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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: OSB MSS 168

CREATOR: Clinton family

TITLE: Clinton papers

DATES: 1754-1879

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 16.3 linear feet (41 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Clinton Papers contain correspondence, letterbooks, financial papers and other material documenting aspects of the lives and military careers of Sir William Henry Clinton (1769-1846) and his brother Sir Henry Clinton (1771-1829). They include hundreds of letters from Henry to William Henry, many written from Spain during the Napoleonic Wars, as well as letters by other members of the Clinton family; journals kept by Sir Henry Clinton, the letterbooks of Sir William Henry Clinton, and account books kept by both brothers; bills and receipts; and family papers

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased by James Marshall Osborn from Hodgson's, 1958; gift of James Marshall Osborn, 1965.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Clinton Papers. James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

The collection received preliminary processing and partial cataloging at the time of acquisition. Further organization, rehousing and description were carried out in 2010. Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from the original dealer description and from catalog cards. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided at the time of acquisition. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases.

Sir William Henry Clinton, 1769-1846

Sir William Henry Clinton was the eldest son of General Sir Henry Clinton (1730-1795), who commanded the British forces in North America during the Revolutionary War. William Henry joined the British Army in 1784 and was swiftly promoted, eventually reaching the rank of General in 1830. He served on several secret missions during the Napoleonic Wars and was wounded in Corsica; in 1826-1828 he commanded the British forces in Portugal. In addition to his military career, William Henry Clinton served in the House of Commons and made extensive improvements to his manor of Cokenach. He sought several colonial governorships unsuccessfully during his career, but was forced to decline the governorship of Malta in 1830 due to ill-health. William Henry Clinton married Lady Dorothea Holroyd in 1797; the couple had two sons and four daughters. He died at Cokenach, Hertfordshire, England, on February 16, 1846.

Sir Henry Clinton, 1771-1829

Sir Henry Clinton was the younger son of General Sir Henry Clinton (1730-1795). He joined the British Army in 1787 and took part in the Napoleonic Wars, eventually rising to command the Sixth Division in Spain in 1811. Clinton journeyed to England briefly in 1813 to convalesce from an unidentified illness, but returned to Spain to lead his forces in the battles of the Nive, Orthez, and Toulouse. He took command of the Third Division at the battle of Waterloo, and led a division during the occupation of France. In addition to his military career, Clinton was a member of Parliament from 1808 until 1818, working in the interests of his cousin the Duke of Newcastle. Sir Henry Clinton's health deteriorated rapidly after the death of his wife Susan (Charteris) in 1817, and he is said to have become a recluse. He died at Ashley Clinton, Hampshire, England, in 1829.

Scope and Contents

The Clinton Papers contain correspondence, letterbooks, financial papers and other material documenting aspects of the lives and military careers of Sir William Henry Clinton (1769-1846) and his brother Sir Henry Clinton (1771-1829). They include hundreds of letters from Henry to William Henry, many written from Spain during the Napoleonic Wars, as well as letters by other members of the Clinton family; journals kept by Sir Henry Clinton, letterbooks of Sir William Henry Clinton, and account books kept by both brothers; bills and receipts; and family papers.

Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Correspondence, 1754-1829; II. Account Books and Journals, 1762-1871; III. Bills and Receipts, 1767-1830; IV. Other Papers, 1769-1879.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1754-1829, undated

3.34 linear feet (10 boxes)

Series I, *Correspondence*, contains chronologically arranged correspondence from and to members of the Clinton family, principally Sir William Henry Clinton (1769-1846) and Sir Henry Clinton (1771-1829), documenting aspects of their lives and military careers. There are over 800 letters from Sir Henry to his brother Sir William Henry, written between 1811 and 1828, which provide detailed accounts of Sir Henry's military service and of his political activities during his years in Parliament.

Sir William Henry Clinton's own service during the 1826-1828 campaign in Portugal is also documented in his letters to Sir Henry Clinton from the period, as well as in letters received by him from many correspondents, including other army officers. Other correspondents include political colleagues, members of the British aristocracy, and members of Clinton's extended family.

