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Accession # *85 M 6

Location 319 Top case 11

Title George Croghan. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1811-1848

Date of receipt 1924 (in part)

Received from Denis Wortman, purchase

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2 ab

Condition letters very brittle, many fragmented; rest in fair condition

Restrictions none

Description The American soldier, George Croghan, was born near Louisville, Kentucky in 1791 and died in New Orleans in 1849. His father, William, emigrated from Ireland and was a distinguished officer in the Revolutionary War. After graduation from William & Mary College the youthful Croghan served as a volunteer aide-de-camp to Gen. William Henry Harrison in the battle in 1811 against the Indian confederacy at Tippananoe. His efficiency impressed Harrison on whose recommendation he was made a captain in the regular army in April 1812. Later in that year Croghan was put in command of Fort Stephenson in northern Ohio, and, disobeying Harrison's repeated orders to abandon it, successfully defended the fort against a combined force of British troops, river gunboats, and Indians. Although scarcely praised by the embarrassed Harrison and mildly criticized by the military establishment, Croghan became something of a national hero. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel, awarded a belated medal in 1836, and a monument in his honor was erected on the site of the battle (now Fremont, Ohio). In 1816 he married into the rich and powerful Livingston family of New York. Later he was an inspector-general in the regular army, post-master general in New Orleans, and, under Zachary Taylor, served in the War with Mexico.

The papers consist of correspondence, 1811-1848, with army officers, politicians, and government officials related to the War of 1812, Croghan's duties as inspector-general, and the Mexican War. There also are transcripts and typed copies (and some originals) of correspondence, 1818-1825, between Croghan and William Henry Harrison concerning Croghan's defense of Fort Stephenson and allegations made in a biography of Harrison to which Croghan objected and which he wished Harrison to refute. Also in the collection are a few letters of 1816 from Croghan's brother, William, to his sons at school, some letters and papers, 1830-1858, of St. George Croghan, and military papers for the period 1812-1845 consisting of orders, muster rolls, inspectors' reports, inventories of equipment, lists, etc. reflecting Croghan's career.

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 Artifacts Machine-readable records
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Temporary catalog card added entries Armies; Harrison, William Henry (1773-1841); Irish in America; Ohio-History--War of 1812; Mexico-History--War with the United States, 1845-1848; United States. Army; United States-History--War of 1812; United States-History--War with Mexico, 1845-1848

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Container listing

1. Correspondence, 1811-1848; Correspondence with William Henry Harrison, 1818-1825; Military papers.
2. Military papers; family correspondence and papers.