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Summary

- Main entry:** Ferguson family
- Title:** Ferguson family papers, 1727-1943 (bulk 1790-1880)
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- Abstract:** The Fergusons were an English family that settled in New York City beginning around 1802. The patriarch, Samuel Ferguson, was a prosperous merchant who established familial and commercial relationships with other wealthy and socially prominent New York families, including the Walton, Morewood, Day, Ogden, Lyde, and Fisher families. The Ferguson family papers, 1727-1943, consist of 18th and 19th century correspondence, business records, financial and legal documents, diaries, and family miscellany of the Ferguson and allied families. Genealogical notes, charts, and clippings dating from the early- to mid-20th century reflect the research of Samuel Ferguson's great-granddaughter, Helen Ferguson, on the family's history.
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Provenance note

The letters and documents in this collection were stored in the Ferguson family home, "Stone House," in Stamford, Connecticut for many years. They were donated by Alfred Ferguson to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in 1960 .

Related materials note

Jonathan Ogden Papers. New-York Historical Society.

There are also additional business papers of Ogden Ferguson, and Day at the New-York Historical Society.

Biographical note

The Fergusons were an English family that settled in New York City beginning around 1802. The patriarch, Samuel Ferguson, was a prosperous merchant who established familial and commercial relationships with other wealthy and socially prominent New York families, including the Waltons, Morewoods, Days, Ogdens, Lydes, and Fishers.

Samuel Ferguson (1769-1816) was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England. After the early death of his parents, his mother's sister Elizabeth Threlkeld (later to marry, becoming Elizabeth Rawson) undertook the care of Samuel, his brother, and three sisters. Also under her care was Dorothy Wordsworth, the daughter of Elizabeth's cousin and the sister of William (the poet). Dorothy and William's parents died young, and the Wordsworth siblings were sent to live with various relatives. Dorothy lived with Elizabeth Threlkeld Rawson and the Ferguson children for nine years, and then went on to join her brother William.

Around the same time that Dorothy left, Samuel went into the firm of his cousin, Robert Griffith, a prosperous merchant of Liverpool. This was in 1787 and they maintained offices in Philadelphia and traded with America, the East Indies, and China. He traveled extensively during this time. In 1800, Samuel went into a partnership with another Englishman John Day, with Samuel attending to business in England and John Day to business in New York. Samuel would eventually marry his business partner John Day's sister Elizabeth in 1802. Soon after, Samuel and Elizabeth relocated to New York permanently and developed a close circle of friends, including the Morewoods, Ogdens, Rogers and Lydes. Two men that Samuel Ferguson and his family became very connected to were Edmund Morewood and Jonathan Ogden. Both were married to the daughters of Abraham Walton, a prominent and wealthy New Yorker. He was a merchant from a family of shipyard owners, a representative to the first Provincial Congress 1775, and a vestryman at Trinity Church. The son of Abraham Walton by the same name, was a lawyer and business associate of the Fergusons, Morewoods, and Ogdens. In addition to business, these families shared strong ties to the Episcopal Church. The Waltons, Morewoods, and Fergusons were all involved with Trinity, St. George, and Grace Church in New York City.

Samuel and Elizabeth died young leaving six children. John Day, Elizabeth's brother and Samuel's business partner, took the younger children to England and raised them there. The oldest son, John Ferguson, became a merchant and lawyer. He eventually joined his father's and uncle's friend and business associate Jonathan Ogden in what would become the firm of Ogden, Ferguson and Day.

John Ferguson married Helen Grace Morewood, the daughter of Edmund Morewood and Sarah Walton (the daughter of Abraham Walton). The Morewoods were Englishmen merchants who traveled to Germany, Russia, and New York seeking their fortunes. Edmund Morewood and his brothers and cousin went into partnership as Morewood and Company in New York. Later Thomas Morewood resigned and went into partnership with David Ogden. John Ferguson and Helen Morewood Ferguson eventually moved with their family of eight children to Stamford, Connecticut. It is here that they purchased "The Stone House" in 1842. Future generations of Fergusons would live there until 1921. John Day Ferguson, the son of John Ferguson, established the Ferguson Public Library in Stamford in 1889 with a bequest of \$10,000. Edmund and Walton Ferguson, also the sons of John and Helen, bought Fishers Island in New York. This remained the summer gathering place for the Ferguson descendants for at least the next 50 years.

