Guide to the Waldron Papers, 1703-1782

Administrative Information

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Waldron Papers, 1703-1782

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Waldron, Richard, 1694-1753

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The materials in this collection are in English.

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1 box ; 0.42 linear feet

Abstract:
The Waldron Papers contain eighteenth-century business and personal correspondence about Native Americans, the Siege of Louisbourg, and various other matters.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:
The Waldron Papers are one of the earliest acquisitions of the New Hampshire Historical Society, probably presented by Richard-Russell Waldron, a member removed from the state by 1833. The letters were bound in 1931 and removed from their binding in 1992. Accession 1971.004 was purchased from Kenneth W. Rendell, Inc. on January 27, 1971 and consists of a single letter from Richard Partridge dated October 30, 1749.

Processing Information:
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Access Restrictions:
Available for research.

Location:
The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:
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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:
Richard Waldron III was born on February 21, 1693/4, graduated from Harvard in 1712, and was appointed king's attorney in 1715. He was appointed to his father's position as clerk of the Council in 1717, and at his father's death in 1730, succeeded him as province secretary and judge of common pleas. He was also appointed member of the council at this time, upon the resignation of his father-in-law Col. Thomas Westbrook. In 1737, he was made judge of probate. When Benning Wentworth became governor of New Hampshire in 1741, replacing Governor Belcher, Waldron was soon stripped of all his offices. Consequently, he spent the rest of his life trying to get Wentworth dismissed. Waldron was elected representative by the town of Hampton, 1747 to 1753, and was chosen Speaker of the House. The governor rejected the choice,

producing a deadlock which tied up all the business of the house for three years. Waldron died on August 23, 1753.

Richard Waldron III was grandson of Major Richard (1615-1689); the son of Colonel Richard (1650-1730) and Eleanor (Vaughn) Waldron. Richard III married Elizabeth, born November 26, 1701, daughter of Colonel Thomas and Mary (Sherburne) Westbrook of Falmouth, ME, on December 31, 1718. Their eldest son, Richard (1719-1746), was lost at sea. The second son, Thomas Westbrook (1721-1785), managed his father's property and took over his affairs and papers at his death. There were two other sons, William (1723-1741) and George (1731-1805). Four children died at an early age.

Collection Scope and Content Note:
The bulk of this collection consists of the correspondence of Richard Waldron III, from 1724 to 1753. There are a few earlier papers of his father, Colonel Richard, including a letter from Cocheco (Dover), March 8, 1702/3, concerning Indians. There are also some papers of his son, Thomas Westbrook, business and family letters, and a copy of his will (folder 39), 1754-1782, and some letters of his brother William in Boston.

There is some correspondence between Richard Waldron and his son Thomas in 1745, when the latter was a Captain at the Siege of Louisbourg, NS. Other materials include official papers, accounts, and business affairs, especially those of his father-in-law, Colonel Thomas Westbrook.

There is a great deal of correspondence between Isaac Royall of Charlestown and Waldron in 1748, about a "grand design" to have Royall appointed governor in place of Wentworth. Later, there are some letters to Sir William Pepperell (1696-1759) of Maine, urging him to accept the office of governor if it should become vacant.

See *New Hampshire Provincial Papers*, VI: 39-68, for 28 letters, part of the correspondence with Isaac Royall and other concerning a plot to overthrow Governor Benning Wentworth. Note: 1833.001 and 1833.002 were once described in a single finding aid. The people field in the subject terms below represent both collections.

Arrangement:
The materials in this collection were bound in two volumes. The volumes were disbound in 1992 and the items placed in folders.

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Subject Terms

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Organizations:

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Subjects:

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Locations:

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Massachusetts
New Hampshire

Occupations:

Governors
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Related Materials

Archives

Waldron Papers, 1833.002
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Waldron Family Papers, 1925.001 (m)
Letter from Richard Waldron to Andrew Wiggin, 1967.010 (m)
Letter from Richard Waldron to Joshua Peirce, 1970.029 (m)
Letter from Richard Waldron to James Jeffrey, 1975.002 (m)
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Richard Waldron Correspondence, 1975.073 (m)
Letter from Samuel Browne to Richard Waldron Jr., 1976.015 (m)
Letter from David Dunbar to Richard Waldron, 1976.090 (m)
Letter from Richard Waldron, 1987.011 (m)

Library

Biographical notice of Major Richard Waldron. Concord, N.H. : Jacob B. Moore, 1827. Call number: 977.8 N5321c V.2

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