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**NAME OF COLLECTION:**

Lynde Family, Papers, 1693-1828

**LOCATION(S):**

Misc. mss. boxes "L"  
Oversize mss. boxes "L"

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**SIZE OF COLLECTION:**

one folder (18 items); one oversize folder (6 items)

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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:**

For mention of Joseph Lynde, see James F. Hunnewell, *A Century of Town Life* (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1888), p. 161; T. B. Wyman, *Genealogical and Estates of Charlestown, Mass.* (Boston: David Clapp & Son, 1879), pp. 637-640; H. E. Marshall, *Dorothea Dix* (Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina, 1937), pp. 1-11.

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**SOURCE OF COLLECTION:**

unknown

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:**

Joseph Lynde (1636-1727), a merchant in Charlestown, Mass., was the son of Thomas Lynde ( -1671), a maltster, and his second wife, Margaret Martin Jordan Lynde ( -1662), the widow of Thomas Jordan. Joseph Lynde was born on 5 April 1636. He married, in 1665, Sarah Davison ( -1678), by whom he had eight children, including a son, Nicholas. He married two more times: first, after 1678, Emma Anderson Brackenbury ( -1703), the widow of John Brackenbury; and second, in 1607, Mary Luttrell Winthrop ( -1715), the widow of Adam Winthrop. Joseph Lynde died on 29 January 1727.

Nicholas Lynde (1672-1703), the fifth child of Joseph and Sarah Davison Lynde, was born on 1 July 1672. He married in 1696, Dorothy Stanton (1681- ), by whom he had two children: Sarah (1700- ) and Joseph. Nicholas Lynde died in October 1703.

Joseph Lynde (1703-1798), of Worcester and Charlestown, Mass., the son of Nicholas and Dorothy Stanton Lynde, was born on 7 January 1703. He married, in 1737, Mary Lemmon (1717-1798). They were the parents of seventeen children, among them Anna (1747-1829) and Dorothy (1746-1837). The latter married Dr. Elijah Dix (1747-1809) of Worcester. They were the grandparents of Dorothea Lynde Dix (1802-1887), noted humanitarian and reformer.

The collection consists of twenty-four items, mainly legal and business documents of Joseph Lynde, Sr. and Jr., both whom were merchants. Included in the collection are wills and an estate inventory, deeds, bills (including tax bills), receipts, accounts, and promissory notes. Included also are a power of attorney, a writ of attachment, and an indenture that settles the marriage between Joseph Lynde, Sr., and Mrs. Mary Winthrop, which was witnessed by two of her sons, Adam (1676-1743) and John ( - ).

There is also a letter, dated 11 November 1755, from Jonathan Green ( - ) to Jonathan Lynde (1714- ) describing the scene in Probate Court when the will of Lynde's mother, Lydia Green Lynde (1685-1755) was entered by Green and contested by Lynde's brother Jacob (1716-1768). Also of interest is a deposition, given by William Raymond Lee (1774-1861), with a comment by Justice Samuel Sewall (1757-1814), concerning a family dispute over Joseph Lynde's will, as well as a letter (or memorial) by Joseph Lynde, Jr., to the U.S. Congress in 1782 requesting that he be granted an allowance for the destruction of his land in Charlestown in 1775 through the digging of trenches by the American Army.

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LYNDE FAMILY, PAPERS, 1693-1828  
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2	Power of attorney granted from Joseph Lynde to his son Nicholas	1695/6 February 20
3	Writ of attachment on the estate Robert Luist (1688- )	1713/4 February 18
4	Obligation for payment of £20 from Nathaniel Cowdrey to Joseph Lynde, Jr.	1725 May 10
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6	Will of Thomas Lynde (of Malden)	1747 October 20
7	Memorandum for "felched milch" from Joseph Lynde	1766 May 20
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1	Indenture of marriage settlement between Joseph Lynde and Mrs. Mary Winthrop, widow; witnessed by Adam Winthrop and John Winthrop	1705/6 February
2	Deed from Ralph Mousell, for Jeremiah Snow and Abigail Snow, for a parcel of land in Charlestown to Joseph Lynde	1714 November 11

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3	Will of Joseph Lynde (of Charlestown)	1722 June 18
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