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**Chesebrough - Peckham family papers
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Summary

- Title:** Chesebrough - Peckham family papers, 1789-1987
- Size:** .8 linear feet (2 boxes)
- Source:** Gift of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2008.
- Provenance:** Donated to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society by Anson and Ellen Peckham, 2003.
- Abstract:** Correspondence and documents, 1789-1987, of members of the Chesebrough and Peckham families of New York, chiefly, of Robert and Constant Rathbone Chesebrough and their descendants, and of Walton H. Peckham and Margaret Horn and their descendants. The families were united through the marriage of Walton M. Peckham and Marie Louise Chesebrough.
- Access:** Apply in the Special Collections Office for admission to the Manuscripts and Archives Division.
- Preferred citation:** Chesebrough - Peckham family papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

Biographical note

Robert John Chesebrough (1798-1870), son of Robert Chesebrough and Content Rathbone, was born in New York City in 1798, graduated from Yale in 1817, and was admitted to the bar. His daughter, Marie Louise Chesebrough (d.1908), married Walton M. Peckham, the son of Walton H. Peckham and Margaret Horn. Their son, Wheeler Hazard Peckham (b.1880), married Ethel Anson Steel (b.1879), daughter of William W. Steel and Juliet Rauch in 1906. Their daughter, Content Rathbone Peckham (b.1909), married Joseph Cowan.

Scope and content note

Correspondence consists chiefly of letters, 1808-1839, to Robert John Chesebrough from family, friends and associates; and letters to Margaret A. Horn Peckham, 1849-1876, from her sister Charlotte and brother-in-law Marshall Pepoon written from Europe; as well as letters, wills, military records, and other papers of various members of the Chesebrough and Peckham families. Also, and genealogical research notes, correspondence, and clippings.

Arrangement note

The Chesebrough - Peckham family papers are organized in the following series:

Correspondence
Documents, 1819-1902
Genealogical research files 1925-1977

Series descriptions and container list

Correspondence

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
		Chesebrough, Robert John
1	1	Carroll, Anthony, 1882
	2	Carroll, G.H., 1822-1824
	3	Center, R.E., 1824-1832
		Chesebrough family, 1808-1839
	4	Caroline, 1813-1815, 1831, 1839 (sister)
	5	Harriet, ca. 1820 (wife of Robert)
	6	Henry, 1817-1836 (brother)
	7-9	Robert, 1808, 1813-1815 (father)
	10	Degen, C.R., 1830-1837
	11	Rathbone, E.B., Samuel and John Jr., 1818-1824
	12	Strong, E.B., 1823-1826
	13	Wood, Spencer, 1817-1818
	14	Various, 1814-1835
	15	Cowan, Content Peckham and Joe, 1946
	16	Elliot, D.P., ca. 1827
	17-21	Pepoon, Charlotte Peckham to her sister Margaret A. Horn Peckham, 1849-1876
	22	Rathbone, Content, 1789 (letters from her parents)
2	1	Ruggles, Samuel B., 1837
	2	Unidentified recipients, ca. 1820-1847

Documents, 1819-1902

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
2	3	Chesebrough, Content, Last Will and Testament, 1844 (one original, one copy)
		Chesebrough, Robert
	4	Certificates, 1819-1844
	5	Last Will and testament, ca. 1845
	6	Stock Certificates, 1810-1845
	7	Testamentary for deceased wife Content Chesebrough, 1864
	8	Codwise, David and wife, 1845 (Indenture to Robert Chesebrough)
	9	Kearny, Philip R., Last Will and Testament, 1869
	10	Peckham, M. Louise, Surrogate Court Final Judicial Settlement, 1902
	11	Rathbone, John, Last Will and Testament, 1843
	12	Steel, Juliet Rauch, estate, 1925-1935
		Correspondence of Ethel Anson Steel Peckham and related documents.

Genealogical research files 1925-1977

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
2	13	Chesebrough research notes, undated
	14	Chesebrough, William, undated
	15	Cowan, Content Peckham, 1955-1977
	16	Genealogy notes, undated
	17	Peckham family crest and essay, undated
	18	Peckham family notes, undated
	19	Union Club members list, undated
	20	Photographs, undated (unidentified persons)
	21	Clippings, 1878, 1985 (Peckham and Chesebrough)