

# Archival Finding Guide to the Drew University Gibbons Family Papers

**Title:** The Gibbons Family Papers

**Quantity:** 29 legal-size grey boxes, plus 14 oversized/custom enclosures; approx. 18 cubic ft.

**Format of materials:** eighteenth- and nineteenth-century paper documents, journals/notebooks, pamphlets, bound volumes, oversized material

**Location:** Drew University Library, University Archives, Room 312, Shelf D8-11

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## Biographical Note

**Thomas Gibbons** (Dec. 15, 1757- May 16, 1826) married Ann Heyward, c.1780.

Ann Gibbons Trumbull, (married John M. Trumbull 1810, died June 1, 1817)

Thomas Heyward Gibbons (married Mary Dayton, died 1825)

**William Gibbons** (Oct. 9, 1794 – Dec. 10, 1852) married Abigail Louisa Taintor (1791 – Oct. 5, 1844). Date of marriage Oct. 7, 1826.

Sarah Taintor Gibbons (Oct. 20, 1829, married Ward McAllister 1852, died 1909?)

**William Heyward Gibbons** (May 22, 1831- June 9, 1887). Unmarried.

Caroline Gilmour Gibbons (June 24, 1833- March 7, 1857). Unmarried.

Isabel Gibbons (Oct. 31, 1835, married Frank Lathrop)



Thomas Gibbons was born outside of Savannah, Georgia in 1757. During the Revolution, he remained a loyalist while other members of his family were patriots. When the war ended, the Gibbons family kept its large land holdings, and after some time, Thomas was granted clemency. He became a successful lawyer, a judge, and owner of several rice and cotton plantations, including the Mount Vernon estate, Shaftsbury, Mansfield, Fair Lawn, Orange Valley, White Hall, Moreland, Rose Dew and Tusculum. Gibbons entered politics as a campaign manager for General Anthony Wayne in a hotly contested congressional election. He himself served as mayor of Savannah in the years 1791-92, 1794-95, and 1799-1800, but he was often accused of unethical political tactics.

Around 1810, Gibbons purchased an estate in Elizabeth-town (now Elizabeth), New Jersey. He relocated his family and, in 1817, began to run steamboats between New York and New Jersey. He hired Cornelius Vanderbilt as the captain of one of his boats. After many legal battles (and a duel) involving exclusive rights on steamboat navigation between states, the case of *Gibbons vs. Ogden* went to the United States Supreme Court in 1824. Gibbons hired Daniel Webster as his lawyer, and he won in a famous verdict that declared steamboat monopolies null (i.e. exclusive rights to interstate navigation and commerce were illegal, and only Congress could regulate navigation when it involved trade). Thomas Gibbons died in New York in 1826.



Thomas Gibbons and his wife, Ann Heyward, had three children. William Gibbons, the favored heir, withdrew from Princeton to become his father's business associate. Upon his father's death, William inherited the businesses and plantations (including more than 500 slaves). He sold the steamboats in 1829 and became involved in thoroughbred breeding and racing. In 1832, William bought nearly 1,000 acres in Bottle Hill (now Madison), New Jersey, where he built an antebellum style mansion (later known as Mead Hall of Drew University).

William Gibbons married Abigail Louise Taintor, with whom he had four children. Notably, daughter Sarah married Ward McAllister, writer and socialite. William Gibbons died in 1852. The only son, William Heyward, closed the mansion in the late 1850s and joined the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He lost much of the family fortune during the war and sold the Madison property in 1867 to Daniel Drew. William Heyward died in 1887.

### Scope Note

The Gibbons Papers at Drew University is a voluminous archival collection. The bulk of the material was created by Thomas Gibbons and his son, William Gibbons. The records include daily correspondence, financial receipts and ledgers, letterbooks, journals, legal documents and court proceedings, and miscellaneous family-owned ephemera that spans 1782-1860s, the bulk of which covers 1810-1845. Most of the records are financial and legal documentation of the Gibbons' businesses, including plantation management, steamboats, and horse racing. Records of family life – including those on the family home in Madison, NJ – occur in the 1830s-1840s period.

In regard to the collection's provenance, evidence suggests that Drew librarian S.G. Ayres recovered the material from the attic of the family's mansion (now Mead Hall) around 1900. It has since been stored in the Drew University Library. Smaller donations have been accepted and added to the collection over the years, including some from descendants of Isabel Gibbons Lathrop.

### Note on Arrangement\*

\*Items which do not fit in standard archival document boxes are housed in appropriate custom enclosures and are designated oversized in the finding aid as “**OVER-#**.” These items are shelved separately from the standard boxes.

**Series I.** Correspondence is divided into three subseries, reflecting three record creators: a) Thomas; b) William; c) William Heyward Gibbons. Letters are filed chronologically within each subseries. Exceptions occur in cases where the creator sewed a batch of letters together. Completely undated material is filed at the end of each subseries; in cases when only the year is known, the letter is placed at the end of that year's folder. Letters between father and son have been cross-referenced, with the original placed in the writer's file. In cases where a bulk of correspondence exists with one particular correspondent, the letters have been filed in a separate folder under that year.

Several sets of **transcripts** have been created over the years and are available for ease of reading. See Series VII. Secondary Research Materials/a. Research Correspondence, Notes, Transcripts.

A note on “major” subjects of the correspondence of William Gibbons.

