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**A Finding Aid to the  
Aaron Lopez Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 231**



## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Aaron Lopez Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1737-1962
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-231
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Lopez, Aaron, 1731-1782
<b>Extent</b>	1.2 linear feet (3 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

<b>Biographical Sketch</b>	Colonial merchant and shipper, Aaron Lopez was born in Portugal in 1831. He immigrated to Newport, Rhode Island in 1752 where he was engaged primarily in the whale oil and candle business, although he also dealt in livestock, groceries, rum, ships, clothing, and slaves. During the 1760s and 1770s, he built an extensive transatlantic mercantile empire and on the eve of the American Revolution, Lopez was Newport's leading merchant and taxpayer. During the Revolution, he supported the colonials and withdrew from British-threatened Newport which greatly diminished his business. He died in 1782 before he could recoup his losses.
<b>Scope and Content</b>	Consists of photocopies of business and personal correspondence (1752-1783), business records and account books (1751-1782) and miscellaneous materials.
<b>Copies</b>	Also available in microfilm; available in repository and via interlibrary loan; AJA microfilm nos. 370, 596, 318-329, and 1212-1216.
<b>Terms of Access</b>	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
<b>Preferred Citation</b>	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Aaron Lopez Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:  [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-231. Aaron Lopez Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<b>Provenance</b>	Received from various donors.

## Index Terms

<b>Subjects</b>	Jews -- Rhode Island -- Newport
<b>Personal Names</b>	Lopez, Aaron, 1731-1782
<b>Corporate Names</b>	Jewish businesspeople

## Series A. General, 1737-1962

### Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. General correspondence.
- Box 1. Folder 2. Index of letters, 1737-1781
- Box 1. Folder 3. Letterbook, 1781-1782
- Box 1. Folder 4. Death notices, eulogies, and estate papers, 1772-1783, 1962
- Box 1. Folder 5. Account book with David Lopez, 1765-1780
- Box 1. Folder 6. Articles of agreement, deeds, lawsuits, and naturalization papers, 1761-1781

Box 1. Folder 7. Bills of lading, 1756-1776

Box 1. Folder 8. Business documents and correspondence.

Box 1. Folder 9. Correspondence with Christian merchants, 1771-1772, 1779-1782

Box 2. Folder --. "The Schooner "Hope" and Cargo, Lopez, Claimant vs. Brooks and Griffith Case No. 28".

Box 2. Folder 1. Lopez vs. Brooks and Griffith, 1778-1780

Box 2. Folder 2. Naturalization petition with Isaac Elizer, 1761

Box 2. Folder 3. Oaths of allegiance, 1761, undated

Box 2. Folder 4. Solicitation letter for congregation, 1764

Box 2. Folder 5. Business letters, 1767-1783

Box 2. Folder 6. Lopez, Aaron, reel 318.

Box 2. Folder 7. Lopez, Aaron, reel 319.

Box 2. Folder 8. Lopez, Aaron, reel 320.

Box 2. Folder 9. Lopez, Aaron, reel 321.

Box 2. Folder 10. Lopez, Aaron, reel 322.

Box 3. Folder 1. Lopez, Aaron, reel 323.

Box 3. Folder 2. Lopez, Aaron, reel 324.

Box 3. Folder 3. Lopez, Aaron, reel 325.

Box 3. Folder 4. Lopez, Aaron, reel 326.

Box 3. Folder 5. Lopez, Aaron, reel 327.

Box 3. Folder 6. Lopez, Aaron, reel 328.

Box 3. Folder 7. Lopez, Aaron, reel 329.