

# Guide to the Gardiner-Tyler Family Papers

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**SUMMARY:** Papers of the Gardiner family of Easthampton, New York and of John Tyler, president of the United States from 1841-1845. The principal figure in the papers is Julia Gardiner Tyler, who married John Tyler in 1844. A number of the letters are exchanges between members of the Tyler family and John Tyler concerning his courtship of Julia Gardiner. Most of the letters were written to Julia Gardiner Tyler and include nearly 200 letters from her eldest son, David, as well as letters from her mother, Juliana McLachlan Gardiner, her sister, Margaret Gardiner Beeckman, and from other of her children. Also in the papers are ca. 650 family letters sent to her mother and sister. The family correspondence discusses social and political life in New York, Washington and Virginia, where Tyler retired with his wife after his presidency. John Tyler is represented only by a small number of letters, mainly on his intended marriage and some fifty-five letters sent to him at the White House on minor matters. Financial and legal documents, printed matter and memorabilia relating to Julia Gardiner Tyler are also in the papers together with a chronicle of Easthampton written by a member of the Gardiner family.

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## Biographical / Historical

For charts outlining the genealogical relations of the Gardiner and Tyler families, please consult the [Genealogical Charts](#).

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## Scope and Contents

Papers of the Gardiner family of Easthampton, New York and of John Tyler, president of the United States from 1841-1845. The principal figure in the papers is Julia Gardiner Tyler, who married John Tyler in 1844. A number of the letters are exchanges between members of the Tyler family and John Tyler concerning his courtship of Julia Gardiner. Most of the letters were written to Julia Gardiner Tyler and include nearly 200 letters from her eldest son, David, as well as letters from her mother, Juliana McLachlan Gardiner, her sister, Margaret Gardiner Beeckman, and from other of her children. Also in the papers are ca. 650 family letters sent to her mother and sister. The family correspondence discusses social and political life in New York, Washington and Virginia, where Tyler retired with his wife after his presidency. John Tyler is represented only by a small number of letters, mainly on his intended marriage and some fifty-five letters sent to him at the White House on minor matters. Financial and legal documents, printed matter and memorabilia relating to Julia Gardiner Tyler are also in the papers together with a chronicle of Easthampton written by a member of the Gardiner family.

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