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No. 106

Date processed:

- I. Title Arnold, Benedict, 1741-1801. Collection, 1761-1794
- II. The papers of Benedict Arnold
~~deposited in the collection of the New Haven Colony Historical Society~~ ~~XXXX~~
~~XXXX~~ a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4"
Approximate number of items: 85 plus two bound volumes
- IV. Restrictions: None
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: Benedict Arnold was born in Norwich, Conn. in 1741,
the son of Benedict and Hannah Arnold. At 14 he ran away to join
the colonial troops in the French and Indian Wars and saw service
on Lake George and Lake Champlain. He later deserted and moved to
New Haven where he became a pharmacist and bookseller and invested
money in the West Indian trade.
He was married twice: to Margaret Mansfield in 1767 and to
Margaret Shippen in 1779. He became a captain in the Conn. Militia
and a colonel in 1775. His company captured Fort Ticonderoga in
1775, but failed to capture Quebec in an expedition to Canada in
the same year. In 1776 he twice stopped the British drive on Lake
Champlain and the next year he played a major role in the defeat
of General Burgoyne at Saratoga.
Arnold had been passed over for promotion twice, but in 1778
he became a major general and was made commander in Philadelphia,
where he married Margaret Shippen. In 1780 he was put in command
of the American post at West Point.
During this time he started a correspondence with Sir Henry
Clinton, British commander-in-chief in North America, and arranged
with Major John André of Clinton's staff to betray West Point.
André was captured and executed, and Arnold fled to the British
army. He was made a brigadier-general in the British army and took
part in raids in Connecticut and Virginia in 1781. After the war
he was granted land in Canada, but he lived in England and died in
London in 1801.
For a more complete biographical sketch and references, see
the Dictionary of American Biography Vol. I, pp. 362-367.

VIII: Analysis: The collection is housed in a half-box
•• and one oversize volume containing correspondence
(including autograph letters from Arnold) and
accounts before 1775 in connection with Arnold's
business activities in New Haven. They are valuable
for research into this phase of his life.

Of special interest is the Waste (Account) Book
which he kept through his career in Philadelphia.
Also of interest is Samuel Barney's diary which
throws light on an early phase of Arnold's military
career. The personal papers also include inventories
of Arnold's estates in Philadelphia and New Haven
which were confiscated after his treachery.

The papers are arranged chronologically within
each folder.

For Arnold memorabilia see MSS #48 (Mary H.
Mitchell Papers), Box I:A. The Roger Sherman
Collection, MSS #108, contains the orders to arrest
Arnold in New Haven in 1766.

•• plus six oversize items

See microfilm #119

BENEDICT ARNOLD COLLECTION

1761-1794

Table of ContentsBOX I -

- Folder A - Correspondence, Incoming [3]
 John Stevens, May 17, 1775
 Walter Spooner, June 26, 1775
 Extracts from letters from Peter Moon and
 Mrs. Arnold (Arnold's signature attesting
 that they are true copies)
- Folder B - Correspondence, Outgoing [7]
 Messrs. Daniel & Isaac Bourdeaux, Nov. 30,
 1770
 Messrs. Campbell & McKenzie, Jan., 1771 (ALS)
 Dr. Peggy (fragment) April 8, 1772
 Capt. Shearman, July 20, 1774 (ALS)
 Capt. Isaac Sears (signature cut out),
 Sept. 5, 1774
 Major Skene (copy in Arnold's hand)
 May 11, 1775
 Josiah Blakely, Sept. 10, 1794 (ALS) → *OVERSIZE 5*
- Folder B¹ - Correspondence re Arnold [1]
 ALS - Robert Morris to Thomas Mumford,
 Feb. 6, 1781
- Folder C - Correspondence -typed copies [5]
 Arnold to Messrs. Bourdeaux & Major Skene
 (see Folder B)
 William Kenyon to Josiah Blakely, ca. 1780
 re Arnold (2 cc. plus envelope and note)
- Folder D - Accounts - Minute Book, June, 1768 [1]
 MSS, 31 pp.
- Folder E - Accounts - Loose papers from Waste Book [4]
 (see oversize item 1)
- Folder F - Promissory Notes, signed by Arnold [12]
 1770-1775 (in mylar)
- Folder G - Miscellaneous Accounts 1761-1774 [10]
- Folder H - Miscellaneous Accounts from Leffingwell [12]
 Collection 1762-1786 - includes receipts,
 bills, account for Brig Mansfield, agree-
 ment with Hezekiah Bassett re materials → *OVERSIZE*
 for house *o*
- Folder I - Commercial Papers 1767-1774 [5]
 - Indenture, sale of Sloop Sally, signed → *OVERSIZE*
 by Arnold, B. Lintot, Jared Ingersoll, *o*
 1767 (plus xerox)

