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Silas Deane Papers

A Guide to the Silas Deane Papers at the Connecticut Historical Society

Collection Overview

Repository :	Connecticut Historical Society
Creator :	Deane, Silas
Title :	Silas Deane Papers
Dates :	1740 - 1782
Extent :	7 linear feet (11 boxes)
Abstract :	Personal and business correspondence, writings, business and legal papers, and accounts relating overseas activity. Also included is the Memorial to Congress, documents supporting the claims of Silas Deane's heirs against the US government. Series 6 contains correspondence of Barnabas Deane, Silas' brother.
Location:	Ms Deans1789
Language:	English

Biographical Sketch

Silas Deane was born December 24, 1737 in Ledyard, CT, son of Silas Dean (sic), a blacksmith and land speculator, and Sarah Barker Dean, formerly of Marshfield, MA. Following his 1758 graduation from Yale College, Deane taught school in Hartford and read for the bar. One of his pupils was Edward Bancroft, later a notorious doctor turned British agent, who served as Secretary to the American Commission in Paris.

Deane met his first wife, Mehitable Webb, while settling the estate of her late husband, Joseph Webb. Deane and Mehitable Webb married in 1763. They had one son, Jesse. Mehitable Deane died in 1767. Three years later Deane married Elizabeth Saltonstall, granddaughter of a governor and daughter of a general. Through his marriages Deane gained financial security and earned social prominence in Wethersfield. He pursued his legal profession but was engaged chiefly as a merchant and West Indian trader.

Deane was active in his community's church and represented Wethersfield for several terms in the Connecticut Assembly. He participated enthusiastically in the protests against British commercial policy. As Secretary of the Connecticut Committee of Correspondence, Deane attended meetings and conventions to discuss ways of expressing the colonies' complaints. In 1774 the Connecticut Committee of Correspondence appointed Deane, Roger Sherman and Eliphalet Dyer as delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. In this position Deane served on 40 committees, being especially effective on the naval committee and as chairman of ways and means. He disliked his fellow delegate, Roger Sherman, and their incongeniality later hurt Deane as Sherman opposed him politically. Deane orchestrated the financial backing for the daring capture of Fort Ticonderoga.

In Fall 1775 delegates to the Continental Congress were elected rather than appointed, and Sherman's organization defeated Deane. Deane had made such an impression in Philadelphia, however, that he was chosen by the Committee on Secrecy to procure supplies as Congress' agent to France. Additionally, Deane was chosen by the Committee on Secret Correspondence to promote a treaty of alliance. He departed March 16, 1776 and arrived at Bordeaux in May. In addition to his official duties, Deane had private business assignments with the Morris, Willing Company of Philadelphia and for his own family enterprises. Deane was to purchase supplies and materiel for Congress with money or credit from the sale of American commodities in Europe. He was to receive a commission of 5%. It was a daunting situation for Deane who did not have any contacts and did not speak French.

Deane established a relationship with Hortalez and Cie, a firm devised by the French government as a cover for trade with the colonies. The firm was headed by Caron de Beaumarchais. Through this and other deals, Deane managed to ship supplies and guns to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The supplies arrived in time to assure the victory at Saratoga. This in turn convinced the French to sign a treaty of alliance. Congress had created an American Commission at Paris to supersede its individual agent. Deane was named a Commissioner along with Benjamin Franklin and Arthur Lee. The three signed the treaty of alliance Feb. 6, 1778. In March, Deane's enemies in Congress and the friends and family of Arthur Lee, his antagonistic fellow commissioner in Paris, demanded his recall to report on the situation in Europe and account for funds spent. Deane would have preferred to postpone his return but, on the advice of Franklin, sailed on D'Estaing's flagship with Conrad A. Gerard, the first French minister to the United States. They arrived in Philadelphia in July.

Congress then proceeded to ignore Deane's efforts to meet, make his report, and present his accounts for payment. He had used many of his own funds for the government's business and commissions were owed him, but Deane was thought to have misused government funds for his own interest. As time passed and Deane became aware that his enemies in Congress were humiliating him, he grew impatient and wrote a public statement which was

taken up by the press. Congress resented this action. During the year in which Deane waited on Congress he was nominated for a seat in the upper house of the Connecticut legislature but did not serve. In August 1779 Congress offered him \$10,000 in depreciated currency which he refused. He was determined to return to France to collect the vouchers needed to substantiate his claims. After attending to family commercial business in Virginia, Deane returned to France in March 1780 as a private citizen.

In Paris Franklin was supportive and hospitable. Deane prepared his accounts, but again, Congress delayed reviewing them. Congress had appointed Thomas Barclay, the Consul at Paris, to the task but claimed he had not the authority to settle them. Deane moved to Ghent to save money and avoid imposing on Franklin. Deane's health and fortunes deteriorated and his morale suffered keenly at the frustration of the delays. Eventually he moved to England and lived for a while on the charity of friends, among them Dr. Edward Bancroft, the erstwhile secretary of the American Commissioners in Paris, whose role as a double agent for the British would not be revealed until about 1870. Deane received discouraging reports from friends at home, Robert Morris among them, about the almost total erosion of the currency and the fiscally irresponsible Congress. In his own despondency he came to think a negotiated settlement of the war was advisable and wrote in this vein to friends, perhaps conniving at the interception of the letters by the British. They were published by the Tory publicist in New York, Rivington, and caused an outcry of treason. At the nadir of his fortunes and perspective on the war, Deane was unaware that with the intervention of the French navy, the military balance changed quickly and, as the Rivington letters appeared, Cornwallis's surrender was imminent.

