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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Bourbel, Henry de, comte de Montpinçon, 1770-1826

TITLE: Henry de Bourbel papers

DATES: 1791-1814

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.33 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: Materials in English and French.

SUMMARY: Correspondence, legal papers, and financial papers documenting Henry de Bourbel's business affairs while he was an émigré in England, in particular his finances relating to Senecé & Roumare. Correspondents include Bernard de Senecé, Bourbel's partner in Senecé & Roumare, Charles Des Essars, who purchased his share in the firm, and Richard Watts, an attorney who helped negotiate the settlement of a debt owed to Jean François. Legal papers include articles of association and dissolution for Senecé & Roumare and insurance policies on shipments from London to Bremen aboard the ships Patriot, Rebecca, and Sophia. Financial papers prior to the dissolution of Senecé & Roumare in 1797 include bills for various merchandise and legal services and receipts for bills of lading. Later financial papers consist of receipts and accounts of Bourbel's debts, in particular the debt owed Jean François. Family papers consist of an acte de brevet issued by Jean Dominique de La Rochefoucauld, Cardinal of Rouen, for the erection of a chapel and a receipt for a fine on families of émigrés paid by Louis de Bourbel, Henry's father.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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HENRY DE BOURBEL (1770-1826)

Henry de Bourbel, Comte de Montpiçon, was born Antione Raoul Henri de Bourbel in Dieppe, France, in 1770. Bourbel moved to England in 1790, renting a plot of land from the family of Luke Spence, Malling Place, Lewes, Sussex.

Bourbel relocated to London, where in 1794 he entered into a jewelry and coal trading partnership with Bernard de Senecé under the name Senecé & Roumare. On February 2, 1795 he married Mary Ann Spence, grand-daughter of Luke Spence, at St. Anne Soho in London. Bourbel's partnership with Senecé was dissolved in December 1797 when he sold his share to Charles Des Essars.

Bourbel left London for Lewes after dissolving his partnership with Senecé, but did not complete the settlement of his debts with Senecé and Des Essars until 1801. Richard Watts, a lawyer and steward of the Spence family estate, helped Bourbel negotiate with Senecé and Des Essars. Bourbel returned to France with his family in 1801.

Henry de Bourbel and his wife had three children, Henri Alonzo de Bourbel (October 26, 1799-1821), Auguste Harold de Bourbel (January 30, 1804-ca. 1845), and Caroline Aurelia de Bourbel (1807-?). He died in Paris, February 21, 1826.

Scope and Contents

The Henry de Bourbel Papers consist of correspondence, legal documents, financial papers, and family papers related to Henry de Bourbel, a French émigré in England during the French Revolution, and span the years 1791-1814. The papers are housed in 2 boxes (including 1 oversize box) and have been organized into four series: *Correspondence*, *Legal Papers*, *Financial Papers*, and *Family Papers*.

[Series I, Correspondence](#), is arranged alphabetically by correspondent in folders 1-44. The bulk of the correspondence is letters to Henry de Bourbel, but it also contains three letters written by Bourbel and a few third party letters.

The correspondence is almost entirely related to business matters, especially regarding Bourbel's credits and debts following the dissolution of Senecé & Roumare. Major correspondents include Bernard de Senecé, Charles Des Essars, Richard Watts, and J. W. Cooke.

Correspondence filed under Senecé & Co. includes letters from both Senecé and his partner Des Essars. Their correspondence begins after the dissolution of Senecé & Roumare, and primarily relates to settling debts with Bourbel, who had been bought out by Des Essars. Their letters are written in French.

Richard Watts was a lawyer and steward of the Spence family estate. His correspondence concerns debts that he helped Bourbel negotiate, in particular a debt owed to Jean François, who left a sum of money in the hands of Senecé & Roumare in 1795.

J. W. Cooke was a London merchant who wrote to Bourbel concerning a purchase of farm machinery. One of his letters, Aug 27, 1800, includes a printed list of "Cooke's Newly Invented and Greatly Improved Patent Implements and Machines."

Unidentified correspondence includes summaries of Bourbel's accounts with various merchants, including Senecé and Des Essars.

[Series II, Legal Papers](#), is arranged chronologically in folders 45-47, and 65-70 (oversize), and consists of documents related to Henry de Bourbel's business interests, including articles of association and dissolution for Senecé & Roumare, insurance policies on voyages taken by the ships *Rebecca*, *Patriot*, and *Sophia*, declarations of trust between Hartsinck & Co. and Henry de Bourbel, a power of attorney for Charles Des Essars, and an agreement regarding debts.

[Series III, Financial Papers](#), is arranged chronologically in folders 48-62, and 71 (oversize). Financial papers from 1795-1797, during which Henry de Bourbel was an active partner in Senecé & Roumare in London, consist of bills and receipts for various merchandise, receipts for bills of lading for the ships *Rebecca*, *Patriot* and *Sophia*, and bills for legal services from William Stacey and Moses Hoper. Merchandise purchased by Bourbel included household furniture, locks, silk cloth, gold plate, rice, scissors, cork screws, tweezers, and pen knives.

