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**BULK DATES:** 1762–1834

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**LANGUAGE:** In English, French, and Italian.

**SUMMARY:** The Angelo Family Papers contains letters, photographs, legal documents, and other papers related to the family of Domenico Angelo, who ran a fashionable fencing and riding academy in London from the 1750s to the 1780s. The materials were collected by a descendant, John Cecil Cortlandt Angelo, who had arranged them in a small annotated notebook along with letters he received from two of his Van Cortlandt cousins in America, and others interested in his Angelo ancestors. Among the eighteenth-century letters are those from Domenico Angelo's colleagues Richard Brinsley Sheridan, his wife Elizabeth Anne Sheridan, and his father Thomas Sheridan; William Douglas, the Duke of Queensberry and his wife Catherine Hyde Douglas; and Domenico Angelo's son Henry Angelo, daughter Anne Caroline Angelo St. Leger, and nephew Anthony Angelo Tremamondo. The letters are largely social in content but do discuss family matters as well as government events in Calcutta and Paris.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Sotheby's, London, December 2007.

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## John Cecil Cortlandt Angelo (1869-1957)

John Cecil Cortlandt Angelo was born in London on August 30, 1869, the son of Major John Angelo of the 15th Bengal Lancers, and Emily Louisa Blyth Angelo. He attended the Tonbridge School in Kent, the Hermitage School in Bath, and the Royal Military College at Sandhurst before joining the Army. Angelo served in India beginning in 1898 and rose in rank to Lieutenant-Colonel before retiring in 1916; he also served on the Punjab Commission. He died in Brighton, England, on December 14, 1957.

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## Domenico Angelo (1717?-1802)

Domenico Angelo (born Angiolo Domenico Maria Tremamondo), an Italian fencing master and equestrian, made his career in England. Prior to opening his fencing, riding, and dancing academy in London at Carlisle House, Soho Square, Angelo was employed as master of the horses to Henry Herbert, tenth earl of Pembroke, at Wilton in Salisbury and in London. Angelo's academy was located in Carlisle House, Soho Square, and attracted fashionable men from high society including the playwright Richard Brinsley Sheridan and young members of the royal household. In addition to working with his students, Angelo published a respected manual on fencing, *L'école des armes* (1763), and served as a model for its engraved illustrations.

Domenico Angelo married Elizabeth Johnson (1738-1805) in 1755. The couple had two sons, Henry Charles William (1756-1835) and George Xavier (1773-), and four daughters, Florella Sophia Angelo (1759-1847), Anne Caroline (1763-1833), Catherine Elizabeth (1766-1825), and Elizabeth (1768-). Leaving his academy in the hands of his son Henry, Domenico Angelo retired to Eton in 1780, to live with his daughter Sophia, and died there in July 1802.

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## Scope and Contents

The Angelo Family Papers contains letters, photographs, legal documents, and other papers related to the family of Domenico Angelo, who ran a fashionable fencing and riding academy in London from the 1750s to the 1780s. The materials were collected by a descendant, John Cecil Cortlandt Angelo, who had arranged them in a small annotated notebook along with letters he received from two of his Van Cortlandt cousins in America, and others interested in his Angelo ancestors. Among the eighteenth-century letters are those

from Domenico Angelo's colleagues Richard Brinsley Sheridan, his wife Elizabeth Anne Sheridan, and his father Thomas Sheridan; William Douglas, the Duke of Queensberry and his wife Catherine Hyde Douglas; and Domenico Angelo's son Henry Angelo, daughter Anne Caroline Angelo St. Leger, and nephew Anthony Angelo Tremamondo. The letters are largely social in content but do discuss family matters as well as government events in Calcutta and Paris.

Also present are legal documents including leases, annuity assignments, and grants concerning the Angelo and Johnson families (1783-1806) and two minor receipts (1768, 1854) for schooling and clothing. Images include a watercolor drawing of Sophia Angelo's home in Eton, a cut paper silhouette portrait of an unidentified man, and eight portraits of St. Leger family members represented in engravings and photographs of drawings.

