

Patterson-Lord papers, [ca. 1809]-1876
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Summary Information

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Abstract	This collection of Robert Patterson family papers is composed primarily of the letters of Robert Maskell Patterson, but includes some of the business and personal papers of his father, Robert, and a series of letters written from Europe in 1855 by Helen Patterson.

Background note

Robert Maskell Patterson was a professor of natural philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania and director of the U.S. Mint. His father, Robert Patterson, was a revolutionary soldier and mathematician. He taught mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania, 1779-1814, and was the director of the U.S. Mint, 1805-1824.

Administrative Information

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Indexing Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- United States Mint.

Genre(s)

- General Correspondence
- Institutional Records

Geographic Name(s)

- Jardin des plantes (Montpellier, France)

Personal Name(s)

- Barton, Benjamin Smith, 1766-1815
- Berger, Francis E.
- Buchanan, James, 1791-1868
- Chapman, Nathaniel, 1780-1853

- Ewing, Thomas
- Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874
- Hassler, F. R. (Ferdinand Rudolph), 1770-1843
- Hazard, Samuel, 1714-1758
- Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
- Moore, Samuel, 1737?-1810
- Palisot de Beauvois, Ambrose-Marie-François-Joseph, 1752-1820
- Patterson, , Robert M., (Robert Maskell), 1787-1854
- Patterson, Helen
- Patterson, Robert, 1743-1824
- Peale, Franklin, 1795-1870.
- Peale, Rembrandt, 1778-1860
- Peale, Rubens, 1784-1865
- Russell, Jonathan, 1771-1832
- Strickland, William, 1787-1854
- Tilghman, Richard Albert, 1824-1899
- Vaughan, John, 1756-1841
- Walsh, Robert, 1784-1859
- Wistar, Caspar, 1761-1818
- Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851

Subject(s)

- Americans Abroad
- Education
- Education -- Europe -- 19th century.
- Science and Technology

Other Descriptive Information

Previously catalogued with the Robert Patterson Collection, The Patterson-Lord Collection contains a range of documents that touch on many different topics, although most have to do with science and engineering. The largest portion of the documents relate to scientific correspondence to Robert Patterson, a member of the APS. Much of this correspondence is done under the cover of official APS business. Of particular note are a series of letters relating to nautical calculations that include complex equations used to determine longitude and latitude for nautical almanacs.