

# Guide to the Lefferts Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 319

**CREATOR:** Lefferts family

**TITLE:** Lefferts family papers

**DATES:** 1712-1936

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.75 linear feet (1 box, 1 folio)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Financial papers, deeds, legal documents, bills and receipts and other papers relating to the Lefferts and related families of New York. The papers include a group of documents concerning Aaron Burr's efforts in 1833-1834 to obtain a government pension. The papers also contain newspaper clippings covering the period 1830-1936.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. Mario Pagano and Mrs. John Peter Beck, 1955.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Various descendants of Jacob Lefferts (1686-1768), a fourth son of Leffert Pietersen van Haughwout, a Huguenot immigrant from North Holland to New York in 1660, are represented.

For a chart outlining the genealogical relations of the Lefferts family, please consult the [Genealogical Chart](#).

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## Scope and Contents

Financial and real estate papers, legal documents, correspondence, and other papers relating to the Lefferts family of New York City and vicinity, and dating from 1712 to 1850, make up this collection. Various descendants of Jacob Lefferts (1686-1768), fourth son of Leffert Pietersen van Haughwout, a Huguenot immigrant from North Holland to New York in 1660, are represented. For a chart outlining the genealogical relations of the Lefferts family, please consult the [Genealogical Chart](#). Further details can be found in *Genealogy of the Lefferts Family, 1650-1878*, by Teunis G. Bergen, 1878.

Also included in the papers are a group of documents concerning Aaron Burr's efforts to obtain a government pension in 1833-1834 for his Revolutionary War services. While most of the documents are in the hand of his clerk or of people making depositions, a few are signed by Burr.

The contents of the collection have been arranged chronologically and a brief description of each item provided. Most of the papers are in very fragile condition and require careful handling.

The papers were the gift of Mrs. Mario Pagano and Mrs. John Peter Beck in 1955.

## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1712–1850, 1930–1936, undated

b. 1, f. 1	Lott, Abraham: transfer of land in King's County to Marten Adriaense (in Dutch)	1712 December 8
b. 1, f. 1	Remsen, Rem: bond to Jeremiah Remsen	1728 June 11
b. 1, f. 1	Van der Beek, Rem: bond with Christofell Van der Beek to Ida Van Wickelen	1732 May 1
b. 1, f. 1	Rapelye, Jannetie (Lefferts): receipt to executors of her husband Jeronemus Rapely's estate	[1754?] May 1
b. 1, f. 1	Raypelye, Jannetie (Lefferts): receipt to executors of her husband Jeronemus Rapely's estate for money to maintain her son Jeronemus Rapelye	1758 May 1
b. 1, f. 2	Rapelye, Jeronemus estate: receipts from various persons to Rem Remsen and Nicholaes Veghate, executors	1762-1769
b. 1, f. 2	Lefferts, Barent: pocket account book, mostly bland	1763, 1768
b. 1, f. 2	Berdeau, Peter: bill of sale for a slave to Barent Lefferts	1766 October 20
b. 1, f. 2	Andriese, Andries: bond to Gerret Middach	1768 May 1
b. 1, f. 3	Lefferts, Barent: bond to Gerrit Noorstrant	1772 September 1
b. 1, f. 3	Wyckoff, Femmetie (Mrs. Cornelius): receipt to Hendrick Eldert, Nicholas Wyckoff and Rem Remsen, executors, for a legacy under the will of Hendrick Wyckoff	1773 April 30
b. 1, f. 3	Conditions of sale of a plantation, Bedford, King's County	1774 April 6
b. 1, f. 3	Bloom, Jacob: order on Barent Lefferts in favor of Barent Andriese	1775 May 22
b. 1, f. 4	Elder, J.: ALS to Mr. Lefferts, Charlestown, [Mass.]	1781 December 3
b. 1, f. 4	Gerritsen, Samuel W.: Als to Barent Lefferts	1783 February 23
b. 1, f. 4	Miller, Josiah: receipt to Barent Lefferts	1784 July 22
b. 1, f. 4	Remsen, Captain: order to freeholders of Brooklyn to supply their quota of wood	1785 November 24
b. 1, f. 4	Lefferts, Barent: Promissory note to Jacob van der Bilt	1787 May 2
b. 1, f. 4	Simons, Andrew: quit claim to Gerrit Wyckoff, Jacob Bloom, and Barent Lefferts, executors of the estate of Andress Andressen	1791 October 6
b. 1, f. 5	New York (State), tax collector: receipt for carriage tax to Barent Lefferts	1802 September 30
b. 1, f. 5	Lefferts, Rem: sundry farm and stock-raising accounts	1809-1814, 1831
b. 2	Washington Insurance Co., New York: insurance policy to Abigail Fowler See: Folio 2	1816 March 16
b. 1, f. 5	Spader, William: bond to executors of the estate of Michal Vandervoort	1816 May 1

