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GUIDE

Jonathan Gillet Collection

SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION: In 2013 the noted silver designer Siro Toffolon donated to the Florence Griswold Museum an important collection of Revolutionary War papers relating to Capt. Jonathan Gillet of Lyme. Most of the items in Capt. Jonathan Gillet's collected papers trace the life of a prominent farmer, storekeeper, and militia officer who trained Lyme's foot soldiers as the War of Independence neared. One intriguing document, an order to pay Lt. Jonathan Gillet "for Effects taken by the Enemy," doesn't fit with the story of Jonathan Gillet of Lyme and may be related to Jonathan Gillet of Hartford. The Gillet papers bring vividly to life a Lyme family and farm on the eve of the Revolutionary War.

Folder	Items	Contents
1	1	Index
2	6	Town Records; including marriage certificate, will, birth records
3	8	Military Documents; Revolutionary War (1770-1784)
4	4	Receipts (1773-1781)
5	2	Deeds (1742, 1766)
6	3	Phebe Gillet (2 letters) 1 writing sample by Shadrac Gillet
7	1	Letters (1 letter pertaining to the collection 2005)
8	10	Photographs (10) contemporary photographs of Gillet tombstones
9	8	Records; photocopies of official Vital and War Records
10	15	Maps; photocopies of historic maps
	1	Bound Ledger Jonathan Gillet (Annotated with household purchases, receipts) March 1, 1771

Extent: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

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