

# Guide to the Beers Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 789

**CREATOR:** Beers family

**TITLE:** Beers family papers

**DATES:** 1777-1792

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Journal, military papers, and financial records relating to the American Revolution as kept by Nathan Beers, paymaster and clothier of a Connecticut regiment. Also in the collection is a bill issued to Isaac Beers, and an autograph album (1860) with the signatures of Jefferson Davis, James Buchanan, William H. Seward and others.

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## Administrative Information

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## Biographical / Historical

Nathan Beers (1753-1849): served in the Revolutionary War in the Governor's Second Company of Guards, attaining the rank of captain; from 1778-1783 acted as regimental paymaster; in 1783 entered the mercantile business.

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b. 1, f. 1	Journal kept by Nathan Beers, 1753-1849, paymaster and clothier of the Connecticut regiment known first as "Additional regiment," which in May 1780 became the 9th regiment, under Col. Samuel B. Webb (also known as Webb's regiment), and from January 1, 1781, to January 1, 1783, was called the 3rd regiment. Beers was retired from the army in June 1783 as a lieutenant, and was charter member of the Connecticut Society of Cincinnati	1777 August 28-1783 December 16
b. 1, f. 2	Copy of brigade and divisional orders of Connecticut infantry, 9th regiment (later 3rd), probably in the hand of Ebenezer Frothingham, quartermaster	1780 January 1-1781 January 30
b. 1, f. 3	Issue and receipt book kept by Nathan Beers as clothier and paymaster of the 3rd regiment	1780 December 31-1781 September
b. 1, f. 4	General pay roll and abstract of the Connecticut infantry, 3rd regiment (formerly 9th), kept by Nathan Beers	1782 January-August
b. 1, f. 5	Ms. book bill to Isaac Beers	1792 June 21
b. 1, f. 6	Autograph book including the signatures of Jefferson Davis, James Buchanan, William H. Seward, and other dignitaries. Bridgeport, Connecticut	Circa 1860

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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**

Families

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783  
United States -- History -- Revolution,  
1775-1783

### **Genres / Formats**

Autographs (manuscripts)

### **Occupations**

Soldiers

### **Names**

Beers, Isaac, 1742?-1813  
Beers, Nathan, 1753-1849

### **Families**

Beers family

### **Corporate Body**

Connecticut. Infantry. 9th Regiment, 1777-1781