- The subject of horse and cattle breeding and/or horse racing appears in William Gibbons' correspondence from roughly 1829-1844.

- The subject of plantation management appears particularly in the correspondence between William Gibbons and S.B. Parkman (beginning 1823); George H. Maner, (beginning 1823); John J. Maxwell (beginning 1835); Elias Reed (beginning 1839); and Samuel Ballow (beginning 1847).

**Series II.** Financial Records is divided into three subseries: a) Thomas and William Gibbons; b) Ann Heyward Gibbons (one item); c) William Heyward Gibbons (one folder). Thomas and William were both major creators of financial records. However, due to their father-son business partnership in which one often acted as agent for the other, especially in Thomas' last years, the records are sorted only by format – e.g., account book or account statement/receipt – and then by date (generally speaking, the year 1826 is the breaking point between Thomas' and William's records). Dates are determined by the author's docket on the document whenever possible. This arrangement seeks to reflect the nature of their business relationship and accommodates the bulk of material. Completely undated material is filed at the end of each subseries; in cases when only the year is known, the letter is placed at the end of that year's folder.

A change occurs in 1846, in which "House Accounts" are separated from William's general accounting, probably due to the hiring of Mrs. Ingraham, who handled a separate household account.

Subseries b contains one document of household finances written by Ann Heyward Gibbons. Subseries c contains one folder of miscellaneous financial records belonging to William Heyward Gibbons.

**Series III.** Notebook, Letterbooks, and Journal. This series contains 4 items, all described in the container listing to follow.

**Series IV.** Legal Documents is a broad category, separated into two subseries. Subseries A contains the earliest documents – indentures, land agreements, and deeds – in the collection, dated 1778-1810. Many are in very fragile condition, and some are damaged. Item-level processing in this subseries furthers preservation efforts and prevents unnecessary handling.

Subseries B contains: Acts/Legislative Documents, Business Agreements, Court Documents, Employment Agreements, Estate Documents, Horse Purchases and Pedigrees, Memorials/Petitions, Notes on legal cases, Pardons, and Rent/Lease Agreements. The Court Documents consist of juror lists, subpoenas, affidavits, injunctions, depositions, etc., which have been filed by case whenever possible. Within each folder, the documents have been filed chronologically to the extent that it is possible; many items are undated.

**Series V.** Court Proceedings and Litigation Pamphlets. All printed and sewn pamphlets. Some with signature of Thomas or William Gibbons on title page. Listed by title in chronological order. Each item is individually wrapped in acid-free paper and enclosed within an acid-free folder. In some cases, more than one copy of each title is available.

**Series VI.** Family Ephemera/Miscellaneous. This series contains miscellaneous material created by or owned by the Gibbons family. It is organized into four subseries: a) Manuscript documents; b) Printed documents; c) Books/Periodicals; d) Art (1 item). The manuscript and printed documents are further classified by subject matter. The books/periodicals are listed by title.

**Series VII. Secondary Research Materials.** This series contains only secondary source material that pertains to the Drew University Gibbons Papers or the Gibbons family in general. These records were created by researchers, writers and several Drew University Library staff members over the past 75 years. There are three subseries: a) Research notes/miscellaneous/transcripts; b) Publications; c) Photos. The research notes are further classified by subject matter. The publications are listed by title. The photos are organized by subject matter.

### **Further Research Resources**

In the Drew University Archives:

- Mead Hall photos and documentation, Buildings & Campus Features files, Rm. 315.

Other known manuscript and archival repositories that contain Gibbons family material:

- New Jersey Historical Society
- Rutgers University Library
- Georgia Historical Society
- Clements Library, University of Michigan

## Container Listing

### Series I. Correspondence

#### a. Thomas Gibbons Correspondence

1:1	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1782-1786
1:2	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1801-1806
1:3	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1809-1810
1:4	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1811
1:5	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between Gibbons and George Johnston (Gerald Smith)	1811
1:6	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1812
1:7	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between Gibbons and George Johnston	1812 (Jan.-June)
1:8	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between Gibbons and George Johnston	1812 (July-Dec.)
1:9	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1813
1:10	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1814
1:11	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence-- "Letters from Aaron Ogden to Thomas Gibbons, Esq." Sewn packet of letters, 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1814 to 24 <sup>th</sup> January 1816.	1814-1816
1:12	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1815
1:13	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence-- "Correspondence in 1815 between T. Gibbons and Aaron Ogden between July and October 1815 – Gardenier friend of Gibbons." Sewn packet of letters, 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 1815 to 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 1815. Three loose fragments enclosed.	1815
1:14	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1816 (Jan-June)

1:15	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1816 (July-Dec.)
2:1	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1817
2:2	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1818 (Jan-June)
2:3	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1818 (July-Dec.)
2:4	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1819 (Jan.-March)
2:5	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1819 (April-June)
2:6	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1819 (July-Sept.)
2:7	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1819 (Oct.-Dec)
2:8	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1820 (Jan.-March)
2:9	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1820 (April-June)
2:10	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1820 (July-Sept.)
2:11	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1820 (Oct.-Dec.)
2:12	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1821 (Jan.-March)
2:13	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1821 (April-June)
2:14	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1821 (July-Sept.)
2:15	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1821 (Oct.-Dec.)
3:1	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1822 (Jan.-March)
3:2	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1822 (April-June)
3:3	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1822 (July-Sept.)
3:4	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1822 (Oct.-Dec.)
3:5	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1823 (Jan.-March)
3:6	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1823 (April-June)
3:7	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1823 (July-Sept.)