Financial papers from 1798-1801, after Bourbel left London, consist of accounts and receipts, most of which relate to the settling of debts between Bourbel, Senecé, and Des Essars, including a debt owed to Jean François. Undated financial papers include two itemized receipts for the purchase of household furniture and supplies.

[Series IV, Family Papers](#), consists of two items in folders 63-64. The first is an acte de brevet issued by Jean Dominique de La Rochefoucauld, Cardinal of Rouen, March 31, 1791, giving permission for the erection of a chapel on the estate of Henry de Bourbel's grandfather, Emmanuel Raoul Antoine de Bourbel (1708-1787). The second is a receipt, May 23, 1796, for a fine levied on the families of émigrés paid by "Citizen Bourbel of Heugleville," Louis de Bourbel, Henry de Bourbel's father.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1796-1814

44 Folders

Series I, Correspondence, is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

	Baker, Richard	
b. 1, f. 1	2 ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex	1800 Aug 16-19
	Bourbel, Henry de	
b. 1, f. 2	ALS to Francis Goold Includes Francis Goold receipt to Henry de Bourbel on verso, 1800 Jul 31	1797 Nov 18
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to William Stacey, London	1798 Jun 10
b. 1, f. 4	ALS to Charles Cressy	1801 May 30
	Brown, Thomas Pearce	
b. 1, f. 5	ALS to Richard Watts, Whetstone	1801 Sep 9
	Cooke, J. W.	
b. 1, f. 6-7	7 ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex	1800-1801
	Cressy, Charles	
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex	1800 Jun 1
	De Gougon	
b. 1, f. 9	3 ALS to Henry de Bourbel, London In French	1797 Apr
	Des Essars, Charles See: Senecé & Co., Box 1, folder 22-33	
	Fery, John	
b. 1, f. 10	ALS to Ransom Morland & Co.	1796 Sep 13
	Fyffe, William	
b. 1, f. 11	ALS to Senecé & Roumare, London	1798 Feb 19
	Goold, Francis	
b. 1, f. 12	2 ALS to Henry de Bourbel See also: Bourbel, Henry de to Francis Goold, 1797 Nov 18, Box 1, folder 2	1799-1800
	Gotobed, Browns, & Gotobed	
b. 1, f. 13	ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex	1801 Aug 5

	Hoper, Moses	
b. 1, f. 14	ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex	1800 Jan 10
	Johann Carl Weinhardt & Co.	
b. 1, f. 15	ALS to unknown third party regarding debt to Senecé & Roumare In French	1797 Aug 23
	Lamy	
b. 1, f. 16	ALS to Henry de Bourbel In French	1798 Apr 30
	La Rocque, M. de (André Jean)	
b. 1, f. 17	ALS to Henry de Bourbel Includes a copy of a letter from De la Rocque to Dulare Libraire, 1796 Dec 21. In French	1796 Dec 21
	Marinai, Josphe Louis	
b. 1, f. 18	ALS to Henry de Bourbel, London In French	1797 Nov 7
	Nodin, Frederick Shore	
b. 1, f. 19	3 ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex	1799-1800
	Pracointal	
b. 1, f. 20	ALS to Henry de Bourbel In French	1796 Jul 3
	Ransom Morland & Co.	
b. 1, f. 21	ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes	1800 Jul 31
	Senecé, Bernard de See: Senecé & Co., Box 1, folder 22-33	
	Senecé & Co. 44 letters from Bernard de Senecé and partner Charles Des Essars to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex. Includes letters written by Senecé and Des Essars both together and separately. The bulk of the correspondence is from Des Essars. In French	
b. 1, f. 22	1 ALS and 1 AL	1797 Dec 1-19
b. 1, f. 23-30	20 ALS and 12 AL	1798 Feb-Nov
b. 1, f. 31-32	7 ALS and 1 AL	1799 Jun-Dec
b. 1, f. 33	2 ALS	1800-1801
	Spinola, Marquis de	

Spinola, Marquis de (continued)

b. 1, f. 34	AL to Henry de Bourbel In French	1796 May 26
Stacey, William		
b. 1, f. 35	4 ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex	1798-1799
Tabé		
b. 1, f. 36	3 ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex In French	1800 Jul-Aug
Thomas Martin & Co.		
b. 1, f. 37	ALS to [Henry de Bourbel?]	1814 Sep 10
Watts, Richard		
b. 1, f. 38-40	12 ALS to Henry de Bourbel, Lewes, Sussex 2 letters include itemized accounts of Watts's legal services	1800-1801
Unidentified		
b. 1, f. 41	Note relating to James Harcombe and [Joseph?] Marinais In French	1797 Sep 7
b. 1, f. 42	Summary of business between Henry de Bourbel and Senecé & Co.	[ca. 1798 Sep]
b. 1, f. 43	Summary of business with several merchants	[ca. 1798 Dec]
b. 1, f. 44	Summary of miscellaneous business transactions	[ca. 1799 Jul]

