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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** OSB MSS 168

**CREATOR:** Clinton family

**TITLE:** Clinton papers

**DATES:** 1754-1879

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 16.3 linear feet (41 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Clinton Papers contain correspondence, letterbooks, financial papers and other material documenting aspects of the lives and military careers of Sir William Henry Clinton (1769-1846) and his brother Sir Henry Clinton (1771-1829). They include hundreds of letters from Henry to William Henry, many written from Spain during the Napoleonic Wars, as well as letters by other members of the Clinton family; journals kept by Sir Henry Clinton, the letterbooks of Sir William Henry Clinton, and account books kept by both brothers; bills and receipts; and family papers

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b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased by James Marshall Osborn from Hodgson's, 1958; gift of James Marshall Osborn, 1965.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Processing Information

The collection received preliminary processing and partial cataloging at the time of acquisition. Further organization, rehousing and description were carried out in 2010. Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from the original dealer description and from catalog cards. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided at the time of acquisition. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases.

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## Sir William Henry Clinton, 1769-1846

Sir William Henry Clinton was the eldest son of General Sir Henry Clinton (1730-1795), who commanded the British forces in North America during the Revolutionary War. William Henry joined the British Army in 1784 and was swiftly promoted, eventually reaching the rank of General in 1830. He served on several secret missions during the Napoleonic Wars and was wounded in Corsica; in 1826-1828 he commanded the British forces in Portugal. In addition to his military career, William Henry Clinton served in the House of Commons and made extensive improvements to his manor of Cokenach. He sought several colonial governorships unsuccessfully during his career, but was forced to decline the governorship of Malta in 1830 due to ill-health. William Henry Clinton married Lady Dorothea Holroyd in 1797; the couple had two sons and four daughters. He died at Cokenach, Hertfordshire, England, on February 16, 1846.

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## Sir Henry Clinton, 1771-1829

Sir Henry Clinton was the younger son of General Sir Henry Clinton (1730-1795). He joined the British Army in 1787 and took part in the Napoleonic Wars, eventually rising to command the Sixth Division in Spain in 1811. Clinton journeyed to England briefly in 1813 to convalesce from an unidentified illness, but returned to Spain to lead his forces in the battles of the Nive, Orthez, and Toulouse. He took command of the Third Division at the battle of Waterloo, and led a division during the occupation of France. In addition to his military career, Clinton was a member of Parliament from 1808 until 1818, working in the interests of his cousin the Duke of Newcastle. Sir Henry Clinton's health deteriorated rapidly after the death of his wife Susan (Charteris) in 1817, and he is said to have become a recluse. He died at Ashley Clinton, Hampshire, England, in 1829.

## **Scope and Contents**

The Clinton Papers contain correspondence, letterbooks, financial papers and other material documenting aspects of the lives and military careers of Sir William Henry Clinton (1769-1846) and his brother Sir Henry Clinton (1771-1829). They include hundreds of letters from Henry to William Henry, many written from Spain during the Napoleonic Wars, as well as letters by other members of the Clinton family; journals kept by Sir Henry Clinton, letterbooks of Sir William Henry Clinton, and account books kept by both brothers; bills and receipts; and family papers.

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into four series: I. Correspondence, 1754-1829; II. Account Books and Journals, 1762-1871; III. Bills and Receipts, 1767-1830; IV. Other Papers, 1769-1879.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1754-1829, undated

3.34 linear feet (10 boxes)

Series I, *Correspondence*, contains chronologically arranged correspondence from and to members of the Clinton family, principally Sir William Henry Clinton (1769-1846) and Sir Henry Clinton (1771-1829), documenting aspects of their lives and military careers. There are over 800 letters from Sir Henry to his brother Sir William Henry, written between 1811 and 1828, which provide detailed accounts of Sir Henry's military service and of his political activities during his years in Parliament.

Sir William Henry Clinton's own service during the 1826-1828 campaign in Portugal is also documented in his letters to Sir Henry Clinton from the period, as well as in letters received by him from many correspondents, including other army officers. Other correspondents include political colleagues, members of the British aristocracy, and members of Clinton's extended family.

