

John Fisher Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: John Fisher Papers

Span Dates: 1777-1802

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1779-1782)

ID No.: MSS20651

Creator: Fisher, John, fl. 1777-1802

Extent: 1,500 items ; 10 containers ; 2.5 linear feet ; 4 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Military supply agent and merchant. Correspondence, memoranda, accounts, purchase and delivery orders, receipts, requisitions, invoices, and other financial and mercantile records relating primarily to the distribution of food and supplies to the Continental Army in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Betts, William, active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
Bowne, Joseph--Correspondence.
Byvanck, Anthony--Correspondence.
Campbell, John, active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
Carthy, Daniel--Correspondence.
Fisher, John, active 1777-1802.
Hale, D., active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
Haskell, E., active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
Hay, Udney--Correspondence.
Henry, Robert, active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
Keese, John--Correspondence.
King, Richard, active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
McMasters, James--Correspondence.
Meng, Christopher--Correspondence.
Mitchell, Uriah--Correspondence.
Norwood, Richard--Correspondence.
Palmer, John, active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
Peckwell, Henry--Correspondence.
Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829--Correspondence.
Platt, Timothy--Correspondence.
Smith, Leonard, active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
Taylor, Andrew, active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
Trimble, George, active 1777-1782--Correspondence.
Whiting, Timothy--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Continental Army--Supplies and stores.

Subjects

Merchants--New York (State)--New York.
Money--United States.
Ships--United States.
Sloops--Hudson River (N.Y. and N.J.)

Places

Connecticut--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.
Fishkill (N.Y.)--History.
New Jersey--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.
New York (State)--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.
United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.

Occupations

Merchants.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of John Fisher, assistant deputy quartermaster at Fishkill, N.Y., during the American Revolution, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1920.

Processing History

The papers of John Fisher were arranged and described in 1976. The collection was revised in 2005.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Fisher is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Fisher are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on four reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, John Fisher Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Fisher (fl. 1777-1802) span the years 1777 to 1802, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1779-1782. They consist of financial and mercantile records including correspondence, memoranda, accounts, purchase and delivery orders, receipts, requisitions, invoices, supply lists, inventories, and other items arranged chronologically and bound together in ten volumes.

Volumes one through nine consist primarily of supply requests to Fisher from storekeepers and officers of the Quartermaster Corps. Correspondents include William Betts, Joseph Bowne, Anthony Byvanck, John Campbell, Daniel Carthy, D. Hale, E. Haskell, Udney Hay, Robert Henry, John Keese, Richard King, James McMaster, Christopher Meng, Uriah Mitchell, Richard Norwood, John Palmer, Henry Peckwell, Timothy Pickering, Richard Platt, Leonard Smith, Andrew Taylor, George Trimble, and Timothy Whiting.

Fisher's accounts record the distribution of food and supplies to Continental Army posts in New York state such as West Point, Kings Ferry, Clavarack Landing, Albany, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, and Wappings Creek. The accounts also record deliveries to Connecticut and New Jersey.

Other documents include weekly and monthly salary and clothing reports for employees at Fishkill Landing, 1780-1782; lists of shipping vessels employed in public service, 1780-1782; invoices of supplies used by sloops on the Hudson River,

1778-1780; and a monthly table of depreciation for the Continental dollar from September 1777 to March 1780, dated July 30, 1780. Most of the items from 1783 to 1802 relate to Fisher's activities as a merchant in New York.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 16,858

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