Summary

Creator: Van Cortlandt, Pierre, 1762-1848

Title: Pierre Van Cortlandt correspondence

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Abstract: Pierre Van Cortlandt, Jr. (1762-1848) was a soldier and politician from Westchester County, New York. He was a U.S. Congressman from 1811-1812 and a brigadier general in the Westchester militia during the War of 1812. His first wife, Catharine Clinton Taylor, was the daughter of George Clinton, governor of New York from 1777 to 1795 and 1801 to 1804, and vice-president under Jefferson and Madison, 1804-1812. Van Cortlandt was the son of Pierre Van Corlandt (1721-1814) who had been the first lieutenant-governor of New York. Collection consists mainly of letters received by Van Cortlandt. Letters concern family, political and personal matters and are from members of the Van Cortlandt family, the Clinton family, as well as political figures.

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Key Terms

Geographic Names
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New York (State) -- Social life and customs
United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865

Occupations
Politicians

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Soldiers

Names
Van Cortlandt, Pierre, 1762-1848
Clay, Henry, 1777-1852
Clinton, DeWitt, 1769-1828
Clinton, George, 1739-1812
Coxe, Tench, 1755-1824
Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893
Genet, Edmond Charles, 1763-1834
Tallmadge, Mathias B
Van Cortlandt, Pierre, 1721-1814
Clinton family
Van Cortlandt family