Chronologically arranged; three folders of family correspondence are located at the end of the series.

|     |  |           |
|-----|--|-----------|
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1754-1766 |
| b.1 | Correspondence<br><i>2 Folders</i>                 | 1767      |
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1768-1770 |
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1770-1778 |
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1779-1788 |
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1789-1798 |
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1799      |
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1801      |
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1803      |
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1805      |
| b.1 | Correspondence<br>See: Oversize                    | 1807      |
| b.1 | Correspondence<br><i>2 Folders</i>                 | 1808      |
| b.1 | Correspondence                                     | 1811-1812 |
| b.2 | Correspondence<br><i>3 Folders</i>                 | 1812      |
| b.2 | Correspondence                                     | 1813      |
| b.2 | Correspondence<br><i>3 Folders</i>                 | 1814      |
| b.2 | <a href="#">Correspondence</a><br><i>9 Folders</i> | 1815      |

|       |   |               |
|-------|---|---------------|
| b. 3  | Correspondence                              | 1816          |
| b. 3  | Correspondence<br><i>4 Folders</i>          | 1817          |
| b. 3  | Correspondence<br><i>6 Folders</i>          | 1818          |
| b. 3  | Correspondence<br><i>3 Folders</i>          | 1819          |
| b. 3  | Correspondence<br><i>13 Folders</i>         | 1820          |
| b. 4  | Correspondence<br><i>4 Folders</i>          | 1820          |
| b. 4  | Correspondence<br><i>17 Folders</i>         | 1821          |
| b. 5  | Correspondence<br><i>15 Folders</i>         | 1822          |
| b. 5  | Correspondence<br><i>17 Folders</i>         | 1823          |
| b. 6  | Correspondence<br><i>17 Folders</i>         | 1824          |
| b. 7  | Correspondence                              | 1824          |
| b. 7  | Correspondence<br><i>19 Folders</i>         | 1825          |
| b. 7  | Correspondence<br><i>6 Folders</i>          | 1826          |
| b. 8  | Correspondence<br><i>13 Folders</i>         | 1826          |
| b. 9  | Correspondence<br><i>12 Folders</i>         | 1827          |
| b. 9  | Correspondence<br><i>11 Folders</i>         | 1828          |
| b. 9  | Correspondence<br><i>2 Folders</i>          | 1829          |
| b. 10 | Correspondence<br><i>7 Folders</i>          | 1829, undated |
| b. 10 | Baddeley-Dixon letters                      | 1777-1807     |
| b. 10 | Maria Augusta and Louisa H. Clinton letters | 1809-1812     |
| b. 10 | William Henry Clinton's children's letters  | 1809-1816     |

**Series II: Account Books and Journals, 1762-1871***6.67 linear feet (19 boxes)*

Series II contains account books, journals and other bound manuscripts written or owned by members of the Clinton family. The series includes an extensive set of Sir Henry Clinton's journals, beginning in 1791 and continuing until the year of his death, as well as a set of account books covering most of his adult life. Also present are letterbooks kept by Sir William Henry Clinton from 1828 onward and three boxes of his account books; notebooks and journals kept by several women relatives; and a notebook containing "Directions for Battalion Guns."

Alphabetically arranged by author and then by type of material.

|       |                                     |                |
|-------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
|       | Carter, Elizabeth                   |                |
| b. 11 | Account books<br><i>2 Folders</i>   | 1790-1817      |
|       | Chester, Ann Maria Mary             |                |
| b. 11 | Music books                         | 1821 August 23 |
|       | Clinton, "Monsieur"                 |                |
| b. 12 | Account books                       | undated        |
|       | Clinton, Frederick                  |                |
| b. 12 | Journals<br><i>2 Folders</i>        | 1841-1866      |
| b. 12 | Military notebook                   | undated        |
|       | Clinton, Harriet Carter             |                |
| b. 12 | Journals                            | 1764-1828      |
|       | Clinton, Henry, Sir, 1738-1795      |                |
| b. 12 | Account books<br><i>2 Folders</i>   | 1766-1769      |
| b. 12 | Daily calendars                     | 1762           |
| b. 13 | Daily calendars<br><i>3 Folders</i> | 1763-1795      |
|       | Clinton, Henry, Sir, 1771-1829      |                |
| b. 14 | Account books<br><i>5 Folders</i>   | 1795-1825      |
| b. 15 | Account books<br><i>13 Folders</i>  | 1804-1847      |
| b. 16 | Journals<br><i>9 Folders</i>        | 1791-1797      |
| b. 17 | Journals<br><i>10 Folders</i>       | 1798-1805      |



