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**6 boxes, 1 flat file, 2 lin. feet**

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**Abstract**

Abraham Markoe of St. Croix was a wealthy planter and merchant who moved to Philadelphia ca. 1770. He left his son, Abraham Markoe, Jr., behind to manage the sugar plantations. Abraham Markoe's papers contain letters, 1773-1803, from Abraham Markoe, Jr., on the operation of the plantations; a few letters from his son Peter Markoe, poet and dramatist; and a few letters, 1805-1809, of Abraham Markoe, Jr., to his brother John Markoe.

Other items of special note include a letterbook, 1810-1812, of Daniel Holsman of New York, supercargo and half-owner of the ship *Maria*, on the French confiscation of the ship and its cargo and on efforts to recover the vessel; Civil War papers, 1861-1863, 1895, of John Markoe, an officer with the 71st California Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, containing outgoing family correspondence and incoming official correspondence and documents on his service in Virginia, his imprisonment at Richmond, 1861-1862, and his role at the battle of Fredericksburg, and a report, 1902, by Gerald Holsman, son of Mary Markoe Holsman, civil engineer and vice-president of the Investment Company of Philadelphia, on the building of the Guayaquil and Quito Railway in Ecuador.

The remainder of the papers include: James Markoe diary, ca. 1825, on travel in Italy; estate papers of several members of the Markoe and Holsman families; miscellaneous property papers; photographs (prints); and other miscellanea.

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## **Subjects**

Saint Croix (V.I.) – History – 18th century  
United State – History--Civil War, 1861-1865 – Sources  
United States – History – War of 1812 – Sources

Holsman, Daniel  
Markoe, Abraham, b. 1775  
Markoe Abraham, 1727-1806  
Markoe, Francis, 1801-1871  
Markoe, James  
Markoe, Mary, d. 1905  
Markoe, Peter, 1752?-1792  
Markoe, John 1840-1893

## **Administrative Information**

### **Restrictions**

This collection is open for research.

### **Acquisition information**

Gift of Mary Dewitt Pettit, 1966.

### **Preferred citation**

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### **Processing note**

Correspondence in Box 2 was originally in two bound volumes. Miniature prints in Box 3 were deframed.

## Box and folder listing

Box Number	Folder Title	Date range
1	Abraham Markoe Jr. Letters	1773-1808
2	Gen. John Markoe Correspondence	1861-1893
3	Photograph albums	n.d
3	Prints – Mr. and Mrs. Francis Markoe	n.d
3	Loose prints	n.d.
4	John Markoe diary	ca. 1825
4	Daniel Holsman – Letterbook of foreign trade	1810-1812
4	Report on railroads in Ecuador	1902
5	Estate papers of Elizabeth Fisher	1884
5	Estate papers of Daniel Holsman and Mary Markoe Holsman	ca.1905
5	Deeds of properties owned by the Markoe family	1807-1888
6	Estate papers of C. Markoe, estate of Matilda C. Markoe	1937-1940
6	Estate papers of James Brown Markoe	1904-1916
6	Estate papers of James Markoe	1879
6	Estate papers of John Markoe/Household receipts	1804-1865
6	Estate papers of Sarah C. Markoe	1887
6	Miscellaneous papers dealing with properties, settlements, inventories, etc.	1809-1916
Flat file 1	Map of Virginia	1862