3:8	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1823 (Oct.-Dec)
3:9	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1824
3:10	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	1825
3:11	Thomas Gibbons Correspondence	Undated

**b. William Gibbons Correspondence**

3:12	William Gibbons Correspondence	1815-1817
3:13	William Gibbons Correspondence	1818-1822
4:1	William Gibbons Correspondence	1823 (Jan.-June)
4:2	William Gibbons Correspondence	1823 (July-Dec.)
4:3	William Gibbons Correspondence Letters between Wm. Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1823
4:4	William Gibbons Correspondence	1824
4:5	William Gibbons Correspondence Letters between Wm. Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1824 (Jan.-June)
4:6	William Gibbons Correspondence Letters between Wm. Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1824 (July-Dec.)
4:7	William Gibbons Correspondence	1825-1826
4:8	William Gibbons Correspondence	1827
4:9	William Gibbons Correspondence Letters between Wm. Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1827
4:10	William Gibbons Correspondence	1828
4:11	William Gibbons Correspondence Letters between Wm. Gibbons and S.B.	1828



	Parkman	
4:12	William Gibbons Correspondence	1829
4:13	William Gibbons Correspondence	1830
4:14	William Gibbons Correspondence Letters between Wm. Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1830
4:15	William Gibbons Correspondence	1831
4:16	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1831
5:1	William Gibbons Correspondence	1832
5:2	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1832
5:3	William Gibbons Correspondence	1833
5:4	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1833
5:5	William Gibbons Correspondence	1834
5:6	William Gibbons Correspondence	1835
5:7	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1835
5:8	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1835
5:9	William Gibbons Correspondence	1836
5:10	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters	1836

	and accounts placed at back of file folder)	
5:11	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1836
5:12	William Gibbons Correspondence	1837
5:13	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1837
5:14	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and S.B. Parkman	1837
5:15	William Gibbons Correspondence	1838
5:16	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1838
6:1	William Gibbons Correspondence	1839
6:2	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1839
6:3	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and Elias Reed	1839
6:4	William Gibbons Correspondence	1840
6:5	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1840
6:6	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and Elias Reed	1840
6:7	William Gibbons Correspondence	1841

6:8	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1841
6:9	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and Elias Reed	1841
6:10	William Gibbons Correspondence	1842
6:11	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1842
6:12	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and Elias Reed, Elias Reed's son	1842
6:13	William Gibbons Correspondence	1843
6:14	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1843
6:15	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and Elias Reed, Elias Reed's son	1843
7:1	William Gibbons Correspondence	1844
7:2	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1844
7:3	William Gibbons Correspondence	1845
7:4	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1845
7:5	William Gibbons Correspondence	1846 (Jan.-March)

7:6	William Gibbons Correspondence	1846 (April-June)
7:7	William Gibbons Correspondence	1846 (July-Sept.)
7:8	William Gibbons Correspondence	1846 (Oct.-Dec.)
7:9	William Gibbons Correspondence-- Letters between William Gibbons and John J. Maxwell (includes a sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1846
7:10	William Gibbons Correspondence	1847 (Jan.-March)
7:11	William Gibbons Correspondence	1847 (April-June)
7:12	William Gibbons Correspondence	1847 (July-Sept.)
7:13	William Gibbons Correspondence	1847 (Oct.-Dec.)
7:14	William Gibbons Correspondence Sewn packet of letters and accounts with Samuel S. Ballow	1847
7:15	William Gibbons Correspondence	1848 (Jan.-March)
7:16	William Gibbons Correspondence	1848 (April-June)
8:1	William Gibbons Correspondence	1848 (July-Sept.)
8:2	William Gibbons Correspondence	1848 (Oct.-Dec.)
8:3	William Gibbons Correspondence Letters between William Gibbons and Samuel S. Ballow (includes two sewn packets of letters and accounts, 1848-49, placed at back of file folder)	1848-49
8:4	William Gibbons Correspondence	1849
8:5	William Gibbons Correspondence Letters between William Gibbons and Samuel S. Ballow (includes sewn packet of letters and accounts placed at back of file folder)	1849
8:6	William Gibbons Correspondence	1850
8:7	William Gibbons Correspondence	Undated

**c. William Heyward Gibbons Correspondence**

8:8	William Heyward Gibbons Correspondence [Note: typed transcripts available in 26:4]	1847-1866
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**Series II. Financial Records**

**a. Thomas and William Gibbons**

8:9	Account Book: Morris and Essex Turnpike	1802-1807
8:10	Account Book: "William Gibbons – Trustee of Thos Gibbons Trumbull" account book. (Eight folded letters within.)	1819-1823
8:11	Account Book: Thomas Gibbons, Hannah Gibbons	1823-1837
<b>OVER-1</b>	Account Book: "Receipt book of monies paid by William Gibbons, executor, in accordance with Thomas Gibbons' will."	1826-1839
8:12	Account Book: Family Account Book (William Gibbons, Isabel Gibbons Lathrop, Frank Lathrop)	1850-1860s
9:1	Stock Certificate	1797
9:2	Account Statements, Receipts	1803-1805
9:3	Account Statements, Receipts	1806-1809
9:4	Account Statements, Receipts	1810-1811
9:5	Account Statements, Receipts	1812-1813
9:6	Account Statements, Receipts	1814
9:7	Account Statements, Receipts – Two-page document attached with wax seal.	1814-1816
9:8	Account Statements, Receipts	1815
9:9	Account Statements, Receipts – Booklet of accounts.	1815-1819