b. 1, f. 6	Ryerson, Jacob, Jr.: agreement with Rem and Maria Lefferts for maintenance of a fence	1825 February 1
b. 1, f. 6	Remsen, Jacob: two bonds to Johannes Remsen	1825 May 1
b. 1, f. 6	Lefferts, Rem: "An account of the blacks work and monies" received from R. Lefferts	1826
b. 2	Washington Insurance Co., New York: insurance policy to George L. Cornell See: Folio 2	1828 October 14
b. 1, f. 6	Lefferts, Rem: lease agreement with Abraham Brown for land between Bedford and Flatubush	1829 November 28
b. 2	Lefferts, Rem: lease agreement with Peter C. Bell for house and land in Brooklyn See: Folio 2	1833 December 23
b. 1, f. 6	Edsall, Daniel: agreement as apprentice to John Degraw to learn house carpentry	1833 December 27
b. 1, f. 7-9	Burr, Aaron: papers dealing with Burr's efforts to secure a pension	1833-1834
b. 1, f. 10	Cuppin, S.: ALS to Nelson Chase, Worcester	1834 January 14
b. 1, f. 10	Lefferts, Rem: lease agreement with Charles Basham for house and land in Bedford	1834 April 22
b. 1, f. 10	Warmington, William: certificate with Louis Dufland to the condition of a mare sold to Mr. Lefferts	1835 May 25
b. 1, f. 10	Halsey, Frederick: receipt to Rem Lefferts	1835 November 5
b. 2	Incomplete deed for land in Brooklyn to Rem and Maria Lefferts See: Folio 2	1835
b. 2	Lefferts, Rem deed to Cornelius W. Van Brunt for land in Flatbush, King's County See: Folio 2	1836 September 1
b. 1, f. 10	Burtis, Stilwell & Co.: bill to Rem Lefferts	1836 November 24
b. 2	Lefferts, Rem: lease agreement with William L. Haskins for house and land in Brooklyn See: Folio 2	1838 August 1
b. 1, f. 11	Whitson, Silas: receipt to Rem Lefferts in a horse trade	1838 November
b. 1, f. 11	Contribution Fire Insurance Co.: certificate of policy to Abraham and Henry Brown	1838 December 24
b. 1, f. 11	Lefferts Rem: bond to David Carll	1839 May 1
b. 1, f. 11	Baisley, John: receipt to Mr. Sexton	1841 July 19
b. 1, f. 11	Brooklyn Horse Guards: printed invitation to annual ball	1841 December 22

b. 2	Murphy, John G.: deed to Rem Lefferts for land in Brooklyn See: Folio 2	1842 March 7
b. 1, f. 11	Lefferts, Rem: bond to Rufus R. Skeel	1842 December 15
b. 1, f. 12	Lefferts, Rem: lease agreement with James Powell	1844 January 15
b. 1, f. 12	Skeel, Rufus R.: assignment to Philip Dater, guardian of the infant children of Theron and Eliza Skeel, of a mortgage against Rem and Maria Lefferts	1844 June 15
b. 1, f. 12	Disbrow, S.M.: ALS to his uncle Rem Lefferts, Sr.	1845 April 28
b. 1, f. 12	Rapelye, George: declaration with John Purdy of errors in description of property to be released to Rem Lefferts	1846 September 16
b. 1, f. 12	Olcott, McKesson & Co.: bill to Rem Lefferts	1846 December
b. 1, f. 12	Sloane, William: bill for a rug to R. Lefferts	1850 January 26
b. 1, f. 12	Troy House: bill to Mr. Lefferts	1850 August 7
b. 1, f. 12	Long Island Bank: notice to Rem Lefferts of note due	[n.y.] January 15
b. 1, f. 12	Lefferts, Rem: itinerary New York to Albany with L. Lefferts	undated
b. 1, f. 13	Newspaper clippings	1930-1936, 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**

Families  
Military pensions -- United States -- Revolution,  
1775-1783

### **Geographic Names**

New York (State)  
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca.  
1600-1775  
United States -- History -- Revolution,  
1775-1783

### **Genres / Formats**

Deeds

### **Names**

Burr, Aaron, 1756-1836

### **Families**

Lefferts family