Sources:

Barrett, Walter. *The Old Merchants of New York City*. New York, NY: Carleton, 1863.
Genealogical notes of Helen Ferguson, Ferguson family papers, New York Public Library

Scope and content note

The Ferguson family papers, 1738-1943, consist of 18th and 19th century correspondence, business records, financial and legal documents, diaries, and family miscellany of the Fergusons and allied families. Genealogical notes, charts, and clippings dating from early- to mid-20th century are the product of Samuel Ferguson's great-granddaughter, Helen Ferguson's research on the family's history.

The materials in this collection concern domestic life and business activity in England and America in the late 18th and 19th centuries. The correspondence of the Fergusons with members of the families into which they married and/or conducted business comprises almost half of the collection. The letters discuss events such as birth, marriage, death and other announcements; information about the activities of family and friends; local news and news from abroad; and their political views. Discussion of Dorothy and William Wordsworth appears in some of the letters, especially those of Martha Ferguson and Dorothy's aunt Elizabeth Threlkeld Rawson. A great deal of business correspondence can be found in this series, especially among the Day, Morewood, Ferguson, Ogden, Fisher, and Walton men.

The business records provide insight into domestic and international business in the 18th and 19th centuries. Document types in this series include correspondence, account books, waste books, bills of sale, bonds, insurance certificates, invoices, and receipts. These materials chronicle the dealings of the various merchant houses and firms with which Samuel Ferguson, John Day, Edmund Morewood, Abraham Walton and John Ferguson were affiliated throughout their lives. Most of the documents pertain to shipping and trade between England, America, the East Indies and China. In addition, Abraham Walton's papers include court registers and other materials related to his profession as a lawyer in New York City.

Financial and legal documents series includes a rich assortment of family wills, land documents, etc. from the early 18th to the late 19th centuries.

The genealogical notes within the Family Miscellany series contain information on the allied families and their interrelationships. Family trees, notes, and other assorted materials are helpful resources for making connections among family members represented in this collection.

Arrangement note

The Ferguson Family Papers are organized in the following series:

- Series I. Correspondence, 1778-1916
- Series II. Business records, 1756-1864
- Series III. Family financial and legal documents, 1727-1904
- Series IV. Diaries, 1793-1868
- Series V. Family miscellany, 1761-1943

Series descriptions and container list

Series I. Correspondence, 1778-1916

The correspondence among members of the Ferguson and allied families, in England and the United States is rich in content. Many of the early letters to Samuel Ferguson in America give insight into the everyday life of his relatives in England. In a letter to Samuel dated September 12, 1804, his sister Martha writes "we have bought share in the Hull Docks which now pay very good interest and if Bonaparte does not come and destroy all, the value of them will be increased". The letters to Samuel from home are also peppered with family gossip. One topic that comes up repeatedly in letters around 1797 from his sister Martha, Uncle Edward, and Aunt Rawson is a scandalous affair involving a cousin, Jane Ferguson, and a Mr. Holroyd. Mrs. Rawson describes the two as "having disagreeable tempers, arrogance and conceit". There is also discussion of Dorothy and William Wordsworth after Dorothy moves out of her Aunt Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth writes to Samuel on March 11, 1795 that "William and Dorothy have a scheme to live in London and plan to maintain themselves by their literary talents, writing, and translating", which Mrs. Rawson thinks is "a very bad, wild, scheme". Martha, Samuel's sister, also talks of William and Dorothy "wandering Germany" and in a long letter from Dorothy (transcript only, no original) to her aunt Elizabeth on June 13, 1798, she discusses the move to Germany saying, "we have long wished to go into that country for the purpose of learning the language, and for the common advantages to be acquired by seeing different people and different manners". In an 1804 letter to Samuel Ferguson, Dorothy gives him an update and expresses her desire to hear about his family.

