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**William G. Verplanck Genealogical Research Papers
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Summary

- Main entry:** Verplanck, William G.
- Title:** William G. Verplanck Genealogical Research Papers, 1760-1920
- Size:** 2.5 linear feet (6 boxes)
- Source:** Gift of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2008
- Abstract:** William G. Verplanck (1861-1931) was an amateur genealogist who conducted research along with his wife Harriet. The William G. Verplanck Genealogical Research papers consist primarily of the notes and correspondence generated by Verplanck in the course of tracing his family's lineage, as well as an assortment of collected family papers dating from 1760 to 1869.
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- Special formats** Photographs.

Biographical note

William G. Verplanck (1861-1931) was an amateur genealogist who conducted research along with his wife Harriet. The son of Samuel Hopkins and Mary Grandin Vought Verplanck, he was a lawyer as well as a director of the Fulton Trust Company, the New York Casualty Insurance Company and the Bristol Myers Company. An active member of many genealogical societies, Verplanck belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Colonial Lords of the Manor, the St. Nicholas Society, Holland Society and the Society of the Colonial Wars.

The Verplanck family has a notable history in New York. Between 1633 and 1638, a Dutch entrepreneur named Abraham Isaac Verplanck arrived in New Netherlands Colony (now New York and New Jersey) from Holland. In later years, the Verplancks participated in the development of the business and banking industry in New York City and were among the Trustees of Kings College, now Columbia University.

Scope and content note

The William G. Verplanck Genealogical Research papers consist primarily of the notes and correspondence generated by Verplanck in the course of tracing his family's lineage, as well as an assortment of collected family papers dating from 1760 to 1869. Genealogical research includes master charts tracing the ways in which the primary families are related, as well as notes on individual lines, including Verplanck, Beekman, Rogers, Guion, Grandin and other notable early New York families.

The Family papers include 18th and 19th century documents collected by Verplanck including correspondence, accounts, and legal documents from the Verplanck, Hopkins, Gordon, Vought, and other related families. Notable in this series are handwritten copies of both Samuel Hopkins autobiography (1832) and a partial autobiography of James Gordon (circa 1810). Some photographs of both the Verplanck estate and environs and individuals are contained within this series.

Arrangement note

The William G. Verplanck Genealogical Research Papers are organized in the following series:

- I. Genealogical Research
- II. Family Papers

Series descriptions and container list

I. Genealogical Research

This series includes correspondence with institutions and individuals related to Verplanck's genealogical research, as well as charts, notes, and clippings. The file on Col. James Gordon contains a transcript of Melinda Waller's account of the 1780 burning of Ballstown; her father, Col. Gordon, was taken by British and Native American forces. Transcripts of documents, including typed copies of the James Gordon and Samuel Hopkins autobiographies are included in this series. The original documents can be found in the family papers series.

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	2-3	Charts
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		Verplanck
	7	Charts
	8	<i>Colonial Papers of Phillip Verplanck</i>
4	1	Copies of family documents
	2	Museum Donations
	3-7	Notes
5	1	Proofs and sources
	2-3	Vought
	4	Waller

II. Family Papers

This series includes letters to James Anderson (1820-1830); accounts and settlement of the estate of Thomas Arden (1830s); correspondence to and from Col. James Gordon (1779-1810); Scott family correspondence (1817-1842); a genealogical table drawn up by Samuel Verplanck in 1760; Verplanck family correspondence to and from William, Phillip and others (1824-1869); Vought family correspondence, receipts and documents related to conveyance of property and financial transactions (1820-1860); and Waller family correspondence, which includes notes from Melinda Waller (1810-1822) and a business letter between Arthur Waller and James Gordon. Other documents include the handwritten autobiography of Samuel Hopkins (1832) and a partial autobiography of Col. James Gordon (circa 1810), which describes his emigration from Ireland, his attempts to become successful in the flax trade, and his time as a supplier with the army during the French and Indian war. There is also an addendum which describes his capture by British and Native American forces at Ballstown in 1780. Photographs contain pictures of both the Verplanck Estate (Plum Hill) and individuals, including a picture of Phillip Verplanck and his wife.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
5	5	Anderson, 1820-1830
	6	Arden, Thomas, 1834-1836, n.d.
	7	Gordon, James, 1779-1810
6	1	Hopkins, Samuel, 1832
	2	Scott, 1817-1842
	3	Verplanck, Samuel, 1760 (Genealogical table)
	4	Verplanck, 1824-1869
	5	Vought, 1814-1860
	6	Waller, 1810-1822
	7	Photographs