9:10	Account Statements, Receipts	1816
9:11	Account Statements, Receipts – Booklet of accounts.	1816-1818
9:12	Account Statements, Receipts	1817
9:13	Account Statements, Receipts	1818
9:14	Account Statements, Receipts	1819 (Jan.-June)
9:15	Account Statements, Receipts	1819 (July-Dec.)
9:16	Account Statements, Receipts – Booklet, “Money – for Bellona” (damaged)	1819-1820
9:17	Account Statements, Receipts – Booklet, account with Freeman’s Market.	1819-1821
9:18	Account Statements, Receipts	1820
9:19	Account Statements, Receipts	1821 (Jan.-June)
9:20	Account Statements, Receipts	1821 (July-Dec.)
9:21	Account Statements, Receipts – Enclosed Packet, “Bill of Account with William Hyer, May 4, 1821.”	1821
9:22	Account Statements, Receipts – Booklet, account with Jonathan Harrison.	1821-1824
9:23	Account Statements, Receipts	1822 (Jan.-March)
9:24	Account Statements, Receipts	1822 (April-June)
10:1	Account Statements, Receipts	1822 (July-Aug.)
10:2	Account Statements, Receipts	1822 (Sept.-Dec.)
10:3	Account Statements, Receipts	1823 (Jan.-March)
10:4	Account Statements, Receipts	1823 (April-June)
10:5	Account Statements, Receipts	1823 (July-Sept.)

10:6	Account Statements, Receipts	1823 (Oct.-Dec.)
10:7	Account Statements, Receipts – Account with S.B. Parkman	1823
10:8	Account Statements, Receipts – Booklet, account with Henry Freeman (bound in steamboat flyer).	1823
10:9	Account Statements, Receipts	1824 (Jan.-March)
10:10	Account Statements, Receipts	1824 (April-June)
10:11	Account Statements, Receipts	1824 (July-Sept.)
10:12	Account Statements, Receipts	1824 (Oct.-Dec.)
10:13	Account Statements, Receipts – Account with S.B. Parkman	1824
11:1	Account Statements, Receipts	1825 (Jan.-June)
11:2	Account Statements, Receipts	1825 (July-Dec.)
11:3	Account Statements, Receipts	1826
11:4	Account Statements, Receipts – Account with S.B. Parkman	1826-1828
11:5	Account Statements, Receipts	1828-1829
11:6	Account Statements, Receipts	1830-1831
11:7	Account Statements, Receipts	1832-1833
11:8	Account Statements, Receipts	1834-1835
11:9	Account Statements, Receipts	1836
11:10	Account Statements, Receipts	1837 (Jan.-March)
11:11	Account Statements, Receipts	1837 (April-June)
11:12	Account Statements, Receipts	1837 (July-Sept.)
11:13	Account Statements, Receipts	1837 (Oct.-Dec.)

11:14	Account Statements, Receipts – Daniel W. Allen	1837
11:15	Account Statements, Receipts – Packets (presumed original organization) of receipts, Daniel W. Allen	1837
12:1	Account Statements, Receipts	1838 (Jan.-March)
12:2	Account Statements, Receipts	1838 (April-June)
12:3	Account Statements, Receipts	1838 (July-Sept.)
12:4	Account Statements, Receipts	1838 (Oct.-Dec.)
12:5	Account Statements, Receipts – Daniel W. Allen (including tied packet of Allen receipts)	1838
12:6	Account Statements, Receipts	1839 (Jan.-March)
12:7	Account Statements, Receipts	1839 (April-June)
12:8	Account Statements, Receipts	1839 (July-Sept.)
12:9	Account Statements, Receipts	1839 (Oct.-Dec.)
12:10	Account Statements, Receipts	1840 (Jan.-March)
12:11	Account Statements, Receipts	1840 (April-June)
12:12	Account Statements, Receipts	1840 (July-Sept.)
12:13	Account Statements, Receipts	1840 (Oct.-Dec.)
13:1	Account Statements, Receipts	1841 (Jan.-March)
13:2	Account Statements, Receipts	1841 (April-June)
13:3	Account Statements, Receipts	1841 (July-Sept.)
13:4	Account Statements, Receipts	1841 (Oct.-Dec.)
13:5	Account Statements, Receipts – Account with F. S. & D. Lathrop	1841
13:6	Account Statements, Receipts	1842 (Jan.-March)