In letters from Samuel's brother Edward, a linen draper, there is great detail about the current fashions of the time in England and Edward's own personal style. In a letter dated July 19, 1797, he describes his own hairstyle as the present fashion and says it will suit an American summer. He also sends along a few drawings to illustrate. In a May, 1798 letter, Edward talks about wigs and powder and says only the gray headed wear powder and those who want to be thought of as young and smart, cover their gray with wigs. He goes on extensively in these letters about the styles of the times.

In addition to news from overseas, the correspondence gives insight into life in America during the early Republic. A November 13, 1803 letter from Abraham Walton describes in detail his journey by wagon to Utica and the countryside in New York. He also writes about meeting with Indians. There are also many family letters from the late 18th and early 19th century documenting the impact of the yellow fever epidemic in America, and specifically in New York. In a letter dated November 3, 1798 to his brother Joseph, Edmund Morewood describes the deaths of their brother Thomas and his business partner David Ogden from the disease. There is also a prophetic letter dated September 15, 1798 in which Thomas Morewood mentions that his servant has contracted yellow fever. Discussion and concern about the epidemic can be found in much of the family correspondence from this period.

Although the business papers series of this collection includes the bulk of the information on mercantile affairs, there is also copious information on business dealings to be found scattered throughout the family correspondence. The letters exchanged by the Morewood brothers are particularly rich with this information. One example is in a letter from Edmund Morewood dated November 24, 27, 30th 1798. He states, "Coffee and Sugar are too high for a safe adventure, though I think the last article might pay even at its present exorbitant price." He also says,

"Cotton has also been very much in demand and has rather advanced, fine Georgian especially. I do not esteem the people here great judges of cotton." In a colorful example from John Day's letters to Samuel Ferguson, he provides descriptions of life on a commercial shipping voyage. In a September 1806 letter, he writes of passenger and business associate William English "a melancholy instance he is of the effects of liquor". John Day also complains that he's "been occupied in the concerns of these foolish people all week" and tells of William English's wife's request for "the accommodation of two dogs, a mockingbird, and that infernal beast of a cockatoo!"

Letters of the later generations include those of John Ferguson and his wife Helen Morewood Ferguson and their siblings and children. There are many letters of advisement from relatives directed to John Ferguson after the death of his father and at the time when he is going into business. In a June 22, 1822 letter from John Day to John Ferguson when he is about to go to London by ship, John Day states "Remember, my dear John, our business in this world is not to eat and to drink, and to gratify our Passions, but to keep all our appetites in due subordination; to do all the Good we consistently can; faithfully uprightly and honestly in our respective Callings discharging our duties." He also urges John to attend the Church of England while in England, even though he was raised Episcopalian. He dissuades him from going to church with his Great Aunt Elizabeth Threlkeld Rawson because she is a Unitarian and Unitarian doctrines "are flattering to human vanity and very likely to allure the superficial thinking". Subjects discussed in the letters of the younger generations of the family in the United States include descriptions of the Ferguson children's trips abroad, to the west coast, and to and from school.

