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## Ogden Family Papers: Finding Aid

### Overview of Collection

Creator: Jonathan Ogden  
Title: Ogden Family Papers  
Date: 1824-1848  
Quantity: 1 box, 0.5 linear feet

### Restrictions

#### Important Information for Users of the Collection

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### Administrative Information

#### Preferred Citation

Ogden Family Papers, Courtesy of the Morris County Park Commission.

#### Acquisition Information

The records were donated to the Morris County Park Commission as part of Caroline Foster's donation/bequest between 1974 and 1979.

#### Processing Information

Arranged and described by Lynn Laffey, December 2006  
Finding Aid reviewed and updated by Katie Humphreys, April 2020.

**FONDS Parent Record: 2006.041**

### Biographical Note

Jonathan Ogden was born in Basking Ridge, NJ in 1743 to Stephen and Elizabeth Ogden. He married Abigail Gardiner in 1774, and subsequently constructed a house on his land. The property, known today as Fosterfields, was conveyed to Jonathon Ogden in 1768 by his mother's husband, Samuel Roberts Ogden. The farm, a parcel of 150 acres, was situated in a very rural area of New Jersey, conveniently

located near Washington Valley, a small community to the west of Fosterfields. Little is known of Ogden's farming activities during his tenure, but he was an active member of the Morris County community. He served in the militia during the Revolutionary War, and is believed to have lent his home for use by General Henry Knox during Washington's Morristown encampment. Ogden was a prominent property owner, served as a judge of the county court, and helped found the State Bank of Morris. Between 1802 and 1804, he was a Morris County Representative to the State Legislature. Ogden died in 1825 at the age of 82 leaving the farm to his son Charles.

## Scope and Content Note

The Ogden Family Papers are materials related to the Last Will and Testament of Jonathan Ogden.

## Arrangement Description

### Series 1

This series contains materials related to the Last Will and Testament of Jonathan Ogden and how the property, today known as Fosterfields, changed hands from 1824 to 1848.

### Series 1: Ogden Family Papers, 1824-1849

Box Folder

1	1	Last Will and Testament, Jonathan Ogden, May 1, 1824 with addendum dated Aug. 4, 1848 attesting that Sam'l Ogden Received his monies; the will is bound together with "An abstract of the title to the farm premises in the Township [of Morris] where Henry Mooney now resides, made for Isaac A. Storm Aug 4, 1848" <b>(2006.41.1)</b>
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