

# Guide to the Chittenden-Lusk Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 870

**CREATOR:** Chittenden, S. B. (Simeon Baldwin), 1814-1889

**TITLE:** Chittenden-Lusk family papers

**DATES:** 1857-1933

**BULK DATES:** 1857-1889

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence among members of the family of Simeon Baldwin Chittenden, his son-in-law, William Thompson Lusk, and correspondence of the Lusk family. Among the Lusk papers are letters and memoirs by Elizabeth Freeman Lusk, mother of William Thompson Lusk, on the deaths of her two daughters in 1864 and 1870 respectively. The family letters also include a series of European travel accounts by Mary H. and William T. Lusk, 1864-1865. Letters by Simeon Baldwin Chittenden to his granddaughter, Anna H. Lusk, in 1885-1889, miscellaneous correspondence among family members and newspaper clippings on William T. Lusk and Simeon B. Chittenden.

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## Biographical / Historical

Simeon Baldwin Chittenden (1814-1889): merchant in New Haven, 1835-1842; dry-goods merchant in New York City, 1842-; elected to Congress from New York, 1874. William Thompson Lusk (1838-1897): obstetrician; educated in Germany, New York, Scotland, and Austria; member of the New York Infantry Highlanders, 1860-1863; practiced medicine and taught at Long Island College Hospital, 1866-1871; professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, 1871-1897.

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## Scope and Contents

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## **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**

Death  
Families  
Merchants  
Physicians

### **Geographic Names**

Europe -- Description and travel

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Occupations**

Legislators  
Politicians

### **Names**

Chittenden, S. B. (Simeon Baldwin), 1814-1889  
Lusk, Elizabeth Freeman  
Lusk, Mary Hartwell Chittenden, d. 1871  
Lusk, William Thompson, 1838-1897

### **Families**

Chittenden family  
Lusk family