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by last name of the family and then by first name of the correspondent. Many of the original letters are accompanied by transcripts.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Day Family
		Charles Day
1	1	To Samuel Ferguson and John Day, 1806, 1822
	2	To Samuel Ferguson and John Day, 1806, 1822 (Transcripts)
	3	Elizabeth Day (later Mrs. Samuel Ferguson) to Samuel Ferguson, 1802 (Courtship letters (transcripts))
		Jeremy Day
	4	To Samuel and John Ferguson, 1801-1807, 1828
	5	To Samuel and John Ferguson, 1801-1807, 1828 (Transcripts)
		John Day
	6	To Edward Ferguson (nephew), 1842-1851
	7	To John Ferguson (nephew), 1840-1854 Includes the publication Liverpool Prices, Current Imports Nov. 1842 and much correspondence regarding business
	8	To John and Edward Ferguson, Edmund Morewood, Jeremy Day, 1812- 1843
	9	To John and Edward Ferguson, Edmund Morewood, Jeremy Day, 1812- 1843 (Transcripts)
	10	To John Ferguson and his sisters, 1825-1849
	11	To Samuel Ferguson, 1801-1804
2	1	To Samuel Ferguson, 1801-1806
	2	To Samuel Ferguson, 1801-1806 (Transcripts)
	3	From Robert Griffith
	4	From Robert Griffith (Transcripts)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Richard Day
2	5	To Samuel and John Ferguson, 1802, 1806, 1825-1827
	6	To Samuel and John Ferguson, 1802, 1806, 1825-1827 (Transcripts)
		Ferguson Family
		Edward Ferguson
	7	To John Ferguson, 1824-1830
	8	To John Ferguson, 1824-1830 (Transcripts)
	9	To Samuel Ferguson, 1796-1806
	10	To Samuel Ferguson, 1796-1806 (Transcripts)
	11	From Georgiana, Peabody, Collins, Seaman, and others, 1842-1845 (Includes balance sheets)
3	1	From others, 1805, 1831, 1856, 1865, n.d (1805 and undated letters have transcripts)
	2	Edward D., Helen and Henry Ferguson to Sarah and Walton Ferguson, 1868-1869 (Contains letters while on European trip)
		Elizabeth Ferguson
	3	To Helen Ferguson (Mrs. John Ferguson), 1831
	4	To Helen Ferguson (Mrs. John Ferguson), 1831 (Transcripts)
		Elizabeth Day Ferguson (Mrs. Samuel Ferguson, 1778-1823)
	5	To Samuel, John, and Georgiana Ferguson, 1803-1822
	6	To Samuel, John, and Georgiana Ferguson, 1803-1822 (Transcripts)
		Elizabeth Day Ferguson
	7-8	To and from, 1869-1916
	9	To and from Mrs. C.E. Richardson, 1894, n.d.
	10	Georgiana Ferguson correspondence, 1830, 1876-1886 (1830 letter includes transcript)
	11	Helen Ferguson correspondence with Walton (brother) and Sarah, 1865- 1869
		Helen Morewood Ferguson (Mrs. John Ferguson)
	12	Letters sent, 1824-1841
	13	Letters sent, 1824-1841 (Transcripts)
	14	Letters sent from England, 1842-1845, n.d.
	15	Letters received, 1831-1857
		John Ferguson
4	1-2	General correspondence, 1826-1872
	3	Letterbook, 1830-1840 (Copies of outgoing letters)
	4	To Edward Ferguson (brother), 1842-1844
	5	To various family members, 1831-1846
	6	To various family members, 1831-1846 (Transcripts)
	7	From brothers and sisters in England, 1825-1828
	8	From Elizabeth Rawson, 1812-1831
	9	From Elizabeth Rawson, 1812-1831 (Transcripts)
5	1	From friends, 1825-1844
	2	From friends, 1825-1844 (Transcripts)
	3	From Margaret Turnbull Day (Mrs. John Day) 1825-1826
	4	From Margaret Turnbull Day (Mrs. John Day) 1825-1826 (Transcripts)
	5	From Ogden, Gibson, Bolton, and others, 1840-1865, 1874
	6	From Sarah Collett, 1831
	7	From Sarah Collett, 1831 (Transcripts)
		John Day Ferguson letters sent and received
	8-9	General, 1847-1877, 1892 (From John Day Ferguson and Sarah)
	10	Wife, brothers and sisters, 1868-1870