Deane longed to return home but his loyal brother, Barnabas, warned he would not be accepted at that time. Remaining in London, Silas Deane explored many ideas for the promotion of post-war Anglo American commerce. Of special interest was a scheme for a canal between the St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain which he discussed with Lord Sheffield and Lord Dorchester (Guy Carleton), the Governor-General of Canada. Full of hope for such prospects, he borrowed money to board ship at Deal on September 23, 1789. However, before sailing Deane suffered a violent abdominal attack which caused paralysis and death. Suspicions of poisoning by Dr. Bancroft, an authority on poisons, have not been proved. He was buried at Deal. Barnabas later thanked and reimbursed a kind American, Theodore Hopkins, who attended to the interment of the body. In 1795 Deane's son, Jesse Deane, was to receive proceeds from the sale of his father's diamond encrusted gold snuff box.

Silas Deane's granddaughter and only heir, Philura Deane Alden and her husband, Horatio Alden of Hartford, prepared a Memorial to Congress in 1835 documenting Silas Deane's claims for money owed him by the government. The Memorial contains accounts and important documents such as Lafayette's commission. In 1842 both houses awarded the heirs \$37,000, a partial restitution, and described the original audit by a

Congressional Committee under the chairmanship of his old enemy, Arthur Lee, as "ex parte, erroneous and a gross injustice to Silas Deane."

Scope and Content

The Silas Deane papers in The Connecticut Historical Society were acquired in different lots at different times in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Most were donated by Isabel Alden Thomas, the great-granddaughter of Silas Deane and last direct heir. Some were printed in Volumes II and XXIII of the Society's Collections, some microfilmed and some not reproduced at all. The 1835 Memorial to Congress by Philura Deane Alden and Horatio Alden was acquired from the U.S. Department of the Treasury in 1875. The bound volume containing the manuscripts of the Memorial which included the correspondence of Robert Morris, Caron de Beaumarchais, the Comte de Vergennes and other notables of the period, the original commissions of LaFayette and DeKalb and Silas Deane's own accounts prepared and presented to Congress, was found on May 15, 1871 in the waste paper bin of the Register's File Room of the Treasury and retrieved by a clerk, D.S. Green. It was acquired by the Society through the efforts of J. Hammond Trumbull and Charles Hoadley.

The collection consists predominately of correspondence, personal and business. Notable correspondents include: Robert Morris, Caron de Beaumarchais, the Comte de Vergennes, Jonathan Trumbull, Benjamin Gale, Oliver Ellsworth and William Drayton.

Materials are organized into six series based largely on form.

Series I: Correspondence consists of letters to and from Silas Deane. Notable correspondents include Robert Morris, Caron de Beaumarchais, the Comte de Vergennes, Jonathan Trumbull, Benjamin Gale, Oliver Ellsworth and William Drayton.

Series II: Writings consists of memoirs, essays, personal notes and petitions written by Deane, intended for publication or speech.

Series III: Business and Legal Papers relate mostly to shipping and shipping interests, particularly regarding contracts with the British Government over the supply of spar masts from the North American colonies.

Series IV: Accounts contains items concerning Deane's expenses while in France, England and the Low Countries, as well as accounts held with Jean Chartles DeBay, Haller Geradot, Ferdinand Grand, Nicholas LaFarque and Jonathan William.

Series V: Memorial to Congress comprises documents supporting the claims of Silas Deane's heirs against the US government

Series VI: Barnabas Deane holds the correspondence of Silas' brother, Barnabas, as well as a small number of business and legal papers. Correspondents include John Hancock and Jeremiah Wadsworth.

The documents are arranged chronologically within each series except in Series V: Memorial to Congress where the original order is kept. Folders are numbered sequentially within each series. An index of correspondents is appended. Some letters are contemporary copies by Deane, his secretary or the secretaries of his correspondents. There are several photocopies from other collections. The number of items listed for each folder represents the number of pieces of paper, rather than the number of letters or entities.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Use Restrictions

Use of the material requires compliance with the Connecticut Historical Society's Research Center regulations.

Subject Headings

Genre Forms

Holographs, signed; holographs; photocopies; printed material.
Includes commissions of Lafayette and De Kalb.
Includes papers of Barnabas Deane.

Geographic Names

Connecticut History Colonial period,
Connecticut History Revolution, 1775-1783.
United States Foreign relations 1775-1783.
United States History Revolution, 1775-1783 Finance, commerce, confiscations, etc.
United States History Revolution, 1775-1783 Participation, French.

Personal Names

Adams, John, 1735-1826.
Bancroft, Edward, 1744-1821.
Barclay, Thomas, 1753-1830.
Beaumarchais, Pierre Augustin Caron de, 1732-1799.
Bingham, William, 1752-1804.
De Kalb, Johann, 1721-1780.
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Deane, Barnabas, 1743-
Ellsworth, Oliver, 1745-1807.
Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790.
Gale, Benjamin, 1715-1790.
Gerard, Conrad A., 1729-1790.
Hancock, John, 1737-1793.
Jay, John, 1745-1829.
Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de, 1757-1834.
Laurens, Henry, 1724-1792.
Lee, Arthur, 1740-1792.
Leffingwell, Christopher, 1734-1810.
Morris, Robert, 1734-1806.
Saltonstall, Gurdon, 1708-1785.
Sheffield, John Baker Holroyd, 1st Earl of, 1735-1821.
Trumbull, Jonathan, 1710-1785.
Wadsworth, Jeremiah, 1743-1804.
Williams, Jonathan, 1750-1815.
Wilson, James, 1742-1798.

Corporate Names

United States. Continental Congress.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut.

Processing Details

Original paper finding aid created by Anne Willard in 1989.

EAD finding aid updated to EAD 2002 in December 2010.

Accruals

The collection is open, but additional material is not expected.

Related Material

An index of catalog cards is available to aid access to this collection and material in other collections. Access is through writer, recipient and date. The card catalog is located in the Research Center reading room.

There is also a card catalog, listing access to correspondent associated with the collection. this card index is located in the mss stacks, alongside the collection.

Microfilm copy available.

