

**Shelter Island Historical Society
General Sylvester Dering Document Collection (2021.2.ac)
1652 - 1825**

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION

In 1917 the Shelter Island Library Society received a gift of historical documents and letters from General Sylvester Dering II of Utica, New York (1838-1923).

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EXTENT

Number of containers: 2 Clamshell Boxes

Linear feet of shelf space:

BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY

The Dering family lived at Sylvester Manor on Shelter Island beginning with Thomas Dering and Mary Sylvester Dering in 1762. His son, Sylvester, became a General during the Revolutionary War. General Sylvester Dering I died in 1820 after being thrown from his horse. In 1827, the Dering family sold the manor property at public auction in Sag Harbor.

COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT

Seventy documents dating from 1652 to 1825 including; legal documents, letters, memorials, receipts, and autographs relating to the Dering and Sylvester families of Shelter Island.

ARRANGEMENT

Item level.

SEPARATED MATERIAL

n/a

SUBJECTS

Sylvester Family, Legal Deeds, Dering Family, Revolutionary Period, Wills, Receipts, School, Military Service

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

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RELATED MATERIAL

Dering Letter Collection (1680-1833)

LOCATION NOTE

Stationary Unit 1

LANGUAGES

English

CONTAINER LIST

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Box 1	Contract, Ezra L'Hommedieu w. Thos. Dering 19 Nov.1779 (copy)	1779	2008.194.25
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Box 1	Contract, T. & Mary Dering w. Sylvester Dering (son) 17 June 1782	1782	2008.194.31
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