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Martha Ferguson
	11	To Samuel and John Ferguson and Miss Day, 1796-1830
	12	To Samuel and John Ferguson and Miss Day, 1796-1830 (Transcripts)
		Samuel Ferguson
6	1	Letters sent, 1806-1812
	2	Letters sent, 1806-1812 (Transcripts)
	3	To Elizabeth Day, 1802 (Transcripts)
	4	Letters received, 1790-1814
	5	Letters received, 1790-1814 (Transcripts)
	6	From Elizabeth Rawson, 1795-1807
	7	From Elizabeth Rawson, 1795-1807 (Transcripts)
	8	From Elizabeth and Thomas Threlkeld, 1782-1802
	9	From Elizabeth and Thomas Threlkeld, 1782-1802 (Transcripts)
	10	From John Rhodes, 1802-1806
	11	From John Rhodes, 1802-1806 (Transcripts)
	12	From M. Elliot, 1798
	13	From M. Elliot, 1798 (Transcripts)
	14	From William Rawson, 1802-1807
	15	From William Rawson, 1802-1807 (Transcripts)
		Samuel T. Ferguson
	16	To and from, 1842-1877
	17	To and from England, 1864-1871
	18	From Richard French, 1861, 1872
	19	From Richard French, 1861, 1872 (Transcripts)
		Sarah Ferguson
7	1	To brother John Ferguson and family, 1828-1846, n.d.
	2	To brother John Ferguson and family, 1828-1846, n.d. (Transcripts)
	3-4	Letters received, 1835, 1855-1862
		Walton Ferguson
	5	From his mother, father, brother and sister, 1856-1858, n.d. (Contains letters while at school in Baltimore)
	6	From uncle Edward Ferguson and others and to sisters and aunt, 1868-1877
		Other Fergusons
	7	Ferguson brothers and sisters in California, 1875-1877
	8	Ferguson children, 1841-1855
	9	Ferguson sisters, 1843-1844
		Fisher
	10	Henry Fisher, letters sent, 1799-1802 Sarah Glover (Mrs. Henry Fisher)
	11	To Edmund Morewood, 1803-1805
8	1-2	To Jane (sister), John (father), and John O'Hara (friend), 1796, 1799-1802
	3	To Jane (sister), John (father), and John O'Hara (friend), 1796, 1799-1802
	4	Glover, John G letters sent to Elizabeth (wife) and Jane (daughter), 1798-1800
	5	Glover, John G letters sent to Elizabeth (wife) and Jane (daughter), 1798-1800 (Transcripts)
	6	Lyde correspondence, 1831-1840 (Includes book of poetry written by Sarah Ogden)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Morewood Family
		Edmund Morewood
8	7	Letters sent, 1788-1805 Includes business letters written by Edmund Morewood upon his arrival in New York. Letters are to Morewood & Co., William Rawson & Co. and other business houses. Includes marriage and obituary notices for Edmund's first wife, Jane Glover.
	8	Letters sent, 1788-1805 (Transcripts)
	9	To Helen (sister) and George (brother) Morewood, 1839-1854
	10	From friends, 1798-1805, n.d.
	11	From friends, 1798-1805, n.d.
	12	From Joseph Morewood, 1830-1839
	13	Letters received, 1802-1806, 1825, n.d. Includes a letter to Edmund Morewood dated Liverpool, December 1802, that discusses slaves being thrown overboard alive on a voyage on the ship "Sarah" from Africa to Jamaica.
	14	Letters sent and received, 1798-1832 (Copies only)
9	1-5	Letters sent and received, 1798-1832 (Copies only)
		George Morewood
	6	To Andrew, Edmund, and John Morewood, 1788-1803
	7	To Andrew, Edmund, and John Morewood, 1788-1803 (Transcripts)
10	1	To Edmund Morewood (brother), 1825-1853
	2	Gilbert Morewood to Andrew Morewood, 1787
	3	Gilbert Morewood to Andrew Morewood, 1787 (Transcripts)
		Helen Morewood (sister of Edmund Morewood)
	4-5	Letters sent, 1835-1843
	6	To Edmund Morewood, 1830-1835
	7	To Edmund Morewood, 1830-1835 (Transcripts)
	8	To Edmund, George, Mrs. Edmund, and Mrs. Fisher, 1782-1818 (Includes discussion of business and illness)
	9	To Edmund, George, Mrs. Edmund, and Mrs. Fisher, 1782-1818 (Transcripts)
		Jane Glover Morewood (Mrs. Edmund Morewood) (1st wife of Edmund Morewood)
11	1	To and from, 1800-1805
	2-3	To Ann Smith (Eliza), 1797-1804
	4	To father, sister, brother, friends, 1800-1803
	5	To father, sister, brother, friends, 1800-1803 (Transcripts)
	6	From Hannah Campbell, 1798-1802
	7	John Morewood letters sent, 1783-1794
	8	John Morewood letters sent, 1783-1794 (Transcripts)
	9	Joseph Morewood letters sent, 1781-1789
	10	Joseph Morewood letters sent, 1781-1789 (Transcripts)
12	1	Morewood miscellaneous (to and from) (Includes bank account information) Sarah Walton Morewood (Mrs. Edmund Morewood)
	2	To and from, 1804-1836
	3	To and from, 1804-1836 (Transcripts)
	4	From Mrs. M. Mallet and Maria Strangford, 1802-1820, n.d.
	5	From Mrs. M. Mallet and Maria Strangford, 1802-1820, n.d. (Transcripts)
		Thomas Morewood
	6	Letters sent, 1797-1798
	7	To and from, 1778-1798