Contents:

I. Correspondence: 1753 - 1795

Box	Folder	
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1	1	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1761 - 1769 (6 items)
1	2	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 15 Feb. 1770 - 20 Feb. 1770 (5 items)
		Oversized items shelved separately.
1	3	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 23 Feb. 1770 - 24 May 1770, n.d. 1770 (9 items)
		Oversized items shelved separately.
1	4	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 5 July 1770 - 3 Oct. 1770 (8 items)
1	5	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 5 April 1771 - 26 Feb. 1772 (3 items)
1	6	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 3 Sept. 1772 - 26 Feb. 1773 (7 items)
1	7	Letters to and from Silas Deane. (Photocopies 7 Feb., 11 April - 13 July, 20 July 1774). 26 March 1774 - 25 July 1774 (6 items)
1	8	Letters to and from Silas Deane (19 Aug. Jonathan Trumbull).(Photocopies 1 Aug., 4 Aug., 9 Aug., 17 Aug. 1774). 18 Aug. 1774 - 29 Aug. 1774 (5 items)
1	9	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 3 Sept. 1774 - 23 Sept. 1774 (25 items)
1	10	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 9 Oct. 1774 - 30 Dec. 1774 (7 items)

- 1 11 Letters to and from Silas Deane. (27 Feb. Benjamin Gale) 7 Feb. 1775 - 28 Feb. 1775 (8 items)
- 1 12 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 30 March 1775 (2 items)
- 1 13 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 4 April 1775 - 29 April 1775, n.d. 1775 (12 items)
- 1 14 Letters to and from Silas Deane. (photocopy 15 May 1775). 4 May 1775 - 15 May 1775 (6 items)
- 1 15 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 21 May 1775 - 31 May 1775 (8 items)
- 1 16 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1 June 1775 - 11 June 1775 (12 items)
- 1 17 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 18 June 1775 - 25 June 1775 (10 items)
- 1 18 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1 July 1775 - 23 July 1775 (13 items)
- 1 19 Letters to and from Silas Deane. Major correspondent: Jonathan Trumbull.(See Oversize Box 1 for 31 Aug. 1775) 10 August 1775 - 30 August 1775 (8 items)
- 1 20 Letters to and from Silas Deane. (11 Sept. agreement with Sieur Du Coudrey - photocopy). 5 Sept. 1775 - 29 Sept. 1775 (7 items)
Oversized items shelved separately.
- 1 21 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 3 Oct. 1775 - 30 Oct. 1775 (9 items)
- 1 22 Letters to and from Silas Deane. (Benjamin Gale) - 27 Nov. 1775 9 Nov. 1775 (12 items)
- 1 23 Letters to and from Silas Deane. (Benjamin Gale) 5 Dec. 1775 (1 item)
- 1 24 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1775 (no month) (1 item)
- 1 25 Letters to and from Silas Deane (re. Benedict Arnold 24 Jan. 1776). 2 Jan. 1776 - 28 Jan. 1776 (12 items)
Oversized items shelved separately.
- 1 26 Letters to and from Silas Deane(Benjamin Gale) - 30 March (re Benedict Arnold 5 Feb. 1776). 1 Feb. 1776 - 30 March 1776 (14 items)
Oversized items shelved separately.
- 1 27 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 4 April 1776 - May 1776 (5 items)
- 1 28 Letters to and from Silas Deane (June E. Bancroft). 5 June 1776 - 25 June 1776 (5 items)
- 1 29 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1 July 1776 - 30 July 1776 (15 items)
- 1 30 Letters to and from Silas Deane.) 4 Aug. 1776 - 19 Aug. 1776 (7 items)
Oversized items shelved separately.
- 1 31 Letters to and from Silas Deane. 12 Sept. 1776 - 30 Sept. 1776

		(10 items)
1	32	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 2 Oct. 1776 - 26 Oct. 1776 (11 items)
1	33	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 7 Nov. 1776 - 30 Nov. 1776 (15 items)
1	34	Letters to and from Silas Deane. (7 Dec. arrival of Franklin, France) 2 Dec. 1776 - 12 Dec. 1776, (10 items)
1	35	Letters to and from Silas Deane (copies of letters Arthur Lee to committee of Secret Correspondence). 12 Dec. 1776 - 31 Dec. 1776 (9 items)
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2	36	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 6 Jan. 1777 - 14 Jan. 1777 (13 items)
2	37	Letters to and from Silas Deane (Carmichael, Thomas Morris and Robert Morris). 16 Jan. 1777 - 31 Jan. 1777 (16 items)
2	38	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 2 Feb. 1777 13 Feb. 1777 (10 items)
2	39	Letters to and from Silas Deane. February 1777 (18 items) Oversized items shelved separately.
2	40	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 2 March 1777 - 20 March 1777 (6 items)
2	41	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 21 March 1777 31 March 1777 (7 items)
2	42	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 12 April 1777 - 13 April 1777 (9 items)
2	43	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 19 April 1777 26 April 1777 (9 items)
2	44	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 2 May 1777 - 22 May 1777 (8 items)
2	45	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 23 May 1777 - 26 May 1777 (7 items)
2	46	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 2 June 1777 - 19 June 1777 (10 items)
2	47	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 20 June 1777 - 29 June 1777 (9 items) Oversized items shelved separately.
2	48	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1 July 1777 - 15 July 1777 (10 items)
2	49	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 19 July 1777 - 31 July 1777 (10 items)
2	50	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1 Aug. 1777 - 19 Aug. 1777 (8 items)
2	51	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 15 Aug. 1777 - 31 Aug. 1777 (9 items)

