

# Guide to the Duyckinck Family Papers

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**SUMMARY:** A Brooklyn, New York family descended from Evert Duyckinck of the Netherlands. The principal figure is Whitehead C. Duyckinck of the Yale University Class of 1865. Most of his papers consist of correspondence with former classmates on class matters. Also in the papers are legal and financial papers of the Duyckinck family (1736-1912), specifications for a house to be built on Clark Street in New York, a photograph of Evert A. Duyckinck, and assorted memorabilia.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of W. C. Duyckinck, 1933, and by purchase, 1957.

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## Biographical / Historical

Whitehead Cornell Duyckinck was born in Brooklyn, New York, October 23, 1843. He was the son of Richard Bancker and Eliza H. (Cornell) Duyckinck.

He was the eighth generation from his paternal ancestor, Evert Duyckinck, who settled in New Amsterdam, now New York, in 1638, and in the ninth generation from his maternal ancestor, Thomas Cornell, who came from County Essex, England, and settled in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1640.

After graduating from Yale College in 1865, he became a clerk with the firm of Howland & Aspinwall, at that time one of the most important and extensive shipping merchants in New York. Remaining with them three years, he then went into the free and bonded storage business, under the firm name of Mathews & Duyckinck. Retiring from this firm, he became a partner in the firm of H.A. Rogers & Co., importers, manufacturers and dealers in railway, machinist and engineers' supplies, at 50 and 52 John Street, New York, which was dissolved in 1875. He then continued in business alone until 1886, when, owing to sickness from overwork, he retired, having disposed of his business to a stock company. For a time he did not take part in any active business, but in 1891 accepted a position in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, with which he was connected until his retirement, in 1914.

In his leisure time, Duyckinck wrote about his personal and family histories, publishing *The Duyckinck and Allied Families* in 1908, and *Student Life at Yale* in 1925. He was always loyal to Yale and served the class of 1865 as treasurer, secretary, custodian, and historian.

He was married on April 20, 1869, in Brooklyn, New York, to Caroline Hyde. They had three children.

Whitehead Duyckinck died of cerebral thrombosis on February 21, 1936, in Plainfield, New Jersey.

(Sources: *Biographical Record of the Class of 1865, Yale College* and *Yale University Obituary Record, 1935-1936*)

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## Scope and Contents

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Duyckinck Family		
b.1	Miscellaneous legal and financial papers See also: <a href="#">Inventory Box 3</a>	1736-1912
b.1	Photograph of Evert A. Duyckinck	Circa 1860
b.1	"Specifications of materials and labor for the masons department of a three story and basement dwelling house to be erected on the lot known as No. Clark Street..." English	undated
Whitehead C. Duyckinck		
b.1	Incoming letters (mainly from Yale classmates)	1866
b.1	Class of 1865: correspondence and memorabilia See also: <a href="#">Inventory Box 3</a>	1865, 1890, 1915-1930, undated
b.1	Duyckinck coin collection: index	undated
b.1	Photographs of Whitehead C. Duyckinck	1935
b.1	Clippings	1862-1865, 1932, 1936, undated
b.1	Miscellaneous papers	undated
Objects		
b.2	Piece of molten glass from the ruins of the Crystal Palace	undated
b.2	Piece of the flag from Fort Ticonderoga	undated
b.2	Piece of wood from a chair on the ship <i>Resolute</i> of the Franklin Polar Expedition	undated
b.3	Chinese scroll	undated
b.3	Printed illustration, "Washington and Wife Visiting the Troops at Valley Forge, on Christmas Day 1777"	undated
b.3	Cloth printed with drawings of Samuel Slater and historic sites in Pawtucket, Rhode Island	undated
b.3	Miscellaneous legal and financial papers and class of 1865 correspondence and memorabilia	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Buildings -- New York (State) -- New York  
Dwellings -- Estimates and costs  
Families

### **Genres / Formats**

Deeds

### **Names**

Duyckinck, Whitehead Cornell, 1843-1936

### **Families**

Duyckinck family

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale College (1718-1887). Class of 1865  
Yale University -- Students