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Guide to the

**David W. Wetmore letters and documents**

1822-1869

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## Summary

**Creator:** Wetmore, David W., 1798-1879

**Title:** David W. Wetmore letters and documents

**Date:** 1822-1869

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Donated by J. Pierpont Morgan, 1899, as part of the Ford Collection.

**Abstract:** David W. (David Woodhull) Wetmore (1798-1879) was a New York City iron merchant. David W. Wetmore letters and documents, 1822-1869, consist of letters addressed to David W. Wetmore at New York, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, and Liverpool, England, 1845-1869, and Wetmore's certificates of appointment for the 75th Regiment of Infantry, N.Y.S. Militia, as ensign, captain and major, 1822-1827. Letters, in chronological order, chiefly concern his iron business, particularly production and sale of iron for the railroad and whaling industries. Correspondents include Henry Brevoort Jr., Stephen Vail, Lawrence Grinnell and other New England merchants, and Liverpool merchants Brown, Shipley & Co. There are letters to him from his wife and children (1847 June 22 and September 25), and other family members. Also included are six letters from his son-in-law Richard H. Chapell of New London, Connecticut, to Wetmore's son Jacob S. Wetmore concerning his father's whaling ventures and family matters, 1869.

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Iron industry and trade -- United States  
Merchants -- Connecticut  
Merchants -- England -- Liverpool  
Merchants -- Massachusetts  
Merchants -- New York (State) -- New York  
Whaling -- New England

**Occupations**

Merchants.

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Military commissions

**Names**

Brevoort, Henry, 1782-1848  
Chapell, Richard, active 1852  
Grinnell, Lawrence, 1811-1893  
Vail, Stephen, 1780-1864  
Wetmore, David W., 1798-1879  
Wetmore, David W., 1798-1879 -- Correspondence  
Wetmore, Jacob S.  
Whitmore family  
Brown, Shipley & Co.  
New York (State). Militia. Regiment, 75th