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## Guide to the Wainwright Family Papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Wainwright Family Papers
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1777-1893
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0244
<b>Creator:</b>	Wainwright Family (Author) Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969 (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.33 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The correspondence, financial and legal materials, writing and notes, and various other materials of the Wainwright family who lived in early 1800s New York.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection purchased, August 1986.

### Provenance

Transferred from Warshaw Collection, October 1986.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by NMAH Staff, 2006

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

In the early 1800's, Peter Wainwright Sr. of New York had two sons. Peter Jr., was a banker in Boston, and Jonathan Wainwright was a minister in New York. Jonathan married Elisa (Eliza) Mayhew, and they had two children named Elizabeth and Mayhew. Peter married Charlotte Mayhew (perhaps the sister of Elisa).

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## Scope and Contents

Most of the correspondence between members of the Wainwright Family dates from around 1800 to 1840. Early correspondence of Elisa Mayhew dates from around 1777 to 1800. Other correspondence is to members of the Wainwright family from friends and business associates. Included also, are financial and legal materials of the Wainwright family dating from 1804 through 1837 plus some undated writings and notes. Additionally, a group of other material dated 1804 1893 composed of correspondence, financial and legal materials of various people, perhaps unassociated with the family are included.

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## Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series.

Series 1: Correspondence, circa 1777-1830

Series 2: Financial and Legal Materials, 1817-1819

Series 3: Writings and Notes, undated

Series 4: Other Materials, 1804-1893

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence -- 18th century
- Correspondence -- 1930-1950
- Family papers -- 18th century
- Financial records -- 19th century
- Legal documents -- 19th century
- Papers

Names:

- Mayhew, Charlotte
- Mayhew, Elisa (Eliza)
- Wainwright, Elizabeth
- Wainwright, Jonathan
- Wainwright, Mayhew
- Wainwright, Peter, Jr.
- Wainwright, Peter, Sr.

Places:

Boston (Mass.)  
New York

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Correspondence, circa 1777-1830

*Box 1, Folder 1-5*

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## Series 2: Financial and Legal Materials, 1817 - 1819

*Box 1, Folder 6*

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## Series 3: Writings and Notes, undated

*Box 1, Folder 7*

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## Series 4: Other Materials, 1804 - 1893

*Box 1, Folder 8*

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