

# Guide to the Elizabeth Donnan Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 184

**CREATOR:** Donnan, Elizabeth, 1883-1955

**TITLE:** Elizabeth Donnan papers

**DATES:** 1806-1863

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Manuscripts and typewritten copies of newspaper articles, ships' logs and letterbooks in the Library of Congress relating to the slave trade after 1806, especially during the years 1810-1811, 1816-1821 and 1860-1863. These were collected but not used in connection with her Documents Illustrative of the Slave Trade, published 1930-1934.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the estate of Elizabeth Donnan, 1957.

## **Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.

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## **Preferred Citation**

Elizabeth Donnan Papers (MS 184). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Educated at Cornell University and Wellesley College; author of Documents Illustrative of the Slave Trade to America (4 vols.) 1930-1934, Economic Principles and Modern Practice (with H.R. Mussey) 1942.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The Elizabeth Donnan Papers consist of copies of letter books, ship logs, and newspaper articles relating to the slave trade after 1806. The originals are in the Library of Congress. The years 1810-1811, 1816-1821, 1850, and 1860-1863 are most fully represented. According to a handwritten note sent with the papers Professor Donnan never used the notes for any of her publications.

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b. 1, f. 1	<a href="#">Reports and notes on slave trade and slave ships</a>	1804-1807, 1810-1811
b. 1, f. 2	<a href="#">Niles' Register</a> English	1816-1821
b. 1, f. 3	<a href="#">Library of Congress American Colonization Society</a>	1826-1828
b. 1, f. 4	<a href="#">Library of Congress American Colonization Society</a>	1835-1839
b. 1, f. 5	Library of Congress American Colonization Society. Papers of A. H. Foote	1840-1850
b. 1, f. 6 - 7	<a href="#">Library of Congress, Letter Book of Andrew H. Foote</a>	1850
b. 1, f. 8	Library of Congress, <i>Letter Book of Andrew H. Foote</i>	1851
b. 1, f. 9	<a href="#">Library of Congress Slave Papers. J. C. Van Dyke</a>	1854, 1857
b. 1, f. 10	<a href="#">Library of Congress Slave Papers and Slave Trade, Vol I</a>	1858-1859
b. 1, f. 11	Library of Congress Slave Papers and Slave Trade, Vol I	1860
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b. 1, f. 14	Library of Congress Slave Papers and Slave Trade, Vol I	1862
b. 1, f. 15	Library of Congress Slave Papers and Slave Trade, Vol I	1863
b. 1, f. 16	Library of Congress Slave Papers and Slave Trade, Vol I	1864-1870

## **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**

African Americans  
Educators  
Slave trade

### **Occupations**

Authors

### **Names**

Donnan, Elizabeth, 1883-1955