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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 331

**CREATOR:** Trumbull College (Yale University)

**TITLE:** Trumbull College manuscript collection

**DATES:** 1743-1830

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.2 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Contains legal documents signed by Jonathan Trumbull (1710-1785) while governor, and one letter from him to Jonathan Trumbull (1740-1809); a letter from George Washington to Jonathan Trumbull (1740-1809); letters between John Trumbull and various people, regarding his paintings and exhibitions; receipts relating to his work; and draft and printed versions of the handbill announcing the print of his "The Declaration of Independence."

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Deposited at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library in 1972 by Trumbull College, Yale University.

## **Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.

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## **Conditions Governing Use**

The Trumbull College Manuscript Collection is the physical property of Trumbull College, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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## **Preferred Citation**

Trumbull College Manuscript Collection. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## **Processing Information**

This finding aid was produced from a previously existing inventory. All pertinent bibliographical information has been retained.

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## **Scope and Contents**

This finding aid encompasses material that was deposited at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library in 1972 by Trumbull College; this material pertains to Jonathan Trumbull (1710-1785), Jonathan Trumbull (1740-1809), and John Trumbull.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Jonathan Trumbull (1710-1785)

#### LEGAL DOCUMENTS

b. 1, f. 1	Requirement, Lebanon, [Conn.], to Sheriff of Windham County to attach the goods or estate of Joseph Barne in response to payments owed to [Taber?] Huntington of Norwich Printed form, with manuscript insertions. Signed by Trumbull.	1745 Jun 8
b. 1, f. 2	<a href="#">Requirement, Lebanon, [Conn.], to Sheriff of Windham County to summon Elisha Blackman to appear before Isaac Huntington in Norwich regarding one pound owed to Nathanael Lothrop</a> Printed form, with manuscript insertions. Signed by Trumbull. Endorsed on verso by Simon Tubb of Colchester.	1743 May 27
b. 1, f. 3	Requirement, Hartford, [Conn.], to Sheriff of Windham County to attach the goods or estate of William Dewey in response to payments owed to Joshua Huntington of Norwich Printed form, with manuscript insertions. Signed by Trumbull.	1744 May 14
b. 1, f. 4	Requirement, Lebanon, [Conn.], to Sheriff of Hartford County to summon James Fitch to appear before Isaac Huntington in Norwich regarding claim by Isaac Williams of trespass Manuscript. Signed by Trumbull.	1745 Aug 14
	Acceptance, Hartford, [Conn.], to Isaac Goodwin as Ensign of the 9th Company or Trainband in the 17th Regiment in Connecticut Stored in: Oversize, Bsd, folder 5 Printed form, with manuscript insertions. Signed by Secretary and by Trumbull as governor.	178[4?] Oct 17

#### LETTERS FROM JONATHAN TRUMBULL

ALS, Lebanon, to Jonathan Trumbull (1740-1809) Stored in: Oversize, Bsd, folder 6	1778 Jul 18
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## Series II: Jonathan Trumbull (1740-1809)

### LETTERS TO JONATHAN TRUMBULL

Trumbull, Jonathan (1710-1785). ALS, Lebanon

1778 Jul 18

[See: Box 1, folder 6](#)

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Washington, George. ALS, Mount Vernon  
Stored in: Oversize, Bsd, folder 7

1799 Aug 30

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**Series III: John Trumbull (1756-1843)**

## LETTERS FROM JOHN TRUMBULL

	ALS, New York, to Mr. Elgar, Washington <a href="#">See: Box 1, folder 9</a>	1830 Oct 12
b. 1, f. 8	<a href="#">ALS, Washington, to Joseph Hopkinson, Philadelphia</a> Introducing Mr. Chapman. Signed with initials. On same page is AL (draft) to Thomas Sully, Philadelphia.	1828 Jan 7
b. 1, f. 9	AL, New York, to Mr. Stelle, Washington Regarding paintings in the Rotunda. On verso is ALS (draft) to Mr. Elgar regarding same matter. Written on verso of printed form announcing a meeting of the New-York Literary and Philosophical Society for 1830 Oct 7.	1830 Oct 12
	AL, Washington, to Thomas Sully, Philadelphia <a href="#">See: Box 1, folder 8</a>	1828 Jan 7
b. 1, f. 10	ALS, London, to W. Willard, Pres. Har[vard] Col[lege] Regarding prints that JT donated to Harvard. Signed with initials.	1800 Mar 25

## LETTERS TO JOHN TRUMBULL

b. 1, f. 11	ALS from Boston Athenaeum, Boston, [Mass.] to Academy of Arts, New York Regarding upcoming exhibition of 1829 May 4-Jul 11. Signed by the exhibition committee.	1829 Jan 26
b. 1, f. 12	ALS from Theodore Dwight, Jr. Regarding exhibition. Notes, holograph, by JT on p. 2-3 regarding expenses.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 13	ALS from J. Elgar, Capitol, U. S. Regarding expenses. Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1828 Dec 11
	ALS from D[avid] Lenox, Philadelphia to New York Stored in: Oversize, Bsd, folder 14 Regarding JT's prints, which Lenox is shipping via Captain John Segar's vessel, "Melinda." On first page is receipt from Segar to Lenox.	1808 Oct 27