The single item unrelated to the family is a manuscript copy, unsigned and undated, of the first scene of a play titled "Angelo," by Alfred Forman.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Correspondence, 1762-1939. II. Documents, 1768-1854.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

| To Domenico and Elizabeth Johnson Angelo |  |                            |
|--|--|----------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1                               | Angelo, Domenico   | 1763 August 5              |
| b. 1, f. 2                               | Angelo, Henry  | undated                    |
| b. 1, f. 3                               | Knight, R. P.  | 1770 January 4,<br>undated |
| b. 1, f. 4                               | Le Boucher de la Piletière, Pierre-Paul  | 1764                       |
| b. 1, f. 5                               | Pembroke, Henry Herbert, Earl of   | 1762–1782                  |
| b. 1, f. 6                               | Queensberry, Catherine Douglas, Duchess of   | 1775 November<br>5         |
| b. 1, f. 7                               | Queensberry, William Douglas, Duke of  | 1767 January 10            |
| b. 1, f. 8                               | Sheridan, Richard Brinsley and Elizabeth Linley  | undated                    |
| b. 1, f. 9                               | Sheridan, Thomas   | 1775 August 20             |
| b. 1, f. 10                              | Tremamondo, Anthony Angelo   | 1785 February 3            |
| b. 1, f. 11                              | Wilmot, Robert   | 1789 November<br>6         |
| b. 1, f. 12                              | Unidentified<br>A letter written from Edinburgh by Colonel St. A---t.  | 1795 October 9             |
| To John Cecil Cortlandt Angelo           |  |                            |
| b. 1, f. 13                              | Mason, Isabel Mathews<br>Isabel Mathews Mason (1880-1973) was the daughter of Catherine Theresa Romeyn Van Cortlandt (1838–1921) and John Rutherford Mathews (1835–1898), and the last family owner of Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, New York. She was a distant relation of John Cecil Cortlandt Angelo.                                     | undated                    |
| b. 1, f. 14                              | Pembroke, Sidney Charles, Earl of<br>Sidney Charles, Lord Pembroke,<br>Letters from Sidney Charles Herbert (1906-1969), 16th Earl of Pembroke, seeking information on Domenico Angelo for his book <i>Henry, Elizabeth and George</i> (London: Jonathan Cape, 1939); accompanied by two reviews of the publication clipped from unidentified newspapers. | 1936–1939                  |
| b. 1, f. 15                              | Van Cortlandt, Anne<br>Anne Van Cortlandt (1848-1940) was the daughter of Pierre Van Cortlandt III (1815–1884) and Catherine E. Beck Van Cortlandt (1818-1895). She was the last linear descendant of Stephanus Van Cortlandt (1643-1700) to own Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, New York, and was a distant relation of Cortlandt Angelo.      | undated                    |

## To John St. Leger

John St. Leger was the grandson of Domenico Angelo, and the son of Anne Caroline Eliza Angelo (1763-1833) and Lieutenant General William St. Leger (1759-1818).

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| b. 1, f. 16   | St. Leger, Anne Caroline, and her daughters<br>Three letters addressed to "Capt. St. Leger" from his mother Anne Caroline Angelo St. Leger (1763-1833), and his sisters Sophie Wood and Ellen Forrest. | 1830-1833        |
| b. 1, f. 17   | Gooch, C. S.   | 1856             |
| To Anthony Angelo Tremamondo  |  |                  |
| Anthony Angelo Tremamondo (1747-1829) was likely the son of John Xavier Tremamondo, a riding master in Edinburgh and the brother of Domenico Angelo. Anthony Tremamondo was raised in London by Angelo, and through him met Warren Hastings, British governor general of India. Tremamondo went to India in 1778 and became a protégé of Hastings, riding master to the Army and an officer of the Body Guard. In 1785, he sold his riding school in Calcutta and returned to London; he married Elizabetha Martha Bland in 1787. |  |                  |
| b. 1, f. 18   | Angelo, Henry  | 1828             |
| b. 1, f. 19   | Kimball, Joseph  | 1827 June 9      |
| Other letters   |  |                  |
| b. 1, f. 20   | Addison, Thomas-Fenn, to Mrs. Green<br>Addison, of Chilton Lodge, Suffolk, writes to his friend in Quebec news of his children and family members, including several recent deaths.                    | 1842 February 22 |
| b. 1, f. 21   | Angelo, Henry, to unidentified (possibly John Scripps)   | 1834 April 25    |
| b. 1, f. 22   | Address sheets and other material<br>Material includes two address sheets lacking letters, a letter fragment with notes on children's baptisms, and a dinner invitation from the Dickeys.              | 1777, undated    |