13:7	Account Statements, Receipts	1842 (April-June)
13:8	Account Statements, Receipts	1842 (July-Sept.)
13:9	Account Statements, Receipts	1842 (Oct.-Dec.)
13:10	Account Statements, Receipts – Account with Israel Losey (including packets of Losey receipts for lime purchases)	1842
13:11	Account Statements, Receipts – Packet (presumed original organization) of receipts relating to coal.	1842
14:1	Account Statements, Receipts	1843 (Jan.-March)
14:2	Account Statements, Receipts	1843 (April-June)
14:3	Account Statements, Receipts	1843 (July-Sept.)
14:4	Account Statements, Receipts	1843 (Oct.-Dec.)
14:5	Account Statements, Receipts	1844 (Jan.-March)
14:6	Account Statements, Receipts	1844 (April-June)
14:7	Account Statements, Receipts	1844 (July-Sept.)
14:8	Account Statements, Receipts	1844 (Oct.-Dec.)
14:9	Account Statements, Receipts – Booklet, receipts with Ashbel Bruen (work at the Gibbons' Grainery)	1844
14:10	Account Statements, Receipts	1845 (Jan.-March)
14:11	Account Statements, Receipts	1845 (April-June)
15:1	Account Statements, Receipts	1845 (July-Sept.)
15:2	Account Statements, Receipts	1845 (Oct.-Dec.)
15:3	Account Statements, Receipts	1846
15:4	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of	1846 (Jan.-March)

	House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	
15:5	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1846 (April-June)
15:6	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1846 (July-Sept.)
15:7	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1846 (Oct.-Dec.)
15:8	Account Statements, Receipts	1847 (Jan.-March)
15:9	Account Statements, Receipts	1847 (April-June)
16:1	Account Statements, Receipts	1847 (July-Sept.)
16:2	Account Statements, Receipts	1847 (Oct.-Dec.)
16:3	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1847 (Jan.-March)
16:4	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1847 (April-June)
16:5	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1847 (July-Sept.)
16:6	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1847 (Oct.)
16:7	Account Statements, Receipts – Expenses and bundled receipts (presumed original organization) with Patrick Cummins	1847 (April-July)
16:8	Account Statements, Receipts – Expenses and bundled receipts (presumed original organization) with Patrick Cummins	1847 (Aug.-Dec.)

16:9	Account Statements, Receipts	1848 (Jan.-June)
16:10	Account Statements, Receipts	1848 (July-Dec.)
17:1	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1848 (Jan.-June)
17:2	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1848 (July-Dec.)
17:3	Account Statements, Receipts – Expenses and bundled receipts (presumed original organization) with Patrick Cummins	1848 (Jan.-March)
17:4	Account Statements, Receipts – Expenses and bundled receipts (presumed original organization) with Patrick Cummins	1848 (April-June)
17:5	Account Statements, Receipts – Expenses and bundled receipts (presumed original organization) with Patrick Cummins	1848 (July-Sept.)
17:6	Account Statements, Receipts – Expenses and bundled receipts (presumed original organization) with Patrick Cummins and John Lyon	1848 (Oct.-Dec.)
17:7	Account Statements, Receipts	1849 (Jan.-June)
17:8	Account Statements, Receipts	1849 (July-Dec.)
18:1	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1849 (Jan.-March)
18:2	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1849 (April-June)
18:3	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1849 (July-Sept.)
18:4	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of	1849 (Oct.-Dec.)

	House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	
18:5	Account Statements, Receipts	1850
18:6	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1850 (Jan.-March)
18:7	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1850 (April-June)
18:8	Account Statements, Receipts – Account of House Expenses with bundled receipts (presumed original organization)	1850 (July-Sept.)
18:9	Account Statements, Receipts	Undated

**b. Ann Heyward Gibbons**

18:10	Household Financial Statement	1811
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**c. William Heyward Gibbons**

18:11	Account Statements, Receipts	1854-1881
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**Series III. Notebook, Letterbooks and Journal**

<b>OVER-2</b>	Notebook of Thomas Gibbons (containing law abstracts). Two loose items at front.	1788
<b>OVER-3</b>	Letterbook/Copybook of correspondence of Thomas Gibbons and William Gibbons	1811-1824
<b>OVER-4</b>	Letterbook/Copybook of correspondence of William Gibbons	1827-1833
19:1	Journal of William Gibbons, personal horse breeding journal.	1829

## Series IV. Legal Documents

### a. Indentures, Land Agreements, Deeds

19:2	Indenture: Zubly and Vanderplank	[1760]
19:3	Rent/Land Agreement: Kesee	1767
19:4	Indentures: Zubly and Miller (3 items)	1767
19:5	Indentures: Dressler and Ducker (2 items)	1769
19:6	Indenture: Zubly and Rae	1770
19:7	Indenture: Williams and Ravot	1774
19:8	Indenture: Ravot	1775
19:9	Indenture: Hudson and Ravot	1775
19:10	Indenture: Hershman and Gibbons	1778
19:11	Indenture: Elbert & Rae, Wylly & Habersham for Platt	1785
19:12	Indenture: Ravot (2 items)	1790
19:13	Survey map of Ravot's Land	1790
19:14	Indentures: Greenwood and Haist (2 items)	1791
19:15	Indenture: Waldhauer and Gibbons	1793
19:16	Indenture: Owens and Gibbons	1795
19:17	Indenture: Cunningham, McCradie and Mein	1799
19:18	Deed: Gibbons, Ogden and Dayton (partial)	1803
19:19	Indentures: Gibbons and Ogden (3 items)	1804
19:20	Indenture: Gibbons and Shoobred	1807
19:21	Indenture: Stutz and Mein	1807
19:22	Indenture: Gibbons and Scott	1810

