma Hart (1787-1870) American educator, pioneer in woman's education; founder, Troy Female Seminary (1810), later renamed in her honor Re: the Battle of Long Island, and also Willard's <i>Respiration and its Effects, particularly as respects Asiatic Cholera</i> (1849)	1847
Willis, O. R. at Cedar Swamp (now Old Brookville), LI, NY Re: teaching positions	1841
Woodbridge, Sylvester Jr. (Reverend) (1790-1863) Presbyterian minister; pastor at Hempstead, 1838-1849 Re: thank-you note	1846
Woodruff, George C. (George Catlin) (1805-1885) Congressman, lawyer, of Litchfield, CT Re: the Revolutionary wartime service and imprisonment of Woodruff's grandfather, Oliver Woodruff, who was taken at the surrender of Fort Washington, 16 November 1776	1846
Woolworth, Samuel Buell at Albany; secretary to the Regents of the University of the State of New York Re: letters of Gov. Tryon to Rev. Samuel Buell, influential revivalist minister at the East Hampton and grandfather of the correspondent	1863
Wyckoff, Nicholas at Brooklyn Re: regrets	1866

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- Young, Alexander A. 1839
At New York [Identity uncertain – Could this be Alexander Young (1800-1854), clergyman and antiquarian of Boston? 22 September 2005 JWM]
Re: transcription of verse by George Combe Esq., of Edinburgh, inspired by a phrenologist friend of Combe's who had presented him with the gift of the cast of a turnip
- Youngs, Samuel (b. c. 1813) 1844
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Container List - Section B

This section consists of one scrapbook entitled “Historical Letters addressed to Henry Onderdonk Jr. of Jamaica, L. I. 2nd Series”. The letters remain as attached and paginated by Onderdonk. They are mostly grouped by correspondent, the bulk being written by fellow Long Island historians Benjamin Franklin Thompson and Edmund Bailey O’Callaghan, but there is neither an alphabetical nor a strict chronological scheme to the arrangement. Correspondents are listed, below, by the order in which they appear.

Thompson, Benjamin F. (Benjamin Franklin) (1784-1849)

Historian; author of *History of Long Island; ...* (1839; 2nd ed., rev. and greatly enl., 1843)
30 letters, written 1838-1848

Re (among other subjects): Thompson’s and Onderdonk’s published (and prospective) books and articles, also of local printers and publishers, with advice and corrections; the Battle of Long Island; Revolutionary war incidents and officers; mentions George Washington, General Nathaniel Greene, General Jeremiah Johnson, General Israel Putnam, General James Tallmadge, General Nathaniel Woodhull, Col. Simcoe, Col. Richard Hewlett, King William, Isaac Denton, Rufus Tuttle, the Reverend Zachariah Greene, Dr. Samuel Thompson (the correspondent’s father), Maj. General Silliman, Jemima Bedell, Abigail Lefferts, Gideon Nicholls, John Rapelje, John Bedell, Jacob Conklin, the Riker / Suydam / Lent family, William Booth, Selah Strong, Nathaniel Roe, Throgmorton’s Point and Neck, genealogical details of Long Island families, Edmund Fanning, Trinity Church (NY), Melancthon Wheeler, Simon Searing of Hempstead, Thomas Powell of Bethpage, the Harper Brothers, Frances Wickes, Roger Williams, Aaron Isaacs, William Payne, Daniel Webster (quoted), Samuel Clowes, Josiah Martin, George Duncan Ludlow

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Of Fort Neck and South Oyster Bay, LI, NY
7 letters, 1844-1846

Re: Revolutionary war era incidents on Long Island, including the recollections of elderly witnesses to the period, mentions British officers, local robberies, Simcoe’s Military Journal, Col. Ludlow, Col. Hewlett, General Delancey, Charles Wilson, Captain Daniel Young, Captain Thomas Leicester of Hempstead, Captain Charles Hewlett of Oyster Bay, Captain Edward Ellison of Hempstead, the robbery of Jackson’s store, John Jackson, Tredwell Jackson, Captain David Jones, Braddock Seaman, John Hathorne, whale boats, General Jacob S. Jackson

Henry Onderdonk Jr. (1804-1886) Correspondence, 1832-1869 – Series II, continued

Simms, Jephtha Root (1807-1883)

Historian; author of *History of Schoharie County, New York* (1845), *The American Spy, Nathan Hale* (1846), *Trappers of New York* (1850); and *The Frontiersmen* (2 vols., 1882-1883)

1 letter, 1846

Re: the capture of Fort St. George by General James Tallmadge during the Revolutionary war, enclosing a sketched plan of the fort from Tallmadge's journal [since removed from the letter – whereabouts unknown, 29 September 2005], with a note relating that Simms's mother, a Fitch, was a native of the same town as Capt. Nathan Hale

Prime, A. J. [Alanson Jermaine?, 1811-1864]

At Newburgh

2 letters, 1844

Re: a murder committed c. 1780

Scudder, Henry (1778-1863)

of Huntington, LI, NY

1 letter, 1845 [another letter by this correspondent follows, see below]

Re: the Revolutionary wartime activities of the correspondent's father, Henry Scudder (1743-1822), as an aide to James Tallmadge, relating incidents at Smithtown

Cook, Luther D.

