

Van Loan - Brandow Collection

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Access Number: None Assigned**Creators:** Morton Van Loan and Family**Extent:** .3 cu. ft. (1 box)**Languages Present:** English, Dutch**Date Range:** 1735 - 1963

Historical Note: The Brandow/Van Loan family is one of the older families of Greene County, NY. Members of that line settled this section of the upper Hudson Valley during the early 18th century with particular focus and roots in what is now the township of Athens on the Eastern side of modern Greene County. The Brandows were notable property owners and conducted transactions with many other prominent families and lesser landowners in the area as evidenced by material within this collection. The William Brandow House still stands along Route 385 in Athens across from the intersection of Howard Hall Road, and some documents in the collection relate to the structure and its inhabitants.

Summary of Contents: The collection contains excellent examples of legal papers, particularly Last Wills and Testaments, from the first days of the Early Republic in the region now comprising Greene County. Many late colonial era documents are also represented including numerous Indentures from the mid 18th century, some in excellent condition and almost all perfectly legible throughout. Also included are numerous pieces of personal and business correspondence and handwritten receipts of transactions conducted from as early as the mid 1750s onwards. Of particular note are some bills of sale for slaves in the Catskill area, testifying to the existence of the institution of slavery in this section of the Hudson Valley during that period.

Arrangement: Items are placed in folders that correspond to the family member who was either the subject of or creator of the documents housed within, the box is organized as presented to VRL by the donor.

Acquisition: Gift by family of subject, supporting documentation not present.

Processing Details: None available.

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