Series II: Legal Papers, 1794-1798

9 Folders

Series II, Legal Papers, is arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 45	Articles of association between Senecé and Bourbel In French	1794 Nov 15
	Ransom Morland and Co. insurance policy on voyage of the ship <i>Rebecca</i> from London to Bremen for Henry de Bourbel Stored in: Oversize, Box 2, folder 65	1796 Jan 19
	Ransom Morland and Co. insurance policy on voyage of the ship <i>Patriot</i> from London to Bremen for Roumau & Co. Stored in: Oversize, Box 2, folder 66	1796 Nov 23
	Ransom Morland and Co. insurance policy on voyage of the ship <i>Sophia</i> from London to Bremen for James Boydell Stored in: Oversize, Box 2, folder 67	1797 May 12
	Declaration of trust between Hartsinck & Co. and Henry de Bourbel Stored in: Oversize, Box 2, folder 68	1797 May 17
	Declaration of trust between Hartsinck & Co. and Henry de Bourbel Stored in: Oversize, Box 2, folder 69	1797 Jun 24
	Deed of dissolution for Bourbel, Des Essars, and Senecé Stored in: Oversize, Box 2, folder 70	1797 Dec 22
b. 1, f. 46	Power of attorney from Charles Des Essars to Richard Hannam and William Stacey	1797 Dec 22
b. 1, f. 47	Agreement between Senecé and Bourbel and Charles Cresy and John Ashley regarding debts	1798 Feb 10

Series III: Financial Papers, 1795-1801*16 Folders*

Series III, Financial Papers, is arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 48	Receipts	1795
	Account of Henry de Bourbel with William Wennington Stored in: Oversize, Box 2 folder 71	1796 Jan 15
b. 1, f. 49	Receipts	1796 Jan
b. 1, f. 50	Receipts	1796 Mar
b. 1, f. 51	Receipt of John Drinkard	1796 Sep 7
b. 1, f. 52	Accounts and receipts	1796 Nov
b. 1, f. 53	Bill from William Stacey for work in the Court of Common Pleas	1796
b. 1, f. 54	Receipts	1797 May
b. 1, f. 55	Bill from William Stacey for legal work involving Henry de Bourbel, Francis Goold, and Col. Edward Dillon	1797 Jun
b. 1, f. 56	Receipts	1797 Sep-Oct
b. 1, f. 57	Accounts and receipts	1797 Dec
b. 1, f. 58	Account between Henry de Bourbel and Senecé and Des Essars	1798 May 25
b. 1, f. 59	Receipts	1798 May
b. 1, f. 60	Receipt of Francis Goold	1798 Jul 7
b. 1, f. 61	Accounts and receipts	1801 Jun-Aug
b. 1, f. 62	Accounts and receipts	n.d.

Series IV: Family Papers, 1791-1796

2 Folders

Series IV, Family Papers, is arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 63 Acte de brevet issued by Jean Dominique de La Rochefoucauld, Cardinal of Rouen, 1791 Mar 31
for erection of a chapel
In Latin

b. 1, f. 64 Receipt for payment by [Louis de Bourbel], of fine imposed on families of émigrés [1796 May 23]
In French

Oversize

7 Folders (1 box)

b. 2 (Oversize), f. Ransom Morland and Co. insurance policy on the ship <i>Rebecca</i> (in Series II) 65	1796 Jan 19
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Ransom Morland and Co. insurance policy on the ship <i>Patriot</i> (in Series II) 66	1796 Nov 23
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Ransom Morland and Co. insurance policy on the ship <i>Sophia</i> (in Series II) 67	1797 May 12
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Declaration of trust between Hartsinck & Co. and Bourbel (in Series II) 68	1797 May 17
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Declaration of trust between Hartsinck & Co. and Bourbel (in Series II) 69	1797 Jun 24
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Deed of dissolution for Bourbel, Des Essars, and Senecé (in Series II) 70	1797 Dec 22
b. 2 (Oversize), f. Account of Henry de Bourbel with William Wennington (in Series III) 71	1796 Jan 15

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Debtor and creditor -- Great Britain
Trading companies -- England -- London

Geographic Names

France -- History -- Revolution, 1789-1799 --
Refugees
Great Britain -- Commerce
London (England) -- Commerce

Names

Bourbel, Henry de, comte de Montpinçon,
1770-1826
Bourbel, Louis de, 1732-1814
Des Essars, Charles
François, Jean-Marie, 1752-1826
La Rochefoucauld, Jean-Dominique de,
1931-2011
Senecé, Bernard de
Watts, Richard, attorney

Corporate Bodies

Patriot (Ship)
Rebecca (Ship)
Senecé & Roumare
Sophia (Ship)