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Guide to the

Horatio Gates papers

1760-1804

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Summary

Creator: Gates, Horatio, 1728-1806

Title: Horatio Gates papers

Date: 1760-1804

Size: 1.5 linear feet (4 boxes, 1 v.); 1 microfilm reel

Source: Purchase, gift, Bancroft, George; J.S. Kennedy, 1893

Abstract: Horatio Gates (1728-1806) was a general in the American Revolutionary War. He commanded the American forces at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777 and in 1780 was placed in chief command of the army in the South. During the French and Indian War, he served as an officer in the British army. Collection consists of correspondence and orderly books of General Gates. Correspondence, 1787-1804, primarily from family and friends, concerns personal and financial matters but also relates to American politics. Letter book, 1780-1781, contains letters written by Gates during his command in the South during the Revolution. Also, orderly books, 1760-1783; issued by Gates while commanding the Southern Army.

Access: Advance notice required.

Alternative Form Available: Orderly books, 1760-1783, and letterbook, 1780-1781, available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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Creator History

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Custodial History

Collection is composed of materials separated from the Emmet and Bancroft collections.

Orderly books and letterbook received as part of the Thomas Addis Emmet collection.

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Arrangement: Two series: I. Correspondence; II. Orderly Books

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Military records
Soldiers

Geographic Names

United States -- History -- French and Indian War, 1754-1763
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1809

Names

Gates, Horatio, 1728-1806
Alexander, William
Holland, Benjamin
Mark, John
Richmond, Christopher
White, William A. (William Alexander), 1906-
Bancroft collection
United States. Continental Army