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
12	8	To and from, 1778-1798 (Transcripts)
	9	William Morewood (to and from), 1781-1787
		Ogden Family
	10	Charlotte Eliza Walton Ogden (Mrs. Jonathan Ogden) letters sent and received
	11	Charlotte Eliza Walton Ogden (Mrs. Jonathan Ogden) letters sent and received (Transcripts)
		Jonathan Ogden
	12	To Edmund Morewood, 1802-1831
	13	To Edmund Morewood, 1802-1831 (Transcripts)
	14	To John Ferguson, 1826
	15	Sally and Grace Ogden letters sent, 1830-1840
16	Sally and Grace Ogden letters sent, 1830-1840 (Transcripts)	
13	1	Olivier- Williams (Transcripts only)
	2	Philips, Elizabeth letters sent, 1783-1818
	3	Pollard, Ann to Elizabeth Rawson, 1829
	4	Pollard, Ann to Elizabeth Rawson, 1829 (Transcripts)
	5	Richardson, J., John Sutcliffe and Jeannie Taylor (to and from), 1851-1852, n.d.
		Walton Family
	6	Abraham Walton and brothers William and Charles letters sent, 1797-1840
	7	Abraham Walton and brothers William and Charles letters sent, 1797-1840 (Transcripts)
		Grace Walton
	8	to Edward Lyde, ca. 1800
	9	to Edward Lyde, ca. 1800 (Transcripts)
	10	from Mrs. M Mallet and Maria Strangford,
	11	from Mrs. M Mallet and Maria Strangford, (Transcripts)
	12	From Rayne and Quarme, 1792-1804 Contains letters from a cousin and niece asking for financial assistance
13	Wordsworth, Dorothy letters sent to Elizabeth Rawson and Samuel Ferguson, 1798, 1804 (Transcripts)	
14	Unidentified, 1798-1849	

Series II. Business records, 1756-1864

The business records (1756-1864) are primarily the financial and legal papers of Edmund Morewood, Abraham Walton, Samuel Ferguson, his son John Ferguson, John Day, and their business associates in various firms in the 18th and 19th centuries. The firms in England and America traded with each other, the East Indies, and China and the types of goods shipped were diverse. Some of these items included sugar, coffee, tea, tobacco, liquor, dry goods, earthenware, and various manufactured goods. Shipping lists and inventories are prominent throughout the business papers, and give insight into the types of goods being exchanged at that time and their pricing. Some examples from the Ferguson and Day business correspondence include a memorandum stating the Particulars of India Muslins suitable for the American market, the Cochineal Industry in Bombay, and a letter that discusses the value of flax seed in America.

Some of these records show the affiliations that the families, especially the Waltons, had to other prominent New York City merchants and businessmen of the time. An example is an account book of Abraham Walton's dated 1794-1797. It records money acquired by the drawing of deeds and mortgages, from such names as John Jacob Astor, the Varicks, Bleeckers, Bayards, Ludlows, and Delanceys.

In addition to commercial papers, the series contains records from Abraham Walton, Edmund Morewood, and John Ferguson's legal practices. Included are court registers, and estate papers, in particular, Bonney family papers in the possession of Edmund Morewood as executor of the estate of George Bonney.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
13	15	Day, John, 1816-1820
14	1	Ferguson Family Ferguson and Day, 1802-1807 Includes shipping insurance, articles of agreement between Samuel Ferguson and merchants in England, letter re: the Cochineal industry in Bombay
	2-4	John Ferguson Common Pleas, 1850-1864, n.d.
	5-6	Miscellaneous, 1827-1836, n.d. Includes "Synopsis of the European Patent Laws" and legal papers of John Ferguson's clients
15	1	Samuel Ferguson Account book, 1804- ca. 1805 (Presumed to be Samuel Ferguson's)
	2	Benjamin Wilson and Co., 1797-1800 (Includes lists of shipments to America)
	3	Bills paid, 1797-1800
	4	Daybook, 1803
	5	Invoices, 1794-1803
	6-8	Miscellaneous, 1794-1817
16	1-4	Miscellaneous, 1794-1817
	5	Notes Payable Peel and Yates
	6	Bills of exchange, 1800 (Includes Articles of Agreement)
17	1-2	Receipts and shipments, 1797-1800
	3	Rhodes and Briggs, 1800-1802
	4	Ship Mohawk's account, 2 voyages at Liverpool, 1800-1802