Chronologically arranged; three folders of family correspondence are located at the end of the series.

b.1	Correspondence	1754-1766
b.1	Correspondence <i>2 Folders</i>	1767
b.1	Correspondence	1768-1770
b.1	Correspondence	1770-1778
b.1	Correspondence	1779-1788
b.1	Correspondence	1789-1798
b.1	Correspondence	1799
b.1	Correspondence	1801
b.1	Correspondence	1803
b.1	Correspondence	1805
b.1	Correspondence See: Oversize	1807
b.1	Correspondence <i>2 Folders</i>	1808
b.1	Correspondence	1811-1812
b.2	Correspondence <i>3 Folders</i>	1812
b.2	Correspondence	1813
b.2	Correspondence <i>3 Folders</i>	1814
b.2	Correspondence <i>9 Folders</i>	1815

b. 3	Correspondence	1816
b. 3	Correspondence <i>4 Folders</i>	1817
b. 3	Correspondence <i>6 Folders</i>	1818
b. 3	Correspondence <i>3 Folders</i>	1819
b. 3	Correspondence <i>13 Folders</i>	1820
b. 4	Correspondence <i>4 Folders</i>	1820
b. 4	Correspondence <i>17 Folders</i>	1821
b. 5	Correspondence <i>15 Folders</i>	1822
b. 5	Correspondence <i>17 Folders</i>	1823
b. 6	Correspondence <i>17 Folders</i>	1824
b. 7	Correspondence	1824
b. 7	Correspondence <i>19 Folders</i>	1825
b. 7	Correspondence <i>6 Folders</i>	1826
b. 8	Correspondence <i>13 Folders</i>	1826
b. 9	Correspondence <i>12 Folders</i>	1827
b. 9	Correspondence <i>11 Folders</i>	1828
b. 9	Correspondence <i>2 Folders</i>	1829
b. 10	Correspondence <i>7 Folders</i>	1829, undated
b. 10	Baddeley-Dixon letters	1777-1807
b. 10	Maria Augusta and Louisa H. Clinton letters	1809-1812
b. 10	William Henry Clinton's children's letters	1809-1816

Series II: Account Books and Journals, 1762-1871*6.67 linear feet (19 boxes)*

Series II contains account books, journals and other bound manuscripts written or owned by members of the Clinton family. The series includes an extensive set of Sir Henry Clinton's journals, beginning in 1791 and continuing until the year of his death, as well as a set of account books covering most of his adult life. Also present are letterbooks kept by Sir William Henry Clinton from 1828 onward and three boxes of his account books; notebooks and journals kept by several women relatives; and a notebook containing "Directions for Battalion Guns."

Alphabetically arranged by author and then by type of material.

	Carter, Elizabeth	
b. 11	Account books <i>2 Folders</i>	1790-1817
	Chester, Ann Maria Mary	
b. 11	Music books	1821 August 23
	Clinton, "Monsieur"	
b. 12	Account books	undated
	Clinton, Frederick	
b. 12	Journals <i>2 Folders</i>	1841-1866
b. 12	Military notebook	undated
	Clinton, Harriet Carter	
b. 12	Journals	1764-1828
	Clinton, Henry, Sir, 1738-1795	
b. 12	Account books <i>2 Folders</i>	1766-1769
b. 12	Daily calendars	1762
b. 13	Daily calendars <i>3 Folders</i>	1763-1795
	Clinton, Henry, Sir, 1771-1829	
b. 14	Account books <i>5 Folders</i>	1795-1825
b. 15	Account books <i>13 Folders</i>	1804-1847
b. 16	Journals <i>9 Folders</i>	1791-1797
b. 17	Journals <i>10 Folders</i>	1798-1805

Clinton, Henry, Sir, 1771-1829 (continued)

b. 18	Journals <i>11 Folders</i>	1805-1812
b. 19	Journals <i>14 Folders</i>	1812-1817
b. 20	Journals	1825-1829
b. 20	Military notebook	undated
b. 20	notebook <i>3 Folders</i>	1814, undated
b. 20	Reading extracts <i>2 Folders</i>	1805, undated
b. 20	Record of letters <i>2 Folders</i>	1825-1829
Clinton, William Henry, Sir, 1769-1846		
b. 21	Account books <i>7 Folders</i>	1788-1829
b. 22	Account books <i>3 Folders</i>	1804-1831
b. 23	Account books <i>2 Folders</i>	1833-1846
b. 24	Day book	1831-1851
b. 24	Letter books	1828-1840
b. 25	Letter books	1841-1844
b. 26	Letter books	1844-1845
b. 27	Register	1800-1834
Dawkins, Augusta		
b. 28	"Manuscript of Readings and Thoughts"	1840-1871
b. 28	Notebook	1827-1864
Holroyd, Mrs.		
b. 28	Account books	1778-1792
Holroyd, Sarah Martha		
b. 28	Journals	1808-1818
b. 28	Verses <i>5 Folders</i>	1793-1817

Munro, Gordon

Munro, Gordon (continued)

b. 29	Account books <i>3 Folders</i>	1827-1828
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	Proby, Susan	
b. 29	Prayer book	1802
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	Unidentified Authors	
b. 29	Miscellaneous	undated
b. 29	"Directions for Battalion Guns"	undated
b. 29	Notebook (school memory exercises)	undated
b. 29	Serena	1794-1850, undated

Series III: Bills and Receipts, 1767-1830

2.71 linear feet (7 boxes)

Series III, *Bills and Receipts*, consists of seven boxes of unsorted bills and receipts, many pertaining to the personal expenses of Sir Henry Clinton (1771-1829). There are also a number of bills and receipts documenting the financial affairs of his father, General Sir Henry Clinton (1730-1795).