2	52	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1 Sept. 1777 - 15 Sept. 1777 (9 items)
2	53	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 16 Sept. 1777 - 27 Sept. 1777 (8 items)
2	54	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 7 Sept, 3 Oct. 1777 mss. copies (2 items)
Oversized items shelved separately.		
2	55	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 2 Oct. 1777 - 31 Oct. 1777 (10 items)
2	56	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 7 Nov. 1777 - 25 Nov. 1777 (7 items)
2	57	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 6 Dec. 1777 - 17 Dec. (10 items)
2	58	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 20 Dec. 1777 - 30 Dec. 1777 (14 items)
2	58a	Letters to and from Silas Deane. [1777?] (1 item)
Box	Folder	
3	59	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 3 Jan. 1778 - 31 Jan. 1778 (9 items)
3	60	Letters to and from Silas Deane (6 Feb. 1778 copy treaty with France). 5 Feb. 1778-28 Feb. 1778 (9 items)
3	61	Letters to and from Silas Deane. (12 March 1778 A. Lee; 29 March 1778 S.D. to Beaumarchais - copy; 31 March 1778 Franklin to H. Laurens - 2 copies) 3 March - 31 March 1778 (17 items)
3	62	Letters to and from Silas Deane. (1 April 1778 & 24 April 1778 W.T. Franklin) 1778 (5 items)
3	63	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 11 May 1778 4 June 1778 (4 items)
Oversized items shelved separately		
3	64	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 8 July 1778 - 22 July 1778 (2 items)
3	65	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 26 Aug. 1778 30 Nov. 1778 (6 items)
3	66	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 5 Dec. 1778 - 23 Dec. 1778 (4 items)
Letter of 21 Dec. 1778 filed in folder 3.67		
3	67	Silas Deane: Letter to Congress. 21 Dec. 1778 (1 volume)
3	68	Draft letter to R. H. Lee for publication in Pennsylvania 17 Jan. 1779 (2 items)
3	69	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 9 Feb. 1779 - 20 March 1779 (4 items)
3	70	Memorial to Congress by William Drayton 19 April 1779 - 30 April 1779 (4 items)
3	71	Letter to Congress 22 May 1779 (4 items)
3	72	Address to the Free and Virtuous Citizens of America. 3 June 1779

		(4 items)
3	73	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 27 July 1779 - 29 Sept 1779 (7 items)
3	74	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 12 Nov. 1779 - 28 Dec. 1779 (4 items)
3	74a	Letter from "President of congress". 1779 (1 item)
3	75	Letters to and from Silas Deane. (4 Robert Morris) 2 Feb. 1780 (copy) - 17 April 1780 (8 items)
3	76	"List of Papers left with Mr. Simeon Deane, Williamsburg". 29 May 1780 (1 item)
		Oversized items shelved separately
3	77	Letters to and from Silas Deane, two from Robert Morris. 30 June 1780 - 29 Aug. 1780 (4 items)
		Oversized items shelved separately.
3	78	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 25 July 1781 - 26 Sept. 1781 (6 items)
3	79	Letters to and from Silas Deane, two from John Jay, one (incomplete) from Robert Morris. 28 March 1781 - 18 June 1781 (6 items)
3	80	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 2 Oct. 1781 - Nov. 1781 (8 items)
3	81	Letters to and from Silas Deane, including letters from Oliver Ellsworth. 22 Jan. 1782 - 31 Jan. 1782 (10 items)
3	82	Letters to and from Silas Deane, including one to Benjamin Franklin. 5 Feb. 1782 (1 volume)
3	83	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 5 Feb. 1782 - 29 May 1782
		Oversized items shelved separately.
3	84	Letters to and from Silas Deane (some fragments). 16 Sept. 1782 - Nov. 1782 (14 items)
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4	85	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 4 Jan. 1783 - 28 Feb. 1783 (14 items)
4	86	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 3 March 1783 - 3 April 1783 (6 items)
4	87	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 5 April 1783 - 23 April 1783 (5 items)
4	88	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1 May 1783 - 24 June 1783 (7 items)
4	89	Letters to and from Silas Deane. (3 Aug. 1783 Benjamin Franklin) 25 July 1783 - 16 Aug. 1783 (7 items)
4	90	Letters to and from Silas Deane. Includes: 1783 dated by C. Destler, re. John Trumbull, the Painter, 1783 extract instructions to Barclay, Sheffield. 22 Sept. 1783 - 20 Oct. 1783 (5 items)
4	91	Letters to and from Silas Deane. 15 Jan. 1784 30 April 1784 (6 items)

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| 4 | 92 | Letters to and from Silas Deane. 21 May 1784 22 Dec. 1784 (8 items) |
| 4 | 93 | (first page missing, appears to be a letter) ms. refutation of calumny of Henry Laurens. 1784 (14 items) |
| 4 | 94 | Letters to and from Silas Deane. Includes an open letter to Joseph Reed 1784 (27 items) |
| 4 | 95 | Letters to and from Silas Deane. 7 April 1785 - 12 June 1785 (5 items) |
| 4 | 96 | Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1 July 1785 - 5 Dec 1785 (8 items) |
| 4 | 97 | Letters to and from Silas Deane, including on to Lord Doncaster and reply attached; 1 May 1787 (printed in Vol. 23 CHS Collections as 1789) 17 March 1786, 29 March 1787, 24 Oct 1787 (3 items) |
| 4 | 98 | Letters to and from Silas Deane. 1 Feb. 1788 - 10 Aug. 1788 (6 items) |
| 4 | 99 | Letters to and from Silas Deane. 3 Sept. 1788 - 28 Oct. 1788 (6 items) |
| 4 | 100 | Letters to and from Silas Deane. 19 Nov. 1788 - 26 Dec. 1788 (8 items) |
| 4 | 101 | Letters to and from Silas Deane. 9 Jan. 1789 - 12 Aug. 1789 (11 items) |
| 4 | 102 | Barnabas Deane to Theodore Hopkins on the death of Silas Deane. 25 Feb. 1790 (1 item) |
| 4 | 103 | Letters from Robert Harris & Theodore Hopkins. 7 Jan. 1795 & 19 Feb 1795 (2 items) |

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| 5 | 104 | Letter book: 26 Aug. 1777 - 30 March 1778 26 Aug. 1777 - 30 March 1778 (1 Volume)