19:23	Indenture: Gibbons and Pearce (3 items)	1810
19:24	Indenture: Ann Trumbull and Ogden (2 items)	1814
19:25	Indenture: Gibbons and Howell	1815
19:26	Indenture: Livingstons and Cutting (Fulton), Ogden and Morris (2 items)	1815

**b. Acts/Legislative Documents, Business Agreements, Certificates of Birth and Marriage, Court Documents, Deeds, Employment Agreements, Estate Documents, Horse Purchases and Pedigrees, Memorials/Petitions, Notes on legal cases, Pardons, Rent/Lease Agreements**

20:1	Acts/Legislative Documents (related to steamboats, water rights)	1798-1820
20:2	Acts/Legislative Documents (related to steamboats, water rights)	1821-1822
20:3	Acts/Legislative Document (related to juror selection)	Undated
20:4	Business Agreements: General	1818-1834
20:5	Business Agreements: Steamboat-related	1819-1822
20:6	Certificate of Birth (Sarah Taintor Gibbons)	1829
20:7	Certificate of Marriage (Thomas H. Gibbons and Molly Dayton)	1810
20:8	Certificate of Marriage (John Trumbull and Ann Gibbons)	1815
20:9	Certificate of Marriage (William Gibbons and Abigail Louise Taintor)	1826
20:10	Court Document: Job Bolles	1810
20:11	Court Documents: <i>Thomas Gibbons Trumbull and others vs. Thomas Gibbons, Aaron Ogden and others</i>	1811-1821

20:12	Court Documents: <i>Thomas Gibbons vs. Benjamin Maurice</i>	1811-1822
20:13	Court Documents: "The Case of Mrs. Trumbull & Her Children"	1815
20:14	Court Documents: <i>John M. Trumbull vs. Thomas Gibbons</i>	1816-1822
20:15	Court Documents: <i>Thomas Gibbons vs. Aaron Ogden</i> , folder 1 of 2	1816-1823
20:16	Court Documents: <i>Thomas Gibbons vs. Aaron Ogden</i> , folder 2 of 2	
20:17	Court Documents: <i>John R. Livingston vs. Thomas Gibbons</i>	1817-1824
20:18	Court Documents: <i>Thomas Gibbons vs. Isaac Morse</i> (Decided: 1821)	1818-1819
20:19	Court Documents: <i>Thomas Gibbons vs. John J. Vanderpool</i>	1819
21:1	Court Documents: <i>John R. Livingston vs. Aaron Ogden and Thomas Gibbons</i>	1819-1822
21:2	Court Documents: <i>Robert M. Livingston vs. Thomas Gibbons</i>	1820-1821
21:3	Court Documents: <i>Thomas Gibbons vs. Aaron Ogden and Peter Kean</i>	1820-1822
21:4	Court Documents: <i>Elias Williams vs. Thomas Gibbons</i>	1821
21:5	Court Documents: <i>Thomas Gibbons vs. Washington Fountain</i>	1822
21:6	Court Documents: <i>John M. Trumbull vs. Thomas Gibbons Trumbull, John Heyward Trumbull, Ann Heyward Trumbull, Sarah Bachas Trumbull, Thomas Gibbons, Aaron Ogden, William Gibbons, Joseph Trumbull, Daniel W. Coit and others</i>	1821-1822

21:7	Court Documents: <i>Thomas Gibbons vs. Jacob Coursen</i>	1822-1823
21:8	Court Documents: <i>Oliver Wade and Elias Wade vs. Thomas Gibbons</i> (Decided 1826)	1823
21:9	Court Documents: <i>Cornelius Vanderbilt vs. John R. Livingston</i>	[1823]
21:10	Court Documents: Miscellaneous	
21:11	Court Documents: Miscellaneous, related to steamboats, water rights; no specific case	
21:12	Court Documents: Permission to Occupy (William H. Gibbons)	1865
21:13	Deed: Ira C. Whitehead, guardian of Isabel Gibbons, to William H. Gibbons	1854
21:14	Deed: Robert T. Wilson and Augustus W. Cutler to Caroline Gibbons	1854
21:15	Employment Agreements/Memoranda	1802-1814
21:16	Employment Agreements/Memoranda	1816-1817
21:17	Employment Agreements/Memoranda	1818-1819
21:18	Employment Agreements/Memoranda	1820-1822
21:19	Employment Agreements/Memoranda	1823-1824
21:20	Employment Agreements/Memoranda	1839-1847
21:21	Employment Agreements/Memoranda	Undated
21:22	Estate Documents: Thomas Gibbons [Note: photocopy available in 25:4]	1825
21:23	Estate Documents: William Gibbons	1847
21:24	Estate Documents: Thomas Gibbons	[1848]
21:25	Estate Documents: Isabel Gibbons Lathrop	1856-1872



21:26	Estate Documents: Caroline G. Gibbons	1858
21:27	Horse Purchases/Pedigrees	1807-1839
22:1	Memorials/Petitions	1813-1820
22:2	Memorials/Petitions	1821-1822
22:3	Notes on Livingston case	
22:4	Notes on Morse case	
22:5	Notes on Ogden cases	
22:6	Notes on Trumbull cases	
22:7	Notes, Miscellaneous on legal subjects	
<b>OVER-5</b>	Pardon (William H. Gibbons)	1865
22:8	Pardon (William H. Gibbons)	1865
22:9	Rent/Lease Agreements	1803-1819
22:10	Rent/Lease Agreements	1820-1822
22:11	Rent/Lease Agreements	1823-1825
22:12	Rent/Lease Agreements	1838-1848
22:13	Rent/Lease Agreements	Undated