## Clinton, Henry, Sir, 1771-1829 (continued)

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|--|---|---------------|
| b. 18                                  | Journals<br><i>11 Folders</i>                 | 1805-1812     |
| b. 19                                  | <a href="#">Journals</a><br><i>14 Folders</i> | 1812-1817     |
| b. 20                                  | Journals                                      | 1825-1829     |
| b. 20                                  | Military notebook                             | undated       |
| b. 20                                  | notebook<br><i>3 Folders</i>                  | 1814, undated |
| b. 20                                  | Reading extracts<br><i>2 Folders</i>          | 1805, undated |
| b. 20                                  | Record of letters<br><i>2 Folders</i>         | 1825-1829     |
| Clinton, William Henry, Sir, 1769-1846 |   |               |
| b. 21                                  | Account books<br><i>7 Folders</i>             | 1788-1829     |
| b. 22                                  | Account books<br><i>3 Folders</i>             | 1804-1831     |
| b. 23                                  | Account books<br><i>2 Folders</i>             | 1833-1846     |
| b. 24                                  | Day book                                      | 1831-1851     |
| b. 24                                  | Letter books                                  | 1828-1840     |
| b. 25                                  | Letter books                                  | 1841-1844     |
| b. 26                                  | Letter books                                  | 1844-1845     |
| b. 27                                  | Register                                      | 1800-1834     |
| Dawkins, Augusta                       |   |               |
| b. 28                                  | "Manuscript of Readings and Thoughts"         | 1840-1871     |
| b. 28                                  | Notebook                                      | 1827-1864     |
| Holroyd, Mrs.                          |   |               |
| b. 28                                  | Account books                                 | 1778-1792     |
| Holroyd, Sarah Martha                  |   |               |
| b. 28                                  | Journals                                      | 1808-1818     |
| b. 28                                  | Verses<br><i>5 Folders</i>                    | 1793-1817     |

Munro, Gordon

## Munro, Gordon (continued)

|       |                                    |                       |
|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| b. 29 | Account books<br><i>3 Folders</i>  | 1827-1828             |
| <hr/> |                                    |                       |
|       | Proby, Susan                       |                       |
| b. 29 | Prayer book                        | 1802                  |
| <hr/> |                                    |                       |
|       | Unidentified Authors               |                       |
| b. 29 | Miscellaneous                      | undated               |
| b. 29 | "Directions for Battalion Guns"    | undated               |
| b. 29 | Notebook (school memory exercises) | undated               |
| b. 29 | Serena                             | 1794-1850,<br>undated |

**Series III: Bills and Receipts, 1767-1830**

2.71 linear feet (7 boxes)

Series III, *Bills and Receipts*, consists of seven boxes of unsorted bills and receipts, many pertaining to the personal expenses of Sir Henry Clinton (1771-1829). There are also a number of bills and receipts documenting the financial affairs of his father, General Sir Henry Clinton (1730-1795).

Oversize bills and receipts are stored in *Oversize*.

Not arranged in any particular order.

|       |   |           |
|-------|---|-----------|
| b. 30 | Bills and receipts<br><i>17 Folders</i> | 1767-1793 |
| b. 31 | Bills and receipts<br><i>16 Folders</i> | 1768-1819 |
| b. 32 | Bills and receipts<br><i>14 Folders</i> | 1772-1799 |
| b. 33 | Bills and receipts<br><i>7 Folders</i>  | 1772-1814 |
| b. 34 | Bills and receipts<br><i>10 Folders</i> | 1767-1830 |
| b. 35 | Bills and receipts<br><i>11 Folders</i> | 1786-1829 |
| b. 36 | Bills and receipts<br><i>16 Folders</i> | 1786-1830 |

**Series IV: Other Papers, 1769-1879***0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Series IV, *Other Papers*, contains artwork and miscellaneous manuscripts pertaining to members of the Clinton family. The subseries *Artwork* includes cutouts of zombies and anonymous portraits, mostly printed, of various persons. Manuscripts consists primarily of school exercises and other papers relating to younger members of the extended Clinton family.

