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A Guide to the Dorr Family Papers

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Abstract

Elisha Dorr (1764-1843), was born to Matthew and Elizabeth (Palmer) Dorr in Lyme, Connecticut. He was the first member of the Dorr family to reside in Albany, New York, where he arrived as a young man and dealt in the fur trade. Dorr was also involved with the First Presbyterian Church, alongside his wife, Elizabeth Brouer (1776-1837).

This collection contains correspondence, legal documents, clippings, and receipts.

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Biographical/Historical

The Albany Dorr family traces their lineage from Edmund (circa 1648-1734), who was born to Joseph Dorr in England. Edmund came to America in 1674, arriving first in Boston, then settling in Roxbury, Massachusetts. His marriage to Elizabeth Howley (1656-1719) produced twelve children, six of whom lived to adulthood.

Elisha Dorr (1764-1843), great-grandson of Edmund, was born to Matthew and Elizabeth (Palmer) Dorr in Lyme, Connecticut. He was the first member of the Dorr family to

reside in Albany, New York, where he arrived as a young man and dealt in the fur trade. Dorr was also involved with the First Presbyterian Church, alongside his wife, Elizabeth Brouer (1776-1837).

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the family correspondence of Elisha Dorr, Dr. Russel Dorr, Dr. Jonathan Dorr, Robert Dorr, and others, discussing legal affairs, business, family news, and medicine; correspondence and court records from a lawsuit between Russel Dorr and H. Munsell over a shearing machine; and typescripts of some of the family correspondence with commentary by James B. Dorr. Also included is correspondence of the Harder and Spaulding families, who were related to the Dorrs; and genealogical data. The bulk of these records are from 1789-1875.

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