BOX I - continuedFolder I - continued

- Manifest of cargo, Brig Mansfield, 1769
- Log of sailing trip, Oct., 1770 (1 leaf, 2 p.)
- Agreement with Job Smith re shares, 1772
- Expenses on horses bought for Polly and Peggy, 1774

Folder J - Pharmaceutical recipes, n.d. [3]

- for making and shipping soap, "marble balls," perfumes, tooth powder, corn salve, hair rinse, etc.

Folder K - Personal Accounts and Papers [3]

- description of work to be done on house, n.d. (MSS and 2 typed copies)
- list of debts claimed in Pennsylvania against Arnold, 1781
- amounts from sales of Arnold's estates in Pennsylvania, 1781-1786

Folder L - Facsimiles [11]

- photostat of broadside advertising wares for sale in Arnold's pharmacy
- arrest of Arnold, 1766 (typed copies of complaint; order to arrest Arnold signed by R. Sherman, J.P.; warrant; costs of complaint
(originals in R. Sherman Collection, MSS #108)
- pass to John Anderson (Major Andre) signed by Arnold, 1780 (gift of Mrs. Ellen Downs, 1898)
- New Haven Probate Court Records, 1781-1782 appointment of Pierpont Edwards as administrator of Arnold's estate; appointment of appraisers; inventory of estate, etc.

Folder M - Newspaper articles [2]

- clipping on talk by Erastus Brooks before NHCHS. n.d.

- New York Times, 1928, re Arnold's treachery
- typescript from N.Y. Times, n.d. "An Unrecorded Bit of History: Benedict Arnold's Narrow Escape from Death at the Hands of a Woman"
- photocopy N.Y. Daily Tribune, Sunday, June 1st, 1902

Folder N - Photographs re B.A.'s New Haven home. [3]

Arnold's birthplace; Lathrop drugstore, Norwich; Hannah Arnold's gravestone

Folder O - Diary of Samuel Barney, 40 pp. MSS. [1]

trip through Maine in expedition against Quebec under B. Arnold, 1775

Folder P - Copies of Barney Diary - photostats, typescript [2]

BENEDICT ARNOLD COLLECTION
MSS #106

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1/Q	Papers concerning the collection
1/R	Facsimile – Arnold’s appointment as Major-General, 1777
Oversized Item #1	Benedict Arnold’s Waste Book April 1773 – March 1780
Oversized Item #2	Commercial Papers, 1767-1768 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arnold’s list of debts and effects (signed by Arnold and Roger Sherman)- Payroll of Officers and Seamen Employed on Lake Champlain, 1767- Portage Bill, Ship <u>Sally</u>, 1768
Oversized Item #3	[removed to Box 1, Folder R]
Oversized Item #4	Newspaper Articles, 1935 <u>Burlington Daily News</u> , regarding raising of the <u>Philadelphia</u> Arnold’s sloop-of-war from Lake Champlain
Oversized Item #5	a) Letter of Arnold to Josiah Blakley, 1794 b) Account of the voyage of the Sloop <u>Phenix</u> to West Indies With Sam Mansfield c) Covenant with Hezekiah Bassett, Carpenter, 1772 d) Indenture, sale of Sloop <u>Sally</u> , 1767