

William Sampson Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: William Sampson Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1806-1849

Bulk Dates: 1816-1849

ID No.: MSS51169

Creator: Sampson, William, 1764-1836

Extent: 2 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Irish patriot, lawyer, and author. Microfilm of letters from Sampson to his wife, Grace Clarke Sampson, relating to his political exile from Ireland to the United States.

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

Burr, Aaron, 1756-1836--Trials, litigation, etc.
Du Ponceau, Peter Stephen, 1760-1844--Correspondence.
Emmet, Thomas Addis, 1764-1827.
Sampson family.
Sampson, Grace Clarke, 1764-1853--Correspondence.
Sampson, William, 1764-1836--Exile.
Sampson, William, 1764-1836.
Tone, Catherine Ann Sampson, 1798-1864--Correspondence.

Organizations

Hibernian Provident Society (New York, N.Y.)

Subjects

Elections--United States--1812.
Irish--New York (State)--New York--Societies, etc.
Irish--United States.
Labor disputes.
Law--Codification.
Law.
Political science.
Practice of law--New York (State)--New York.

Places

Albany (N.Y.)--Social life and customs.
Cohoes (N.Y.)--Social life and customs.
Georgetown (Washington, D.C.)--Social life and customs.
Ireland--Emigration and immigration.
Massachusetts--Social life and customs.
New York (N.Y.)--Social life and customs.
United States--Emigration and immigration.
United States--Politics and government--1809-1817.
Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Occupations

Authors.
Lawyers.

Patriots--Ireland.

Acquisition Information

The papers of William Sampson, Irish patriot, lawyer, and author, consist of microfilm of original material loaned for filming by Katharine (Kay) Dickason (Mrs. Livingston T. Dickason) in 1966 and 1973.

Processing History

The finding aid was created in 2010 by Manuscript Division staff and was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William Sampson Papers is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The microfilm of papers of William Sampson is 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.

Preferred Citation

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

Scope and Content Note

The microfilm of the papers of William Sampson consists of reproductions of letters, 1806-1831, from Sampson to his wife, Grace Clarke Sampson, relating to his political exile from Ireland to the United States; his New York law practice with Thomas A. Emmet; social life and manners in Albany, Cohoes, and New York, New York, and in Massachusetts; the election of 1812; the trial of Aaron Burr; efforts to ban Irish immigration; the Hibernian Provident Society; and his role as defense counsel in an 1810 labor case. Also in the collection are family papers, 1816-1849, consisting chiefly of correspondence between Grace Sampson and her daughter, Catherine Ann Sampson Tone, wife of William Theobald Wolfe Tone, 1791-1828, relating to New York, Washington, D.C., and Georgetown society. Reproduced as well are letters from Peter Stephen Du Ponceau to William Sampson on matters including politics, legal matters, and the codification of the law.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material and name of family member, and chronologically therein.

Container List

Microfilm shelf no. *13,611 and **15,837

Container	Contents
REEL 1*	Letters to Grace Clarke Sampson (wife) *Microfilm shelf no. 13,611
REEL 1*	From New York
REEL 1*	1806, July 8-Dec. 10
REEL 1*	1807, Jan. 25-Dec. 28
REEL 1*	1808, Jan. 6-Nov. 6
REEL 1*	1809, Mar. 22-Dec. 24
REEL 1*	1810, Apr. 29-Aug. 6
REEL 1*	From Washington, D.C., 1817, Feb. 4
REEL 1*	From Philadelphia, Pa., 1831, Apr. 13-Oct. 20
REEL 1*	Fragment, "New York, May 21," no year
REEL 2*	Diary, Catherine Ann Sampson, 1831
REEL 2*	Correspondence of Grace Clarke Sampson
REEL 2*	To Catherine Ann Sampson Tone
REEL 2*	1822-1824, 1825
REEL 2*	1826-1827
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REEL 2*	1841
REEL 2*	1842
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REEL 2*	1848
REEL 2*	1849
REEL 2**	Correspondence **Microfilm shelf no. 15,837
REEL 2**	Du Ponceau, Peter Stephen, to William Sampson 1816-1828
REEL 2**	Miscellaneous, 1817
REEL 2**	Tone, Catherine Ann Sampson, to Grace Clarke Sampson
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