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Morewood, Edmund
		Account book
15	5	1830-1833
	6	Thomas Morewood, 1792-1797
	7-8	Bielby, Samuel (Mackmurdo and Hickes of London), 1799-1804 Includes sundry papers received from Samuel Bielby belonging to Mackmurdo Hickes of London
18	1-2	Bills of exchange, 1799-1827
	3-5	Bonds and notes paid, Bonney Morewood was named executor of George Bonney's will (another merchant of that time) and put in charge of his estate. The papers under the Bonney family name include his business and family papers which were also entrusted to Edmund Morewood.
	6-7	George Bonney Estate Papers, 1800-1806 Includes inventory of the effects of George Bonney, correspondence re: settling his estate, bond of George to James Bonney, will of George Bonney
19	1	Estate Papers, 1800-1806
	2-6	James Bonney Business and family papers, 1772-1809, n.d.
20	1	Business and family papers, 1772-1809, n.d.
	2-4	Estate Papers, 1756-1814 Includes mortgages, conveyances, indentures, inventory, will
	5	Memorandum book, 1804-1806
	6-7	English, William, 1800-1807, n.d. Includes correspondence, invoices, etc. William English was Edmund Morewood's business partner when he was settling the estate of James Bonney.
21	1	English, William, 1800-1807, n.d.
	2	Foreign accounts, 1806-1824
	3	Hulley, William, 1815, 1830-1836 Includes documents related to Hulley's estate. Edmund Morewood was executor of William Hulley's will.
	4-6	Miscellaneous, 1795-1840, n.d.
22	1	Miscellaneous, 1795-1840, n.d.
		Ships
	2	Bills of sale, 1800-1819 (Includes transactions with Ferguson, Day and Ogden)
	3-4	Elizabeth and Iris, 1796-1826 (Includes inventory of Ship Elizabeth)
	5	Insurance, 1818-1827
		Walton's Patent
	6-7	Four lots in Tioga, 1815-1837
23	1	Indentures, 1815-1831
	2	Miscellaneous, 1814-1841
	3	<i>New York Prices Current</i> , 1801-1802, 1817
	4	Notices (newspaper), 1818-1836, n.d.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Walton, Abraham
		Some of Abraham Walton's (lawyer and merchant) business papers prior to 1796, could also possibly be the papers of Abraham Walton Sr. (merchant), the father of Abraham Walton
		Account book
23	5	1793-1797 (Presumed to be Abraham Walton's)
	6	1794-1797 (Presumed to be Abraham Walton's)
	7	ca. 1797
		Estates of Abraham Walton and others in a/c with Abraham Walton
	8	1799-1801 (Accounts current)
	9	Of Margaret Walton, 1800
24	1	Account and memorandum book, 1798-1807
	2-3	Accounts, orders, and receipts, 1782-1812
	4	Auction sales, 1809
	5	Cost book, 1796-1797
	6	Hogan letters, 1800-1811
25	1	Hogan letters, 1800-1811
	2	Letter book, 1797-1799
	3	Miscellaneous, 1792-1804, 1838-1840
	4	Notes and contracts outlawed, 1790-1808, n.d.
	5	Notes collectable, 1794-1818
		Registers
		Mayors Court
26	1	Cases, 1795-1800
	2	Cover, 1795-1800
	3	Supreme Court, 1791-1800
		Waste book
	4	1799
	5	Of Abraham Walton Sr., 1785-1796
		Walton and Van Horne
	6	Bonds, notes, and accounts, 1803-1807
27	1-4	Miscellaneous, 1799-1811, n.d.
		Registers
	5	Common Pleas, 1805-1807
	6	Supreme Court, 1805-1807
	7	Waste book, 1804-1809
		Unidentified
28		General, 1784-1842, n.d.
XX-14		Exports/Imports ledger, Undated