### Series V. Court Proceedings and Steamboat Pamphlets

<b>OVER-7</b>	<i>New-Jersey. Aaron Ogden and Thomas Gibbons, vs. Walter Rutherford.</i>	[1803]
<b>OVER-7</b>	<i>A History of the Steam-Boat Case, Lately Discussed Before the Legislature of New-Jersey.</i>	1815
<b>OVER-7</b>	<i>Memorial of Ferdinando Fairfax, Against The Extention of the Patents Granted to Robert Fulton, For Improvements in Propelling</i>	1816

*Vessels by Steam.*

- OVER-7** *A Letter, Addressed to Cadwallader D. Colden, Esquire.* 1817
- OVER-7** *A Vindication by Cadwallader D. Colden, of the Steam Boat Right Granted by the State of New-York; in the Form of an Answer to the Letter of Mr. Duer, Addressed to Mr. Colden.* 1818
- OVER-7** *In the Court for the Trial of Impeachments And the Correction of Errors. Between Thomas Gibbons, Appellant, and Aaron Ogden, Respondent (5 copies)* [1818]
- OVER-8** *Steam-Boat Navigation. Decrees of Chancellor Kent, of New York; Deciding the Navigation of New Jersey, To the Waters Thereof (6 copies)* 1819
- OVER-8** *State of New York in The Court For The Trial Of Impeachments and The Correction of Errors, Between Thomas Gibbons, Appellant, and Aaron Ogden, Respondent (2 copies)* 1819
- OVER-8** *A Reply to Mr. Colden's Vindication of the Steam-Boat Monopoly.* 1819
- OVER-8** *Steam Boat Navigation of New-Jersey, Decided, By Chancellor Kent, of New-York. In Chancery- John R. Livingston, vs. Aaron Ogden and Thomas Gibbons. (2 copies)* [1819]
- OVER-8** *Circuit Court of the United States, For The Southern District of New-York. The Opinion of His Honour Brockholst Livingston, Esq. October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1820. Thomas Gibbons, vs. John R. Livingston.* 1820
- OVER-9** *State of New York in The Court For The Trial Of Impeachments and The Correction of Errors, Between Thomas Gibbons, Appellant, and Aaron Ogden, Respondent* 1821
- OVER-9** *In the Supreme Court Case of the United States Between Thomas Gibbons, Plaintiff in Error, and Aaron Ogden, Defendant in Error [Note:* 1822

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- OVER-9** *In the Supreme Court of the United States. Between Cornelius Vanderbilt, Plaintiff in Error, And John R. Livingston, Defendant in Error.* 1823  
[Note: photocopy available in 25:4]
- OVER-9** *Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudicated in the Supreme Court of Judicature, of the State of New Jersey. Volume II.* 1835
- OVER-9** *Reports of Cases Decided in the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New-Jersey. Volume I, part I.* 1838
- OVER-10** *Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudicated in the Supreme Court of Judicature, of the State of New Jersey. Volume III.* 1838
- OVER-10** *Harrison's Reports of the Cases Determined in The Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New-Jersey. Volume II, part I.* 1839
- OVER-11** *Reports of Cases Decided in the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New-Jersey. Volume II.* 1840
- OVER-11** *Petition, & c. To the Honorable The Legislative Council, and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey.* 1841
- OVER-11** *The Treasurer's Report to the Legislature of New Jersey.* 1846
- OVER-11** *Opinions of The Judges of the Supreme Court, of the United States, in the Cases of "Smith vs. Turner," and "Norris vs. The City of Boston."* 1849
- OVER-11** *Report of the Law Committee on Ferry Rights.* 1858
- OVER-11** *Debates in the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, on the Bill to Ratify An Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.* 1865
- OVER-12** *Concerning Steam Boats. Documents Without* Undated

*Comments.* (2 copies)

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| <b>OVER-12</b> <i>Concerning Steam-Boats.</i> (4 copies)   | Undated |
| <b>OVER-12</b> <i>The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the supplement to the act to preserve and support the jurisdiction of this state, or of modifying the same so as better to answer the object intended thereby...</i> | Undated |
| <b>OVER-12</b> <i>In Chancery. To the Honorable James Kent, Chancellor of the State of New-York, humbly Complaining shew unto your Honor...</i>  | Undated |

## Series VI. Contemporary Ephemera/Miscellaneous

### a. Manuscript

- OVER-5** Drawing of "Mrs. Sally Jefferson"
- 23:2 Home inventories, furniture
- 23:3 Horses
- 23:4 Land and plantation life
- 23:5 Miscellaneous
- 23:6 Notes/Memoranda (miscellaneous, presumed of Thomas Gibbons)
- 23:7 Poetry
- 23:8 Steamboats

### b. Printed

- 23:9 Horses and cattle
- 23:10 Horses and cattle sale catalogues 1829-1831
- 23:11 Horses and cattle sale catalogues 1839

- OVER-5** Horse races and sales handbills/posters  
(three folders)
- 23:12 Miscellaneous
- 23:13 Steamboats
- 23:14 Steamboats: Bellona handbill (1 original)
- 23:15 Steamboats: Ogden handbill (3 originals)
- OVER-5** Steamboats: "Improvements in the Construction of Steam-Vessels" 1837