Mss note first leaf "One of Silas Deane's Letter books containing his correspondence from March 30 to August 23, 1777 was stolen from him by one Foulloy and sold to Jefferson for 25 louis for the account of the government. See Jefferson's Works, Vol ii, 454, 578, 582. The Secretary of State, May 8, 1876, wrote me that the book was not in the possession of that department" C.J.H. (Charles F. Hoadley). |
| 5 | 105 | Letter book: 8 April 1780 - 23 Oct. 1781 8 April 1780 - 23 Oct. 1781 (1 Volume) |
| 5 | 106 | Letter book: 21 Oct. 1781 - 2 April 1784 21 Oct. 1781 - 2 April 1784 (1 Volume) |

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| 6 | 107 | Silas Deane Correspondence in other CHS collections: William Samuel Johnson from the William Samuel Johnson Papers. 7 Feb. 1774 - 4 Aug. 1774 (4 items) |
| 6 | 108 | Silas Deane Correspondence (transcriptions) in other CHS collections: Richard Law from Ernst Law Papers. (2 items) |

6	109	Silas Deane Correspondence in other CHS collections: Jonathan Trumbull from Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. Papers. 17 Aug. 1774 - 20 June 1775 (13 items)
6	110	Silas Deane Correspondence in other CHS collections: Joseph Trumbull from Joseph Trumbull Papers. 11 April 1774 - 7 Sept. 1775 (3 items)
6	111	Silas Deane Correspondence in other CHS collections: Jeremiah Wadsworth from Jeremiah Wadsworth Papers. 12 Oct. 1778 (6 items)
6	112	Silas Deane Correspondence in other CHS collections: Jeremiah Wadsworth from Jeremiah Wadsworth Papers. 9 Feb. 1779, 21 June 1779, 20 July 1779 (6 items)
6	113	Silas Deane Correspondence in other CHS collections: Jeremiah Wadsworth from Jeremiah Wadsworth Papers. 23 April 1786 (2 items)
6	114	Silas Deane Correspondence in other CHS collections: Agreement with Sieur Du Coudray from Williams Papers. 11 Sept. 1776 (2 items)
6	115	Transcriptions and translations of documents in English and French repositories - source unknown. 1776 - 1785 (12 items)
6	116	Silas Deane Correspondence in other CHS collections: Silas Deane to John Hancock, found in Vol.- 2 CHS Collections Sept. 14, 1778 (2 items)

II. Writings: 1772 - 1786

Box Folder

7	1	"Proposals" Aug. 1772 (6 items)
7	2	"Silas Deane on Relief for Boston" (printed in Connecticut Courant). 1774 (2 items)
7	3	"List of Delegates at Philadelphia." Sept. 1774 (1 item)
7	4	"Petition of His Majesty." Oct. 1774 (3 items)
7	5	"Resolves Proposed 1774." 1774 (3 items)
7	6	"A Plan for Making Discoveries, Purchases and Settlements on the Western Lands within the Limits of the Connecticut Charter" (photocopy). 1774 (1 Volume)
7	7	Diary of Transactions in Congress, (fragments). 1 - 6 Oct. 1774 (2 Volumes)
7	8	Circular letter from Lord Dartmouth. 3 March 1775 (1 item)
7	9	Petition General Assembly New Haven. March 1775 (1 item)
7	10	Petition to King (incomplete). March 1775 (1 item)
7	11	Proposals for a confederation of the Colonies. July 1775? (1 item)
7	12	Edict of Governor of Hispaniola. 16 Oct. 1775 (1 item)
7	13	Extract minutes Congress: Resolution of the Appointment of Committee of Congress - written by Charles Thomson. (1 item)

- 7 14 Articles of Agreement Wethersfield Company of Independents. April 1775 (1 item)
- 7 15 Proposal to General Assembly (incomplete) re taxing. 1775 (1 item)
- 7 16 "Essay uncompleted." 1775 (1 item)
- 7 17 "Mémoire Infantry Regiment d'Aunis" March (in French). 1776 (1 Volume)
- 7 18 "Mémoire" re resolution of independence, Congress, "presented to French minister on declamation of Independence 15 May, 1776". May 15, 1776 (1 item)
- 7 19 "Mémoire" in relation to the commerce between Great Britain and Connecticut. 15 Aug. 1776 (1 item)
- 7 20 On Commence Between Great Britain and America. [179-?] (9 items)
- 7 21 "Observations of Commerce" - note from Sir Robert Herries. 1783 (11 items)
- 7 22 Ms. drafts "Observations respecting a navigable canal from Lake Champlain to the St. Lawrence. Oct. 25, 1785 (4 items)
- 7 23 "Additional Remarks" re canal Lake Champlain - drafts. 20 March 1787 (7 items)
- 7 24 "Additional Remarks" re canal Lake Champlain - St. Lawrence. April 1788 (4 items)
- 7 25 Notes on canal Connecting Lake Champlain to St. Lawrence River. [17--?] (9 items)
- 7 26 "Mémoire" on tobacco. March 24, 1779 (1 item)
- 7 27 Drafts "Mémoire" on tobacco. 1786 (4 items)
- 7 28 On the making of salt. [17--?] (4 items)
- 7 29 On the subject of sawing timber. [17--?] (2 items)
- 7 30 Descriptions of Mills or Explanation of Droughts. [17--?] (1 item)
- 7 31 Note on history of fruit and vegetable culture in Britain. [17--?] (1 item)
- 7 32 Essay: Justification U.S. seeking independence. [17--?] (3 items)
- 7 33 Observations on Gen. Gage's account of the affair at Lexington. [17--?] (1 item)
- 7 34 Essay on the policy of France toward the American colonies in the Revolutionary Era. [17--?] (6 items)
- 7 35 Notes and Statistics on Colonial trade with Great Britain. [17--?] (2 items)
- 7 36 On post-revolutionary government in U.S. [17--?] (4 items)
- 7 37 Essay in form of letter re. post-revolutionary settlement and trade with Britain. [17--?] (15 items)
- 7 38 Draft "Mémoire" post-war commerce U.S. and Britain. [17--?] (12 items)
- 7 39 "Loose and General Thoughts and Observations" on economy post-

		war U.S. and Britain. [17--?] (12 items)
7	40	Notes and statistics on trade Great Britain and U.S. [17--?] (8 items)
7	41	Drafts essay on post-war economic conditions Canada. [17--?] (8 items)
7	42	"Chapter Ist The Dignity of the Subject." [17--?] (4 items)
7	43	Unidentified fragments, n.d. (letter from "Concord" with acrostic poems re Israel King) (Calculation compound interest) (note on inhabitants of Sheffield, 1615). [17--?] (6 items)
7	44	Arthur Lee's Diaries. 1777 - 1779 (6 volumes)

