

Descriptive Summary**Repository**

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Creator

McAllister, John A. (John Allister), 1822-1896

Title

Gratz-Franks-Simon Papers

Inclusive Dates

1752-1831

Quantity

1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)

Language of Materials

Materials are in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Spanish, and German.

Abstract

Barnard Gratz (1738-1801) and his brother Michael (1740-1811) immigrated to Philadelphia in the 1750s. They were merchants active during the Revolutionary period, and formed partnerships with the merchants David Franks (1720-1794) of New York and Philadelphia, and Joseph Simon (ca. 1712-1804) of Lancaster, PA. Michael Gratz's two sons, Simon (1773-1839) and Hyman (1776-1857), inherited their father's business. Their papers are primarily related to their business transactions, with some personal and family topics also present.

Administrative Information**Restrictions to Access**

The collection is open to researchers. It is on deposit at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and should be accessed through the Society's reading room at 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA. Visit their website, <http://www.hsp.org/>, for reading room hours.

Acquisition Information

Gift of John A. McAllister; forms part of the McAllister Collection.

Processing Information

The Gratz-Franks-Simon Papers were formerly interfiled within the large and chronologically-arranged McAllister Manuscript Collection. The papers were reunited, arranged, and described as a single collection in 2006, under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the William Penn Foundation. The collection was processed by Amy Shilane, University of Pennsylvania Summer Research Intern, and Sandra Markham. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this finding aid do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.