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Collection Summary

Title: William Eustis Papers

Span Dates: 1757-1908

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1801-1825)

ID No.: MSS19968

Creator: Eustis, William, 1753-1825

Extent: 650 items

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: .8 linear feet

Extent: 2 microfilm reels

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Summary: Physician, diplomat, United States secretary of war, and United States representative and senator from Massachusetts. Correspondence, family papers, legal documents, and other material relating to the Burr-Clinton controversy, the Louisiana Purchase, Indian affairs, war between England and France, and relations between the United States and the Netherlands.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848--Correspondence.

Bourne, Sylvanus, 1761-1817--Correspondence.

Burr, Aaron, 1756-1836.

Claiborne, William C. C. (William Charles Cole), 1775-1817--Correspondence.

Clibborn, Joshua--Correspondence.

Clinton, DeWitt, 1769-1828.

Dearborn, Henry, 1751-1829--Correspondence.

Eustis, Benjamin. Benjamin Eustis papers.

Eustis, Caroline Langdon, 1781-1865. Caroline Langdon Eustis papers.

Eustis, William, 1753-1825.

Everett, Alexander Hill, 1790-1847--Correspondence.

Fellows, Nathaniel, 1780- --Correspondence.

Gallatin, Albert, 1761-1849--Correspondence.

Homans, Benjamin, 1765-1823--Correspondence.

Lincoln, Levi, 1782-1868--Correspondence.

Madison, Dolley, 1768-1849--Correspondence.

Madison, James, 1751-1836--Correspondence.

Mitchill, Samuel L. (Samuel Latham), 1764-1831--Correspondence.

Monroe, James, 1758-1831--Correspondence.

Smith, Robert, 1757-1842--Correspondence.

Subjects

Indians of North America--Government relations.

Louisiana Purchase.

Places

France--Foreign relations--Great Britain.

Great Britain--Foreign relations--France.

Netherlands--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--Netherlands.

Occupations

Cabinet officers.
Diplomats.
Physicians.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Massachusetts.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Massachusetts.

Provenance

The papers of William Eustis, physician, diplomat, United States secretary of war, and United States representative and senator from Massachusetts, were acquired by the Library of Congress through gift, purchase, and transfer, 1910-1996.

Other Repositories

Smaller collections of Eustis Papers are at the Massachusetts Historical Society, the New-York Historical Society, and the Boston Public Library.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of William Eustis are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on two reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, William Eustis Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Eustis (1753-1825) span the years 1757-1908, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1801-1825. The collection consists primarily of incoming correspondence during Eustis's tenure as United States secretary of war and minister to Holland. Also in the collection are family papers, including items relating to Benjamin Eustis and Carolyn Langdon Eustis and legal documents. Topics represented include the Burr-Clinton controversy, the Louisiana Purchase, Indian affairs, war between England and France, and relations between the United States and the Netherlands.

Correspondents include John Quincy Adams, Sylvanus Bourne, William C. C. Claiborne, Joshua Clibborn, Henry Dearborn, Alexander Hill Everett, Nathaniel Fellows, Albert Gallatin, Benjamin Homans, Levi Lincoln, Dolley Madison, James Madison, Samuel L. Mitchill, James Monroe, and Robert Smith.

The addition to the collection consists of three letters: a letter from Eustis to Frederick Ridgely, March 1, 1803; a letter from J. H. Douglass to Eustis, May 6, 1812; and one letter from Eustis to Matthew Carey, November 16, 1814.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,710

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Family papers
BOX 1 REEL 1	Correspondence with the Eustis family, 1802-1815
BOX 1 REEL 1	Eustis, Caroline Langdon, 1825-1831
BOX 1 REEL 1	Legal documents, 1757-1819
BOX 1 REEL 1	Miscellany, 1855-1908
BOX 1 REEL 1	General correspondence
BOX 1 REEL 1	1777-1815 (7 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 2	1816-1829, undated (7 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 2	Eustis, Caroline Langdon, 1815-1834, undated
BOX 2 REEL 2	Miscellany
BOX 2 REEL 2	Printed matter, 1802, 1817, undated
BOX 2 REEL 2	Speech, 1823
BOX 2 not filmed	Addition, 1802, 1812-1814