III. Business and Legal Papers: 1753 - 1788

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8	1	Mss receipts and notes. 1753 - 1776 (5 items)
8	2	Contracts for ships masts and spars with France and Spain. 1775 - 1776 (12 items)
8	3	Contracts for ships masts and spars with France and Spain. 1778 (4 items)
8	4	Contracts for ships masts and spars with France and Spain. 1779 - 1780 (3 items)
8	5	Contracts masts British government. 1755 (4 items)
8	6	Contracts masts British government J. Ingersoll). 1760 (3 items)
8	7	Contracts masts American government. 1775, 1776, 1780 (5 items)
8	8	Specifications, estimates, records wood cut for masts. [178-?] (3 items)
8	9	Memos, receipts Gerard, Vergennes - Franey (gold box) Grand. [178-?] (4 items)
8	10	Deeds: 1765 (land Colchester), 1779 (Ohio territory); copy contract for building of 3 story brick house, no place, no date. 1765 & 1779 (3 items)
8	11	Elizabeth Deane to "Sammy" (Webb?) n.d. re sale carriage phaeton). [17--?] (1 item)
8	12	Orders on behalf Josiah Buck endorsed by Jesse Deane, 1784, 1786; claims on estate J. Buck due J. Deane, 1799. 1784 & 1786 (5 items)
8	13	Correspondence family and business Simeon Deane. 1775 - 1781 (5 items)
8	14	Cash book Simeon Deane, 1776; receipt Simeon Deane to Barnabas Deane 1777; account of sale of cloth for Simeon Deane, 1785. 1776, 1777 & 1781 (3 items)
8	15	Journal of the most material transactions relating to the Ship Soucy from the time of her arrival in Virginia until she was destroyed in the Invasion of Portsmouth. 1779, Sept 1. (1 Volume)

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| 8 | 16 | Mss. map of Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va. 1779 (1 item) |
| 8 | 17 | Plan of Pensacola Powder House. [179-?] (1 item) |
| 8 | 18 | List of papers left with Simeon Deane, Williamsburg. May 29, 1780 (1 item) |
| 8 | 19 | Inventory of the estate of Simeon Deane, Dec. 1788; deposition re will of Simeon Deane. 1788 (2 items) |

IV. Accounts: 1765 - 1781

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| 9 | 1 | Labels on packages of documents when received. [17--?] (2 items) |
| 9 | 2 | Silas Deane's Summary of expenses while in Philadelphia on return from France; and receipts. 1778-80 (26 items) |
| 9 | 3 | Silas Deane's expenses and receipts. 1765-1777 (7 items) |
| 9 | 4 | Silas Deane's expenses in France and bill of goods 1778 (4 items) |
| 9 | 5 | Silas Deane's expenses in France and America 1779 (5 items) |
| 9 | 6 | Silas Deane's expenses in France 1780 (33 items) |
| 9 | 7 | Silas Deane's expenses in France 1781 (17 items) |
| 9 | 8 | Silas Deane's expenses in France and Ghent 1781 (21 items) |
| 9 | 9 | Silas Deane's expenses in Ghent 1781 (39 items) |
| 9 | 10 | Silas Deane's expenses in France and England 1783 (11 items) |
| 9 | 11 | Silas Deane's expenses [17--?] (16 items) |
| 9 | 12 | Accounts Edward Bancroft Feb. 1778 - Aug. 1779 (2 items) |
| 9 | 13 | Account Samuel Beale [17--?] (1 item) |
| 9 | 14 | Accounts Le Roy de Chaumont 1777, 1778, 1780 & 1786 (5 items) |
| 9 | 15 | Accounts Jean Charles De Bay 1781-82 (1 item) |
| 9 | 16 | Accounts Haller Geradot - Co. 1776-1778 (8 items) |
| 9 | 17 | Accounts Ferdinand Grand 1777 & 1778 (7 items) |
| 9 | 18 | Accounts Nicholas LaFarque 1777-81 (15 items) |
| 9 | 19 | Accounts Robert Morris 1779 (1 item) |
| 9 | 20 | Accounts Isaac Moses 1778-79 (4 items) |
| 9 | 21 | Accounts Roche and Bromfield 1777-79 (17 items) |
| 9 | 22 | Accounts Jonathan William 1777-80 (2 items) |
| 9 | 23 | Receipts money paid to French officers going to America, 1776-77 (includes Demauroy commission as Major-General, 1776; note from Pulaski) 1776 - 1777 (8 items) |
| 9 | 24 | Receipts money paid to American officers in France 1776-78 (19 items) |

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| 10 | 25 | Account book of Franklin, Deane and Adams. Dec. 1776 - June 1778 (1 Volume) |
| 10 | 26 | Summary of account of money owed by Congress to Silas Deane (compiled by Silas Deane). 1776 - 1780 (10 items) |

