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McALLISTER FAMILY PAPERS

The McAllister Papers and Books include numerous items from Col. Richard McAllister (1725-1795), founder of Hanover, York County, and his descendants, persons who in one capacity or another were outstanding during the period of the American Revolution and on into the middle of the nineteenth century, in York, Lancaster and Dauphin counties. Data concerning them are available in Mary Catharine McAllister's genealogy Descendants of Archibald McAllister of West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, 1730-1898 (Harrisburg, 1898).

Col. Richard McAllister was the son of Archibald McAllister (d. 1768), of West Pennsboro, a pioneer farmer buried in the celebrated Presbyterian Meeting House Springs Graveyard just northwest of Carlisle, Cumberland County. Richard, himself, settled prior to 1750 on the tract "Digges Choice", then considered in the jurisdiction of Maryland. There in 1763 he founded Hanover Town which, after the Mason and Dixon Survey of the boundaries, lay within the territory of Pennsylvania. Subsequently eminent in York County, he became Lieutenant of the County during the War for Independence and later sat as a Member of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania. Among his children were:

Lieutenant Abdiel McAllister (1752-1792) a soldier of the Revolution, taken prisoner in Canada in 1776 and paroled; a merchant, an iron master's business associate, and a speculator in Continental Certificates.

Elizabeth (1761-1796), wife to her cousin John McAllister, and a copyist of Oliver Goldsmith's poem "The Deserted Village".

Richard (1763-1802), who settled and died in Baltimore, Maryland.

Captain Archibald McAllister (1756-1831), officer in the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, farmer and storekeeper, successively of Hanover, York County; Londonderry Township, Lancaster, then Dauphin County; Fort Hunter on the Susquehanna, Dauphin County.

Matthew McAllister (1758-1823), who settled in Savannah, Georgia, became eminent in that State, and was grandfather to the celebrated (Samuel) Ward McAllister (1827-1895), arbiter of New York "Society" and the "Four Hundred."

In one way or another all these members of Colonel McAllister's family are represented in the collection as are their sisters Jane (1750-1834), married to John White; Nancy (1760-), married to Patrick Hays, Jr., (1734-1813) of Derry, Dauphin County, and Pine Creek, Lycoming County; and Sarah (1765-), wife to John Orme (1763-1824), of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Captain Archibald McAllister was father, among other children, to three sons:

George Washington McAllister (1781-1850), who is represented in two letters in the collection.

Thomas Gates McAllister (1784-1809), represented by his Diary, 1805-1807, while serving in the United States Navy as a Surgeon's Mate or Acting Surgeon on the John Adams, the Constitution, and the Enterprise successively during cruises in Mediterranean waters.

John Carson McAllister (1790-1866), farmer and store-keeper at Fort Hunter, and administrator of his father's estate, who is represented by his account books and ledgers.

- Papers of Col. Richard McAllister (1725-1795) and of his estate, including items appertaining to John Nicholson, David Rittenhouse, William Maclay, John Harris and others. Box 1
Folders 1 - 3
- Papers of Lieutenant Abdiel McAllister, (1752-1792) and of his estate; military and commercial. Folders 4 - 7
- Elizabeth McAllister's copy of "The Deserted Village". Folder 8
- Richard McAllister's (1763-1802) Last Will and Testament. Folder 9
- Papers of Captain Archibald McAllister (1756-1831). Folder 10
- Diary of Thomas Gates McAllister, (1784-1809), 1805-1807 Folder 11
- Letters of George Washington McAllister (1781-1850) 1832, with bearing upon the political era of President Andrew Jackson. Folder 12
- Papers of John Carson McAllister (1790-1866), particularly as related to the sale and re-sale of his father Archibald's Fort Hunter estate. Folder 13
- Miscellaneous Papers, 1775-1786 Folder 14
- Rent Roll, 1782-1801, of Col. Richard McAllister (1725-1795) Folder 15

Store Book, 1783-1785, of Col. Richard McAllister Folder 16

Account Book, 1786, of Col. Richard McAllister (Unbound) Folder 17

Double Entry Ledger, 1786-1787, of Col. Richard McAllister, Box 2
(1725-1795) Folder 18

Day Book, 1789-1791, of Col. Richard McAllister 1 vol. Loose

Day Book, 1791-1794, of Col. Richard McAllister 1 vol. Loose

Account Book, 1777-1789, of Capt. Archibald McAllister (1756-1831) Folder 19

Double Entry Ledger, 1790-1798, of Capt. Archibald McAllister Folder 20

Ledger, 1808-1809, of Capt. Archibald McAllister Folder 21 Box 3

Day Book and Ledger, 1818-1820, of Capt. Archibald McAllister. Folder 22

Memorandum and Account Book, 1777-1795, of Capt. Archibald McAllister.
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Receipt Book, 1834, of John Carson McAllister, (1790-1866) as administrator
of his father's estate. Folder 23

Ledger and Day Book, 1815-1818, of John Carson McAllister. Folder 24

Day Book, 1841-1847, of John Carson McAllister Folder 25 Box 4
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Day Book, 1847-1850, of John Carson McAllister Folder 26

Cash Book, February 12, 1794 - July 28, 1796 Folder 27

(A record of both expenditures and business agreements kept by Archibald
McAllister).

Items to be interfiled Folder 28