**Series II: Documents***2.08 linear feet (2 boxes)*

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|-------------|---|------------------|
| b. 2, f. 1  | Receipts for the education of two Angelo daughters at the Ursuline convent at Lille<br><br>Henry Angelo, in his memoir <i>Angelo's pic nic</i> (1834), recalls his parents taking his two sisters to the convent at Lisle.  | 1768             |
| b. 2, f. 2  | Will of William St. Leger<br><br>Pages five and six from his will; St. Leger died in 1818.  | circa 1818       |
| b. 2, f. 3  | Drawing of Sophia Angelo's home at Eton<br><br>Florella Sophia Angelo (1759-1847) was the daughter of Domenico and Elizabeth Angelo. She was made a Dame at Eton by King George IV while in her twenties.<br><br>The small watercolor and ink image of her house is on a fragment of an unsigned and undated letter.  | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 4  | Portraits of St. Leger family members<br><br>A collection of photographs of printed portraits of William St. Leger, his son John St. Leger, and members of the latter's family.   | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 5  | Silhouette portrait of an unidentified man  | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 6  | Receipt for a military uniform and accessories purchased by Richard Frederick Angelo from Joseph Stohwasser   | 1854 December 16 |
| b. 2, f. 7  | "Angelo," by Alfred Forman<br><br>Manuscript, unsigned and undated, of the first scene of "Angelo," a play set in Padua, Italy. The main character, Angelo Malipieri, is the Savoy of Venice. "Not Continued" is inscribed in pencil on the thirteenth and last page.   | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 8  | Notebook of John Cecil Cortlandt Angelo<br><br>A small bound book in which Colonel Angelo kept his eighteenth- and nineteenth-century family letters, as well as letters to him from others regarding his family. Angelo made notes on pages to record the letters he had filed after the page, and had pasted within the book printed images of Richard Brinsley Sheridan and his wife Elizabeth Linley Sheridan. Also present is an undated (twentieth-century) newspaper clipping about the Duchess of Queensbury. | circa 1935       |
|             | Financial and real estate indentures<br>Arranged in chronological order.  |                  |
| b. 2, f. 9  | Financial bond to Domenico Angelo, from John Palma  | 1783 October 8   |
| b. 2, f. 10 | Assignment of annuity to Richard Johnson, from Sir Charles Kent   | 1798 February 3  |
| b. 2, f. 11 | Grant of annuity to Anthony Angelo Tremamondo, from Francis Mathew, Earl Landaff  | 1802 June 30     |
| b. 2, f. 12 | Appointment of Nathaniel Middleton and Richard Johnson, by Francis Mathew, Earl of Landaff, regarding the annuity of Anthony Angelo Tremamondo  | 1802 June 30     |
| b. 2, f. 13 | Land lease to Andrew Montagu Isaacson Durnford, from Sarah Isaacson   | 1806 December 5  |



## Financial and real estate indentures (continued)

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| b. 2, f. 14           | Grant of annuity to Andrew Montagu Isaacson Durnford, from Sarah Isaacson  | 1806 December 6     |
| b. 2, f. 15           | Assignment of annuity to Anthony Angelo Tremamondo, from Andrew Montagu Isaacson Durnford  | 1806 December 15    |
| b. 3 (Oversize), f. 1 | London newspapers<br>Two issues: <i>The London Chronicle</i> , vol. 110, no. 8259, November 21-22, 1811 (with a notice about John Angelo's military promotion on page 502) and <i>The Courier</i> , no. 7200, October 6, 1815 (with a notice of the marriage of Anthony Angelo's daughter Louisa on page 4). Also present is a twentieth-century reprint of <i>The Times</i> , no. 6572, November 7, 1805. | 1811, 1815, undated |

## 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.

### Subjects

Fencing

### Genres / Formats

Leases  
Legal documents  
Silhouettes  
Vellum (parchment)  
Watercolors (paintings)

### Families

Angelo family

### Names

Angelo, Domenico, 1717?-1802  
Angelo, Elizabeth Johnson, 1738-1805  
Angelo, John Cecil Cortlandt, 1869-1957  
Forman, Alfred, 1840-1925  
Mason, Isabel Mathews, 1880-1973  
Pembroke, Henry Herbert, Earl of, 1734-1794  
Pembroke, Sidney Charles, Earl of, 1906-1969  
Queensberry, Catherine Douglas, Duchess of,  
1700 or 1701-1777  
Queensberry, William Douglas, Duke of,  
1725-1810  
Sheridan, Elizabeth Ann, 1754-1792  
Sheridan, Richard Brinsley, 1751-1816  
Sheridan, Thomas, 1719-1788  
St. Leger, Anne Caroline Angelo, 1763-1833  
Van Cortlandt, Anne, 1848-1940