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- OB 1 1 Writings: drafts essay on terms peace settlement Britain and America [17--?] (10 items)
- OB 1 2 Writings: articles of agreement of a privateer, (author unknown) 1740 (1 item)
- OB 1 3 Correspondence: Committee of Merchants May 23, May 29, 1770 (2 items)
- Oversized items shelved separately.
- OB 1 4 Correspondence: convention landholders, merchants and inhabitants of Connecticut Sept. 10, 1770 (1 item)
- OB 1 5 Correspondence: 31 August 1775, 7 September 1775, 4 October 1775, 16 November 1775 (4 items)
- OB 1 6 Correspondence: 14 Dec. 1775 Silas Deane from G. Saltonstall 14 Dec. 1775 (1 item)
- OB 1 7 Correspondence 11 Aug. 1776, 12 Sept. 1776 (2 items)
- OB 1 8 Correspondence 1776 (2 items (1 Volume))
- OB 1 9 Writings: "General State of my Demand on the United States" 29 May 1780 (1 item)
- OB 1 10 13 Jan. 1776 Silas Deane to ED.; 23 Jan. 8 Feb. 1776 from G. Saltonstall: - March Farewell to ED. 1776 (4 items)
- OB 1 11 Correspondence (R. Morris) 28 Feb. 1777; 29 June 1777 (2 items)
- OB 1 12 Correspondence: 1 June 1778 (C. Thomas); 3 July 1780; (R. Morris); 1 Jan. 1781 (J. Wilson) 1778 - 1781 (3 items)
- OB 1 13 Correspondence: (Jonathan Trumbull); Letter from Jonathan Trumbull (missing) 15 May & 1 Nov. 1782 (5 items)
- OB 1 14 Correspondence: (Thomas Barclay with remarks on accounts). June 1784 - June 1785 (5 items)

V. Memorials to congress: 1835

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- OB 2 1 Correspondence to James H. Trumbull and Charles J. Hoadley re transmission of Memorial from the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury 1863, 1875. Table of contents of Memorial appended to letter of April 20, 1875. 1863 & 1875 (6 items)
- OB 2 2 Printed copies Memorial of the Heirs of Silas Deane, Jan. 10, 1835. 3. Printed Reports Senate of the United States: 1841, 1842: 1835 (4 items)
- OB 2 3 Two Printed Reports of Senate of the United States: 1. 26th Congress 2nd Session; 2. 27th Congress 2nd Session. 1841 - 1842 (2 volumes)
- OB 2 4 Fly leaves from "Silas Deane's Accounts"; copy pencilled note inside back cover 1835 (3 items)
- OB 2 5 Copy of Commission of Captain granted by the king to Sieur Augustin Francois L'Epine Des-Epiniers. 15 Nov. 1776 (in French); found in these papers - not part of the Memorial; marked "A" on

- document and on Table of Contents 1835 (1 item)
- OB 2 6 No. 1. Account United States against Silas Deane, Esq. As settled by Mr. Barclay (copied from the books of the Treasury Department). 1777-1787 (1 Volume)
- OB 2 7 No. 2. Account against Mssrs. Delaps as settled by Mr. Barclay and attested by Register 1834-35. (This and the following copied from the books at the Treasury Dept.) 1834 - 1835 (2 items (1 Volume))
- OB 2 8 No. 3. Account of Mon. Le Ray Chaumont as settled by Mr. Barclay June 14, 1784 (2 items (1 Volume))
- OB 2 9 No. 4. Caron de Beaumarchais account for military supplies and purchased by Silas Deane for the U. States. 1777-1793 (2 items (1 Volume))
- OB 2 10 No. 5a. Accounts of Solieur, the Banker; b. Particulars of Grand's charge of 26,713 livres; C. Joint account of Franklin and Deane 1777-1785 (2 items (1 Volume))
- OB 2 11 No. 6a. Report of the Mr. Lee's Committee, Nov. 1783 sanctioning allowance of 5% commission on purchases etc.: b. Correspondence of Committee and Robert Morris; C. Copy of contract with Secret Committee; d. Copy of instructions to Silas Deane; e. Other documents accompanying Mr. Lee's report 1783 (7 items)
- OB 2 12 No. 7. Mr. Deane's accounts with Mr. Barclay's observations upon them as transmitted to Robert Morris, for his instructions, as laid before Congress by Mr. Morris; Deane's letter to Barclay 23 March 1782; Barclay's letter to Morris 8 June 1784; Morris' letter to Congress 30 Sept. 1784 1782 - 1784 (7 items)
- OB 2 13 No. 8. Mr. Deane's accounts and accounts current stated by himself (Copies in part of those transmitted by Barclay to Morris) 1776-1778 (10 items)
- OB 2 14 No. 9. Abstracts of daily expenses 1776-1781 (16 items)
- OB 2 15 No. 10. Accounts of household expenses; household furniture left with Dr. Franklin; expenses of couriers to Versailles; expense of postage. None of which were credited to Mr. Deane in Settlement. 1776-1778 (4 items)
- OB 2 16 No. 11a Original agreement with Baron de Kalb and Viscount de Mauroy - showing that the two bills on Delaps charged to Mr. Deane were drawn in payment of said contracts. llb. Original agreement with Viscomte de Mauroy. 1776 (1 item)
- OB 2 17 Original agreement with Lafayette 1776 (1 item)
- OB 2 18 Photocopies Lafayette, de Mauroy. and de Kalb agreements; 2 off print articles re the agreement; 2 labels [179-] (3 items)

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- OB 3 19 Correspondence Robert Morris to Silas Deane March 1, 10, 30, 1776 (4 items)
- OB 3 20 Correspondence Robert Morris to Silas Deane June 5, 6 1776 (3

