William A. Oldridge Collection of George Washington's Headquarters Staff Writings

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Collection Summary

Title: William A. Oldridge Collection of George Washington's Headquarters Staff Writings
Span Dates: 1775-1962
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1775-1783)
ID No.: MSS38620
Creator: Oldridge, William A.
Extent: 200 items
Extent: 4 containers
Extent: 1.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm73038620
Summary: Transcripts of letters collected and edited by Oldridge. Includes correspondence, writings, and other papers of Oldridge concerning the location of papers and illustrations of Washington's headquarters staff and historical accounts from the original material.

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
Boudinot, Elias, 1740-1821--Correspondence.
Gates, Horatio, 1728-1806--Correspondence.
Grayson, William, 1736-1790--Correspondence.
Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804--Correspondence.
Hand, Edward, 1744-1802--Correspondence.
Harrison, Robert Hanson, 1745-1790--Correspondence.
Humphreys, David, 1752-1818--Correspondence.
Johnston, George, 1750-1777--Correspondence.
Laurens, John, 1754-1782--Correspondence.
McHenry, James, 1753-1816--Correspondence.
Meade, Richard Kidder, 1746-1805--Correspondence.
Mifflin, Thomas, 1744-1800--Correspondence.
Moylan, Stephen, 1737-1811--Correspondence.
Oldridge, William A.
Reed, Joseph, 1741-1785--Correspondence.
Tilghman, Tench, 1744-1786--Correspondence.
Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809--Correspondence.
Washington, George, 1732-1799.

Organizations
United States. Continental Army.

Places
United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.

Occupations
Collectors.

Provenance
The William A. Oldridge Collection was given to the Library of Congress by Oldridge in 1956. Additional material was given by him from 1957 to 1970.
Processing History

The papers of The Oldridge Collection were arranged and described in 1973. The collection was expanded and revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William A. Oldridge is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Oldridge Collection 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: Container number, William A. Oldridge Collection of George Washington's Headquarters Staff Writings, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The William A. Oldridge Collection of George Washington's Headquarters Staff Writings spans the years 1775-1962, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1775-1783. The collection consists chiefly of transcripts of letters collected and edited by Oldridge. Correspondents include Elias Boudinot, Horatio Gates, William Grayson, Alexander Hamilton, Edward Hand, Robert Hanson Harrison, David Humphreys, George Johnston, John Laurens, James McHenry, Richard Kidder Meade, Thomas Mifflin, Stephen Moylan, Joseph Reed, Tench Tilghman, and Jonathan Trumbull. Included is correspondence, writings, and other papers of Oldridge concerning the location of papers and illustrations of Washington's headquarters staff and historical accounts from the original material.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material, with the main part consisting of nine volumes of transcripts as compiled by Oldridge. Volume 9 contains an index to the first eight volumes.
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