

**Noah Webster papers at New York Public Library**  
**1764-1843**  
**Mss.Film.1566**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	American Philosophical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Webster, Noah, 1758-1843
<b>Title</b>	Noah Webster papers at New York Public Library
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1764-1843
<b>Call number</b>	Mss.Film.1566
<b>Extent</b>	7.0 Film reel(s)
<b>Extent</b>	7 microfilm reels. Reels 1-5, 10, 11.
<b>Location</b>	LH-RR-Media Rm-7
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Container</b>	1-5, 10-11
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Noah Webster papers consist of correspondence, writings by Webster on various topics, diaries, and miscellaneous papers. Correspondence, 1776-1843, and diaries, 1784-1820, relate to his career as lawyer, educator, editor of newspapers, federalist agitator, lexicographer, and etymologist. Included are his writings on banking, the history of political parties, federalism, and suffrage. Also, papers concerning his American Dictionary of the English Language, Amherst College, epidemics, etymology, legislation in Connecticut, amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and other matters.</p>

## **Background note**

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Noah Webster (1758-1843) was an American lexicographer, educator, lawyer, and editor. His first dictionary, *A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language*, was published in 1806. He is best known for the more comprehensive *American Dictionary of the English Language*, finished in 1825 and published in 1828.

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

American Philosophical Society

## **Provenance**

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### **Acquisition Information**

Gift of Jill Lepore.

### **Original Location**

Originals at New York Public Library.

## **Indexing Terms**

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### **Genre(s)**

- Microfilm Collection

## **Other Descriptive Information**

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This is a microfilm of an early American collection that may be of interest to researchers at the APS and may complement an original manuscript collection at the APS.