- items)
- OB 3 21 Correspondence Robert Morris to Silas Deane No. 12 August 11, 1776; Sept. 12, 1776; label from bound volume: "re trade in indigo and rice in the Delaps account" 1776 (5 items)
- OB 3 22 Correspondence Robert Morris to Silas Deane Oct. 4, Dec. 4, 1776 (3 items)
- OB 3 23 Correspondence Robert Morris to Thomas Morris Jan. 31, 1777 (signed copy), to John Ross Jan. 31, 1777 (signed copy), to Commissioners Franklin, Deane, and Lee Feb. 18, 1777, to Silas Deane Feb. 27, 1777 1777 (5 items)
- OB 3 24 Correspondence Robert Morris to Silas Deane June 29, 1777 (4 items)
- OB 3 25 Correspondence Robert Morris from Lesieur Chaumont, Jan. 7, 1777, to Thomas Bromfield, May 20, 1777 (copy not signed) 1777 (2 items)
- OB 3 26 Correspondence Robert Morris to Silas Deane June 7, 1871 (1 item)
- OB 3 27 No. 13 signed copies Ls Silas Deane to Robert Morris 1776 - 1783 (10 items)
- OB 3 28 No. 14 ALS B. Franklin to Silas Deane 1776 - 1783 (4 items)
- OB 3 29 No. 15 (copies from Silas Deane's Letter book) Silas Deane to Benjamin Franklin 1782 (8 items)
- OB 3 30 No. 16 (copies from-Silas Deane's Letter books) Silas Deane to Thomas Barclay 1782 - 1783 (11 items)
- OB 3 31 No. 17 (copies from Silas Deane's Letter books) Silas Deane to John Jay 1782 - 1783 (3 items)
- OB 3 32 No. 18 ALsS Caron De Beaumarchais to Silas Deane 1776-1778 (13 items)
- OB 3 33 No. 18a Translations AlsS C. De Beaumarchais to Silas Deane 1776-1778 (12 items)
- OB 3 34 No. 19 Marine committee Continental Congress to Silas Deane directing him to procure and fit out a naval force Nov. 7, 1775; ALS from Stephen Hopkins, Chairman, to Silas Deane Nov. 16, 1775 1775 (2 items)
- OB 3 35 No. 19a An Estimate for the Expense of a Ship of War with the original rough draft of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Navy. Oct. 1775 (3 items)
- OB 3 36 No. 20. Committee of Congress for Secret Correspondence to Silas Deane appointment as agent to France. March 2, 1776 (1 item)
- OB 3 37 No. 20a Continental Congress appointment Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane and Arthur Lee to Court of France. (signed) John Hancock. Oct. 23, 1776 (1 item)
- OB 3 38 No. 21 (copies from Vol. I Sparks Diplomatic Correspondence) Benjamin Franklin to President of Congress March 21, 1778; Compte de Vergennes to President of Congress (translation) March 25, 1778; Compte de Vergennes to Silas Deane March 26, 1778.

- 1778 (3 items)
- OB 3 39 No. 22a ALS Silas Deane to Carmichael (copy by Silas Deane sent to Barclay). June 30, 1784 (1 item)
- OB 3 40 No. 22b ALS Thomas Barclay to Silas Deane. July 7, 1784 (1 item)
- OB 3 41 No. 22c - d (copy) Silas Deane to Baldwin, the Printer; ALS H. Baldwin to Silas Deane. 1783 (2 items)
- OB 3 42 No. 22e (copy by Deane) ALS Silas Deane to J. Debrett. Aug. 8, 1783 (1 item)
- OB 3 43 No. 22 American Mercury Mon. re. death of Silas Deane. Dec. 28, 1789 (1 item)
- OB 3 44 No. 22f "Testimony showing the weakness and imbecility in body and mind of Jesse Deane, only son of Silas Deane." Dec. 5, 1835 (5 items)
- OB 3 45 No. 23 Affidavit Horatio Alden. Feb. 29, 1836 (3 items)
- OB 3 46 Mss draft Memorial to Congress (by Samuel Burche?). [1835?] (3 volumes)
- OB 3 47 Mss copy Memorial to Congress; original from which Memorial printed by Blair and Gives. Jan. 1835 (29 items)
- OB 3 48 Mss draft with corrections of Silas Deane's accounts prepared for Congress by the Fifth Auditor. 1838 - 1842 (9 items)
- OB 3 49 Mss copy statement of the accounts of Silas Deane. [179-?] (1 volume)
- OB 3 50 Mss copy "A list of vouchers supporting the claim of Silas Deane's heirs on the United States." 1842 (1 Volume)
- OB 3 51 Mss corrections of Mr. Barclay's statement of Mr. Deane's accounts. [1835?] (2 items)
- OB 3 52 Ms copy contract John Alsop Francis Lewis and Philip Livingston, - and Silas Deane and Robert Morris and the Committee of Secrecy 1775; Certified copy 1842. 1775 (1 item)
- OB 3 53 Printed copy memorial with ms note "Drawn up by Samuel Hurons?) agent for the claimants". [17--?] (1 Volume)
- OB 3 54 Printed copy H.R. No. 952 Silas Deane; Senate 201 1841. 1842 (1 Volume)

VI. Barnabas Deane: 1768 - 1792

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- 11 1 Correspondence 1768 - 1775 (4 items)
- 11 2 Correspondence (John Hancock; Jeremiah Wadsworth) 2 Nov. 1776 - 7 June 1776 (10 items)
- 11 3 Correspondence (John Hancock) 1 June 1776 - 15 Nov. 1777 (10 items)
- 11 4 Correspondence 19 Nov. 1777 - 27 Oct. 1780 (9 items)
- 11 5 Correspondence (B. Tallmadge) 19 Feb. 1781 - 13 May 1783 (12 items)

Silas Deane papers, 1740-1782

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| 11 | 6 | Correspondence (Jeremiah Wadsworth). 25 July 1783 - 14 Feb. 1785 (10 items) |
| 11 | 7 | Correspondence 30 June 1785 - 18 June 1789 (10 items) |
| 11 | 8 | Correspondence. 1790 - 1815 (13 items) |
| 11 | 9 | Ship Trumbull Papers. 1776 - 1792 (45 items) |
| 11 | 10 | Misc. business and legal papers. 1776 - 1792 (95 items) |
| 11 | 11 | Code books. 1780 (2 items (volumes)) |
| 11 | 12 | Copy order of limitation estate Simeon Deane; copy General Account and settlement estate Barnabas Deane. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Executor. 22 Feb. 1792 (4 items) |