## RECEIPTS FROM JOHN TRUMBULL

b. 1, f. 15	Frazier, Anne, for room and board in Philadelphia	181[7?] Jan 27
b. 1, f. 16	Perkins, Thomas H., for subscription to JT's prints, "The Battle of Bunker's-Hill" and "The Death of General Montgomery" Printed form, signed by JT and Will Payne.	1791 Sep 13
b. 1, f. 17	Patrick, for subscription to JT's prints, "The Battle of Bunker's-Hill" and "The Death of General Montgomery" Fragment of printed form, signed by JT.	1790 Nov
b. 1, f. 18	Unidentified recipients, for one-half of subscription to JT's print, "The Sortie of Gibraltar" Four printed forms, signed by JT.	1789

## RECEIPTS TO JOHN TRUMBULL

b. 1, f. 19	Ballard & Wright, for advertising in the <i>Chronicle and Patriot</i> Printed form, with manuscript insertions. Signed by [Liman Gardener?].	1818
b. 1, f. 20	Benjamin Russell, for advertising in the <i>Centinel</i> Printed form, with manuscript insertions. Signed by [Liman Gardener?].	1818
b. 1, f. 21	Bronson & Smith, for advertising JT's "The Declaration of Independence"	1819 Jan 25
b. 1, f. 22	C. C. Nichols, for cloak Two receipts, dated 1818 Dec 17 and 1818 Dec 19.	1818 Dec
b. 1, f. 23	Cummings, William, for tacks, nails, white pine boards, screws, and clamps Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1819 Jan 25
b. 1, f. 24	Dobbin, Murphy & Bose, for advertising lecture and exhibition in the <i>American</i> Printed form, with manuscript insertions. Signed by [C. Mullikin?].	1819
b. 1, f. 25	Drawbridge Wharf, for 1/2 cord of wood Printed form, with manuscript insertions. Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1819 Jan 10
b. 1, f. 26	Horace Draper, for 3 pairs of worsted drawers Signed by D. H. Ackey. Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1818 Dec 7
b. 1, f. 27	J. & J. Ballard, for loan of 104 1/2 yards of green backing	1818 Dec 11
b. 1, f. 28	Jones's, Pearl Street, for laundry Two receipts, dated 1818 Dec 7 and 1818 Dec 14.	1818 Dec
Kirtland, Elisha		
b. 1, f. 29	New York, for one barrel and one keg to be sent on Schooner Columbia to Georgetown On same page is bill from Johnson's, New York, for one barrel of cement and one keg of bees wax, 1828 Sep 19. Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1828 Sep 19
b. 1, f. 30	For hauling freight on the Columbia Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1828 Nov 10
b. 1, f. 31	Nevius, Peter J., New York, for 2 boxes to be shipped to Philadelphia Printed form, with manuscript insertions. Signed by Nevius.	1818 Jan 4
b. 1, f. 32	Poulson, Z., for advertising JT's "The Declaration of Independence" Signed by Joseph Rittenhouse.	1819 Jan 23
Robinson & Parker		
b. 1, f. 33	Boston, for 20 yards of green baize Signed by George Flagg. Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1818 Nov 28



## RECEIPTS TO JOHN TRUMBULL &gt; Robinson &amp; Parker (continued)

b. 1, f. 34	Boston, for 5 yards of backing Signed by George Flagg. Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1818 Nov 31
b. 1, f. 35	Russell & Gardner, for printing and advertising Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1818 Dec
b. 1, f. 36	Stelle, E. B., Washington City, for descriptions of paintings on the Revolution Notes, holograph, by JT on verso.	1827 Nov 22
b. 1, f. 37	William Jackson, for advertising JT's painting and exhibition Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1819 Jan
b. 1, f. 38	Young & Minus, for advertising JT's "The Declaration of Independence" Signed by Jon Moseley.	1818 Dec 1
OTHER		
Checks by John Trumbull		
b. 1, f. 39	To Henry G. Barclay	1829 Feb 14
b. 1, f. 39	To Mr. MacNutt	1828 Dec 30
b. 1, f. 39	To himself	1821 Sep 27
b. 1, f. 39	To himself	1821 Dec 28
b. 1, f. 40	"Conversation with Mr. West - June 8th 1784. To produce fine colouring," holograph	1784 Jun 8
Handbill announcing print of JT's "The Declaration of Independence" (published 1822 Sep 10)		
b. 1, f. 41	Draft, holograph	n.d.
b. 1, f. 42	Printed version	n.d.
b. 1, f. 43	List of newspapers in Philadelphia, manuscript Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	1819
b. 1, f. 44	List of selectmen of Boston, manuscript Note, holograph, by JT on verso.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 45	Receipt from Charles G. Paleske to Joseph Anthony, for JT's prints, "The Battle of Bunker's-Hill" and "The Death of General Montgomery"	1800 Feb 26

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b. Bsd, folder 5	Acceptance, Hartford, [Conn.], to Isaac Goodwin as Ensign of the 9th Company or Trainband in the 17th Regiment in Connecticut (in Series I)	178[4?] Oct 17
b. Bsd, folder 6	ALS from Jonathan Trumbull (1710-1785), Lebanon, to Jonathan Trumbull (1740-1809) (in Series I)	1778 Jul 18
b. Bsd, folder 7	Washington, George. ALS, Mount Vernon, to Jonathan Trumbull (in Series II)	1799 Aug 30
b. Bsd, folder 14	ALS from D[avid] Lenox, Philadelphia, to John Trumbull, New York (in Series III)	1808 Oct 27

## **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**

Painters -- United States

### **Names**

Elgar, Joseph  
Sully, Thomas, 1783-1872  
Trumbull, John, 1756-1843  
Trumbull, John, 1756-1843 (Declaration of Independence)  
Trumbull, Jonathan, 1710-1785  
Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809  
Washington, George, 1732-1799

### **Corporate Bodies**

Boston Athenaeum  
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