Local historian, of Sag Harbor, L.I.; contributed to Benjamin F. Thompson's *A History of Long Island* (1839)

1 letter, 1858

Re: Sag Harbor Academy, mentions teacher Charles S. Williams, Mrs. Caroline Huntting (widow of Gen. H. H. Huntting), and H. G. Onderdonk [probably Horatio Gates Onderdonk (1808-1886), brother of Henry Onderdonk Jr.]

Johnson, Jeremiah (1768-1852)

Statesman, soldier, scholar, and churchman; commander of troops at Fort Greene during the War of 1812; Mayor of Brooklyn, 1837-1838

6 letters, 1844-1848, ND

Three of these letters are question-and-answer, being the queries of Onderdonk, re: aspects of Kings County during the Revolutionary war period, includes names and locations of inhabitants, of British encampments, of Whigs imprisoned in the Provost, with many details of persons and incidents - names include Ditmars, Stanton, Axtell, Lott, Lefferts, Dennis, Van Buren, Rubel, Bergen, Schenck, Striker, Buskirk, Hulse, Van Mater, Cortleyou, Cornell, Cowenhoven, Van Brunt, Martense, Van Sinderen, Van Ranst, Duryea, Rappelje / Rapalje, Luquer / Luquier, Bloom, Vandervort, Skillman, Titus, Miller, Messerole, Van Sicklen, Boerum, Tench, Porter, Vanderbilt, Borkeloo, Leake, Suydam, Van Pelt, Voorhies / Voorhees, Van Nuys, Hegeman, Devoe, Middagh, Defreest, Bennam, Sprong; other letters, re: British naval movements in New York Harbor in September of 1776, fortified defences of the Continental army on Long Island, and other details of the period

Cook, Joel (Capt.)

Former soldier, of Connecticut; was on Long Island in 1776, and later at Tippecanoe

1 letter, 1844

A brief question-and-answer note, from Onderdonk [interleaved among the Jeremiah Johnson letters]

Henry Onderdonk Jr. (1804-1886) Correspondence, 1832-1869 – Series II, continued

Bogart, Andries (1793-1873)

Of Wolver Hollow, now Brookville, LI, NY

1 letter, 1844

Question-and-answer letter, from Onderdonk to Bogart, requesting information to be asked of Daniel Monfort, an elderly neighbor of Bogart's; Monfort's answers, re: Oyster Bay during the Revolutionary War, mentions Townsend, Kirk, Bogart, Monfoort, and Suydam

Scudder, Henry (1778-1863)

of Huntington, LI, NY

1 letter, 1848 [see earlier letter by this correspondent, in this Series, above]

Re: several Revolutionary war incidents on Long Island

[Popham, William (Major) (1752-1847)]

Veteran of the Battle of Long Island; last survivor among George Washington's officers

1 letter, 1844

A memorandum, written by Henry Onderdonk Jr., of a conversation with Major William Popham, re: Popham's experience of the Battle of Long Island, addressed to the Major's grandson, William H. Popham, for corrections

O'Callaghan, Edmund Bailey (1797-1880) Approximately 61 letters and notes, 1850-1869

[see also in this collection, Series I, 4 letters in separate folder, "O'Callaghan"]

Historian, doctor, journalist; secretary and archivist of New York State; his works include *History of New Netherlands* (2 vols., 1846-1848), *Jesuit Relations* (1847), *Documentary History of New York* (4 vols., 1849-1851), *Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York, procured in Holland, England, and France by John R. Brodhead* (11 vols., 1855-1861), *Remonstrance of New Netherland* (1856), and *A Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State* (1865), among many others

Together with the letters of Benjamin F. Thompson, this O'Callaghan correspondence forms the bulk of the material contained in this scrapbook and covers a broad range of subjects – these include: the publication and contents of the published histories by O'Callaghan, Onderdonk, and Thompson, including corrections; compilations, transcriptions, and comparisons of vital, church, land, and court records related to Long Island, especially during the colonial and Revolutionary war periods; much material on Hempstead, LI, NY; includes passages in Dutch

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