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## Introduction

The Colonial Manuscripts Collection offered online here is a growing accumulation of some of the earliest documents from the archives of Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, NY. Presently, the collection contains 52 separate documents which combined amount to 141 images. The aim of this online collection is to document the various activities of the New Paltz community during its earliest years. Items represented include an account book, a military commission letters, receipts, promissory notes, payment letters, wills, articles of vendue, contracts, and land papers. For this exhibit, the papers are organized under four general headings: Financial Documents, Legal Documents, Church-Related Documents, and Additional Documents, but items can also be searched by author, subject, date, or by keyword. Items of particular note in the collection include the 46-paged account book kept by seamstress, Jannetje DuBois from 1773-1797, the Contract and Accompanying Papers for the New Paltz Patent between the Huguenots and the Esopus Indians (also known as the Indian Deed) 1677, a Deacon's Account from the New Paltz Reformed Church, 1731-1736, and Letters of Recommendation for Jean Hasbrouck and Louis Bevier, from Protestant Churches in the German Palatinate, and several letters relating to the Coetus-Conferentie Dispute in the Dutch Reformed Church during the 1760s.

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