Series III. Family financial and legal documents, 1727-1904

The financial and legal documents contain the wills, deeds, citizenship documents, etc. of various family members. Deeds and other records pertaining to the Stone House are also present here, and show the transactions that went along with the later Fergusons' family home in Stamford, Connecticut. There are also conditions on the sale of pews on the ground floor of St. George's church, 1815, a contract between Edward and John Ferguson for sale of pews at St. George's Church, 1846, and a valuation of the pews in Grace Church, 1846.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
28	5	Citizenship, 1803-1804 Naturalization documents for John Day and Edmund Morewood
		Land documents
XX-14		Indentures, 1727, 1769
28	6-7	Miscellaneous, 1770-1854, n.d.
	1-2	Stone House, 1832-1873
29	3	Marriage, 1791, 1836
	4	Miscellaneous, 1798-1846, n.d.
	5	Property lists, 1825-1826
		Sale of pews
	6	1815, 1846
XX-14		1846 (Plan and valuation of the pews in Grace church)
29	7	Wills, 1738-1856, 1904 (Includes copies)
30	1	Wills, 1738-1856, 1904

Series IV. Diaries, 1793-1868

The diaries (1793-1868) include those of Samuel Ferguson, John Ferguson, an unidentified Morewood family member and one diary which is completely unidentified. The diary of Samuel Ferguson documents his trip from Philadelphia to Bombay in the late 18th century. It chronicles such details as the different landscapes and animals he comes across, a meeting with the governor, a wagon trip and dinner party at a farm where wine is made, a man falling overboard, and general accounts of life on the ship.

John Ferguson's diary of his trip south documents his journey to Washington DC by boat, train and carriage in the mid 19th century. He describes landscapes, travel, and various inns and lodgings he stays in as he eventually arrives at the "President's House", the Treasury building, and the capitol. He gives a very detailed account of the capitol building. There is only a transcript of this diary.

Henry and Samuel Ferguson's accounts of their time at sea after their ship, the Hornet, is burned, is documented in an 1866 *Harper's* article.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Ferguson
30	2	Henry and Samuel (shipwreck of Hornet) (Article in <i>Harper's</i> , 1866.) Excerpts from the Ferguson brothers' logs of being stranded after their ship Hornet wrecked, and they spent 43 days at sea in lifeboats.
		John
	3	General, 1866, 1868
	4	Trip South, 1841 (Transcripts only)
		Samuel, 1793-1795 (Trip to Bombay)
	5	Original
	6	Transcript
	7	Morewood, 1830
	8	Unidentified, undated

Series V. Family miscellany, 1761-1943

The bulk of the family papers consist of genealogical notes and accompanying items written and gathered by Helen Ferguson, the great-granddaughter of Samuel Ferguson. Included in these are family trees, information sheets, and histories on the Fergusons, Morewoods, Waltons, and other affiliated families; information sheets on the business relations of some of the men; Helen Ferguson's correspondence with Gordon Wordsworth regarding the letters of Dorothy Wordsworth; drafts of sections of a book Helen Ferguson planned to write on the family; information on the Stone House, Fishers Island, and other miscellaneous items that are related to Helen Ferguson's research on the families.

The family papers also consist of miscellaneous mementos, games, poems, etc. which were collected by various members of the Fergusons and their related families. Some of these items include John Ferguson's speech "200 years ago", pocket almanac from 1794, information on Ferguson library in Stamford, Connecticut, a plan of the city of New York, and a copy of a poem by William Wordsworth.

In the front of most of the genealogical notes folders, there is a listing of the contents. Some of these documents, if they were originals, were moved to more appropriate parts of the collection. If this was done, it is indicated on the list.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
31	1	Artwork, undated
	2	Clippings, 1816, 1907-1914
	3	Ephemera, 1800-1876
		Games
	4	General, undated
XX-14		Game of the Monkeys, undated
31	5-10	Genealogical notes, 1896-1942
32	1-4	Genealogical notes, 1896-1942
	5	Mementos, 1761-1913, n.d.
33	1-4	Mementos, 1761-1913, n.d.