**c. Books/Periodicals**

- 23:16 *An Authentic History of the Celebrated Horse American Eclipse*. New York: 1823.
- 23:17 *The Courtship, Merry Marriage, and Picnic Dinner of Cock Robin & Jenny Wren*. London: undated.  
(Children's book given to William Gibbons from Caroline Gibbons)
- 23:18 *Holy Bible*. Oxford: 1845. (Owned by Caroline Gibbons)
- OVER-13** Music Book (a unique binding of harp scores, owned by Caroline Gibbons)
- OVER-14** Music Book (a unique binding of piano scores, owned by Caroline Gibbons)
- OVER-5** Newspapers (two folders)
- 24:1 *Notes, Historical and Biographical, Concerning Elizabeth-town*. Elizabeth-town: 1844.
- 24:2 *Transactions of the American Art-Union, For The Year 1846*. (Owned by William Heyward Gibbons)

**d. Art**

**OVER-6** Framed color lithograph of Peytona and Fashion (horse race, 1845).

**Series VII. Secondary Research Materials****a. Research Correspondence, Notes, Transcripts**

24:3	Correspondence between Drew Library and researchers regarding Gibbons collection	1931-1941
24:4	Correspondence between Drew Library and researchers regarding Gibbons collection	1963-1993
24:5	Maps of Gibbons land	
24:6	Misc./Notes on Gibbons-related art	
24:7	Misc./Notes on Gibbons' barn (in Chatham, NJ) and the National Historic Registry	
24:8	Misc./Notes on the Gibbons collection donations/ provenance	
24:9	Misc./Notes on Gibbons genealogy	
24:10	Misc./Notes on Gibbons home furnishings	
24:11	Misc./Notes on Gibbons home and New Jersey Historical Sites application	
25:1	Misc./Notes on Gibbons land archaeology, presumed collection of research materials of James Briscoe [Note: see below Publication by James Briscoe]	
25:2	Misc./Notes on Gibbons land archaeology, presumed collection of research materials of James Briscoe [Note: see below Publication by James Briscoe]	
25:3	Misc./Notes on Gibbons steamboats	

- 25:4 Photocopies of selected material (as noted in the container listing)
- 25:5 Photocopies of selected Vanderbilt-related material
- 25:6 Transcripts (partial) of Gibbons collection, handwritten, created c. 1940s, folder 1 of 5.
- 25:7 Transcripts (partial) of Gibbons collection, handwritten, created c. 1940s, folder 2 of 5.
- 26:1 Transcripts (partial) of Gibbons collection, handwritten, created c. 1940s, folder 3 of 5.
- 26:2 Transcripts (partial) of Gibbons collection, handwritten, created c. 1940s, folder 4 of 5.
- 26:3 Transcripts (partial) of Gibbons collection, handwritten, created c. 1940s, folder 5 of 5.
- Shelf F11** Transcripts (partial) of Gibbons collection, 1780-1825 (inc.)  
typed, in binders, created c. 1970s-80s
- 26:4 Transcripts, typed, of William Heyward 1847-1860  
Gibbons correspondence, created 2004.

*Transcripts – See Also Publication by  
Arthur P. Whitney below*

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- 26:5 *An Official Register of the Deaths Which Occurred Among the White Population in the City of Savannah...* 1820 [1967 reprint]. Booklet.
- 26:6 Baxter, Maurice. *The Steamboat Monopoly, Gibbons v. Ogden, 1824*. New York: Knopf, 1972. Bound volume.
- 26:7 Briscoe, James. *The William Gibbons Estate: Historical Archaeological Perspective*. Thesis, 1980. Unbound typescript.
- 27:1 Churchill, Ruth Pierson. "The Gibbons Mansion and Interesting Facts Pertaining to Gibbons Family."

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- 27:3 Coombe, Philip. *The Life and Times of James P. Allaire, Early Founder and Steam Engine Builder*. Diss., 1991. UMI bound volume.
- 27:4 Coyne, Judith Ann. *A Critical Evaluation of the Restoration Problems of Mead Hall, Madison, New Jersey*. Thesis, 1978. Unbound typescript.
- 27:5 Cruddas, Nola Beth. "William Gibbons and The Management of Whitehall Plantation." Student paper, 1977. Unbound typescript.
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- 28:9 "Whitehall Plantation II." *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, vol. 26, no. 1, March 1942. Full issue.
- 28:10 "Whitehall Plantation III." *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, vol. 26, no. 2, June 1942. Full issue.
- 28:11 Whitney, Arthur P. *William Gibbons, 1794-1852*. Thesis, 1933. [Mostly typed transcriptions of William Gibbons' Letterbook, 1827-1830.] Library bound volume.
- 29:1 Winslow, Carlette. "Forest and Mansion for Methodists." *Suburban Life*, May 1968. Photocopy.

**c. Photos**

- 29:2 Asbury Hall
- 29:3 Fashion (racehorse)
- 29:4 Gibbons, Thomas
- 29:5 Gibbons, William

- 29:6 Gibbons Family burial plot and headstones,  
Madison NJ
- 29:7 Gibbons Mansion (Mead Hall)
- 29:8 Sycamore Cottage