

Casimir Pulaski letters and baptismal certificate

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
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Title:	Casimir Pulaski letters and baptismal certificate
Dates:	1738-1778
Extent:	0.25 cubic feet (1 box)
Identification:	MS 0640

Biographical/Historical Note

Casimir Pulaski (1748-1779) was born in Poland. He left Europe in 1777 to fight for the American cause during the Revolutionary War. He helped to organize the Continental Cavalry and served with it until he was authorized by the Continental Congress to raise an independent cavalry corps. He attained the rank of Brigadier-General. Pulaski was mortally wounded during the allied attack on Savannah, Georgia, on October 9, 1779.

Scope and Content Note

This is an artificial collection created by the Georgia Historical Society and comprised of two letters written by Casimir Pulaski and a facsimile of his baptismal record. The letters are of unknown provenance. Both letters are written in French and signed by Pulaski. However, the signatures do not match and therefore they may not both be originals. Neither is dated, but the first has an estimated date of 1776, and the second is noted as received on July 5, 1778. In the first letter, Pulaski requests permission to leave France for America. In the second letter, he describes his campaign plans. The baptismal record is written in Latin.

Index Terms

Baptismal certificates
Letters (correspondence)
Pułaski, Kazimierz, 1747-1779.
United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.

Location of Originals

Original letter from Casimir Pulaski, [Paris, 1776?] in the French Archives.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Unknown.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Polish American Congress, 1976 (Item 3). Purchased, 1882 (probably Item 2).

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Publication Note

Letter, Casimir Pulaski to unknown recipient, received July 5, 1778, was translated and published in *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, XIII, 193-197 (September 1929).

Sponsorship

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Container List

Item

- 1 Casimir Pulaski to Unknown recipient. Paris, 1776? (2.0 p.)
Requesting permission to leave France for America. In French. Photocopy, original in the French Archives.

Item

- 2 Casimir Pulaski to Unknown recipient. Undated, but noted received, 1778 July 5 (2.0 p.)
Regarding campaign plans. In French.

Item

- 3 Facsimile of the baptismal record of Casimir Pulaski, 1738 October 7

In a red leather, gold-tooled folder.

Artifacts

A-0640-001 Felt pennant from the Warsaw Monument dedicated to Poland's war heroes, 1939-1945 **[View online.](#)**