Arranged in two subseries: Artwork and Manuscripts.

## Artwork

|       |  |           |
|-------|--|-----------|
| b. 37 | "Drawings and Paintings"<br>See also: Oversize | undated   |
| b. 37 | "Pictures of Gravestones and Portland Place"   | 1773-1879 |
| b. 37 | Satirical playing cards (partial deck)         | undated   |
| b. 37 | "Zombie Cutouts"                               | undated   |
| b. 37 | "Unknowns"                                     | undated   |
| b. 37 | Clinton, Lou and Sir William Jones             | undated   |
| b. 37 | J. M. D.                                       | undated   |
| b. 37 | Dashwood, Charlotte                            | undated   |
| b. 37 | Dawkins Jr., Augusta                           | undated   |
| b. 37 | Fanshawe, Catharine                            | undated   |
| b. 37 | Holroyd, George                                | 1815      |
| b. 37 | Holroyd, John Baker and Lord Sheffield         | undated   |
| b. 37 | M. K.  | undated   |
| b. 37 | Marshall, Catharine                            | undated   |
| b. 37 | Montagu, Mary Wortley                          | undated   |
| b. 37 | W. R.  | undated   |
| b. 37 | Stanley, John                                  | undated   |

## Manuscripts

|       |   |                       |
|-------|---|-----------------------|
| b. 37 | Letters and essays                      | 1791-1820             |
| b. 37 | Newspaper clippings<br><i>2 Folders</i> | 1812, undated         |
| b. 37 | School exercises<br><i>2 Folders</i>    | undated               |
| b. 37 | Printed material<br><i>2 Folders</i>    | 1805-1868,<br>undated |

## Manuscripts (continued)

|       |  |                       |
|-------|--|-----------------------|
| b. 37 | Dawkins, Augusta - Miscellaneous<br><i>2 Folders</i>         | 1832-1859,<br>undated |
| b. 38 | Dawkins, F. - Service Record and Other Documents             | undated               |
| b. 38 | Holroyd and Kennicott - Thermometer                          | undated               |
| b. 38 | Holroyd Clinton, Louisa D. - Essays, etc<br><i>2 Folders</i> | 1803, undated         |
| b. 38 | Holroyd, Maria Joseph - School Exercises                     | after 1813            |
| b. 38 | Holroyd, Maria Joseph - Phalaris of Agrigentum               | after 1803            |
| b. 38 | Montagu, Mary Wortley - Theme of the Mouse and Other Notes   | 1835, undated         |
| b. 38 | Stanley Daughters' - Plays and Poems<br><i>2 Folders</i>     | 1810-1818,<br>undated |
| b. 38 | Miscellaneous<br><i>7 Folders</i>                            | 1769-1800,<br>undated |

**Oversize, 1765-1840***2.75 linear feet (3 boxes)*

|                  |   |                                   |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| b. 39 (Oversize) | Correspondence                          | 1807 August 22                    |
| b. 39 (Oversize) | Bills and receipts<br><i>6 Folders</i>  | circa 1765-circa<br>1830, undated |
| b. 40 (Oversize) | Bills and receipts<br><i>8 Folders</i>  | circa 1765-circa<br>1830, undated |
| b. 41 (Oversize) | Bills and receipts<br><i>12 Folders</i> | circa 1765-circa<br>1830, undated |
| b. 41 (Oversize) | Drawings                                | undated                           |
| b. 41 (Oversize) | Painting                                | undated                           |

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Brothers -- Great Britain  
Napoleonic Wars, 1800-1815

### **Geographic Names**

Great Britain -- History, Military -- 19th century  
Great Britain -- Politics and government --  
1800-1837

### **Genres / Formats**

Account books  
Diaries  
Letter books  
Receipts (financial records)

### **Names**

Clinton, Henry, 1771-1829  
Clinton, William Henry, Sir, 1769-1846  
Wellington, Arthur Wellesley, Duke of,  
1769-1852

### **Families**

Clinton family

### **Corporate Body**

Great Britain. Army