Oversize bills and receipts are stored in *Oversize*.

Not arranged in any particular order.

b. 30	Bills and receipts <i>17 Folders</i>	1767-1793
b. 31	Bills and receipts <i>16 Folders</i>	1768-1819
b. 32	Bills and receipts <i>14 Folders</i>	1772-1799
b. 33	Bills and receipts <i>7 Folders</i>	1772-1814
b. 34	Bills and receipts <i>10 Folders</i>	1767-1830
b. 35	Bills and receipts <i>11 Folders</i>	1786-1829
b. 36	Bills and receipts <i>16 Folders</i>	1786-1830

Series IV: Other Papers, 1769-1879*0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Series IV, *Other Papers*, contains artwork and miscellaneous manuscripts pertaining to members of the Clinton family. The subseries *Artwork* includes cutouts of zombies and anonymous portraits, mostly printed, of various persons. Manuscripts consists primarily of school exercises and other papers relating to younger members of the extended Clinton family.

Arranged in two subseries: Artwork and Manuscripts.

Artwork		
b. 37	"Drawings and Paintings" See also: Oversize	undated
b. 37	"Pictures of Gravestones and Portland Place"	1773-1879
b. 37	Satirical playing cards (partial deck)	undated
b. 37	"Zombie Cutouts"	undated
b. 37	"Unknowns"	undated
b. 37	Clinton, Lou and Sir William Jones	undated
b. 37	J. M. D.	undated
b. 37	Dashwood, Charlotte	undated
b. 37	Dawkins Jr., Augusta	undated
b. 37	Fanshawe, Catharine	undated
b. 37	Holroyd, George	1815
b. 37	Holroyd, John Baker and Lord Sheffield	undated
b. 37	M. K.	undated
b. 37	Marshall, Catharine	undated
b. 37	Montagu, Mary Wortley	undated
b. 37	W. R.	undated
b. 37	Stanley, John	undated
Manuscripts		
b. 37	Letters and essays	1791-1820
b. 37	Newspaper clippings <i>2 Folders</i>	1812, undated
b. 37	School exercises <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 37	Printed material <i>2 Folders</i>	1805-1868, undated

Manuscripts (continued)

b. 37	Dawkins, Augusta - Miscellaneous <i>2 Folders</i>	1832-1859, undated
b. 38	Dawkins, F. - Service Record and Other Documents	undated
b. 38	Holroyd and Kennicott - Thermometer	undated
b. 38	Holroyd Clinton, Louisa D. - Essays, etc <i>2 Folders</i>	1803, undated
b. 38	Holroyd, Maria Joseph - School Exercises	after 1813
b. 38	Holroyd, Maria Joseph - Phalaris of Agrigentum	after 1803
b. 38	Montagu, Mary Wortley - Theme of the Mouse and Other Notes	1835, undated
b. 38	Stanley Daughters' - Plays and Poems <i>2 Folders</i>	1810-1818, undated
b. 38	Miscellaneous <i>7 Folders</i>	1769-1800, undated

Oversize, 1765-1840*2.75 linear feet (3 boxes)*

b. 39 (Oversize)	Correspondence	1807 August 22
b. 39 (Oversize)	Bills and receipts <i>6 Folders</i>	circa 1765-circa 1830, undated
b. 40 (Oversize)	Bills and receipts <i>8 Folders</i>	circa 1765-circa 1830, undated
b. 41 (Oversize)	Bills and receipts <i>12 Folders</i>	circa 1765-circa 1830, undated
b. 41 (Oversize)	Drawings	undated
b. 41 (Oversize)	Painting	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Brothers -- Great Britain
Napoleonic Wars, 1800-1815

Geographic Names

Great Britain -- History, Military -- 19th century
Great Britain -- Politics and government --
1800-1837

Genres / Formats

Account books
Diaries
Letter books
Receipts (financial records)

Names

Clinton, Henry, 1771-1829
Clinton, William Henry, Sir, 1769-1846
Wellington, Arthur Wellesley, Duke of,
1769-1852

Families

Clinton family

Corporate Body

Great Britain. Army