

Thomas Sidney Jesup Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Thomas Sidney Jesup Papers

Span Dates: 1780-1907

ID No.: MSS27789

Creator: Jesup, Thomas Sidney, 1788-1860

Extent: 6,000 items; 25 containers plus 1 oversize; 6.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Army officer and quartermaster general. Correspondence, memoranda, diaries, reports, essays, family papers, financial records, journals, maps, photographs, printed matter, and miscellaneous items relating to various military campaigns and to Jesup's career as quartermaster general of the army.

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.

People

Armstrong, John, 1758-1843--Correspondence.

Blair family.

Brent, Robert, 1764-1819--Correspondence.

Brown, Jacob, 1775-1828--Correspondence.

Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866--Correspondence.

Chase, Leslie--Correspondence.

Croghan family.

Cross, Truman, 1796-1846--Correspondence.

Gardner, John Lane, 1793-1869--Correspondence.

Hancock, George, 1754-1820--Correspondence.

Hetzel, A. R. (Abner Riviere), 1805-1847--Correspondence.

Jesup, Thomas Sidney, 1788-1860.

Lane, J. F., fl. 1834-1835. J.F. Lane letterbook. 1834-1835.

Leavenworth, Henry, 1783-1834--Correspondence.

Parker, Daniel, 1782-1846--Correspondence.

Pickett, J. C. (James Chamberlayne), 1793-1872--Correspondence.

Stanton, Henry, ca. 1796-1856--Correspondence.

Todd, John G.--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Army. Quartermaster's Dept.

Subjects

Mexican War, 1846-1848.

Seminole War, 2nd, 1835-1842.

Places

United States--History--War of 1812.

Occupations

Army officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Thomas Sidney Jesup, army officer and quartermaster general of the army, together with papers of the Croghan and Blair families, were purchased by the Library of Congress primarily in 1935 and 1936. Additional items were obtained by gift, purchase, and exchange from various sources between 1916 and 1955. Some papers for the Croghan family have been processed separately and some items for the Blair family have been added to the Blair Family Papers in the Manuscript Division.

Processing History

The papers of Thomas Sidney Jesup were arranged and described in 1984. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Thomas Sidney Jesup is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Thomas Sidney Jesup 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.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1788, Dec. 16	Born, Berkeley County, Va.
1808	Commissioned second lieutenant, 7th Infantry
1809	Commissioned first lieutenant, 7th Infantry
1813	Commissioned captain, 19th Infantry Commissioned major, 19th Infantry
1814	Brevetted lieutenant-colonel for distinguished and meritorious service at Battle of Chippewa Brevetted colonel for gallant conduct and distinguished skill at Battle of Fort Niagara (Lundy's Lane) Sent to Hartford, Conn., on recruiting duty
1817	Promoted to lieutenant-colonel, 3rd Infantry
1818	Promoted to colonel and adjutant general of the army Promoted to brigadier-general and appointed quartermaster general of the army Organized and defined the objectives of the quartermaster's department

1826	Acted as second to Henry Clay in latter's duel with John Randolph of Roanoke, Va.
1828	Promoted to major-general
1836	Assigned to command United States troops and troops of Alabama and Georgia in the Creek War Assigned to command all United States troops in Florida during Second Seminole War
1838	Wounded at Battle of Jupiter Inlet, Florida Relieved of command of the army in Florida by Zachary Taylor Resumed his duties as quartermaster general in Washington, D.C.
1860, June 10	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Thomas Sidney Jesup (1788-1860) span the years 1780-1907. The collection contains correspondence, memoranda, diaries, reports, essays, family papers, financial records, journals, maps, photographs, printed matter, and miscellaneous items relating to the War of 1812, the Seminole and Mexican wars, and to Jesup's service as Quartermaster General of the United States Army and is organized in the following series: [General Correspondence](#), [Family and Financial Papers](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [General Correspondence](#) contains drafts of communications of Jesup and his military associates, including John Armstrong, Robert Brent, Jacob Brown, Lewis Cass, Leslie Chase, Truman Cross, John Lane Gardner, George Hancock, A. R. Hetzel, Henry Leavenworth, Daniel Parker, J. C. Pickett, Henry Stanton, and John G. Todd.

The [Family and Financial Papers](#) series includes correspondence, household accounts, and genealogical records of the Blair, Croghan, and Jesup families.

The [Miscellany](#) series contains items relating to Jesup's various military campaigns, notes, printed matter, and a letterbook, 1835-1836, of J. F. Lane.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [General Correspondence, 1780-1907](#)
- [Family and Financial Papers, 1809-1905](#)
- [Miscellany, circa 1812-1883](#)
- [Oversize, circa 1832-1883](#)

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-18	<u>General Correspondence, 1780-1907</u> Letters sent and received, drafts of correspondence, letterbooks, and other papers dealing with personal and military affairs. Organized in three groups: bound volumes, loose items, and letterbooks and therein arranged chronologically.
BOX 19-22	<u>Family and Financial Papers, 1809-1905</u> Account books, correspondence, and miscellaneous fiscal records and other papers of the Blair, Croghan, and Jesup families. Arranged alphabetically by family name.
BOX 22-25	<u>Miscellany, circa 1812-1883</u> Memoranda, writings, notes, and other items relating to various matters including the Seminole and Mexican wars. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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Family and Financial Papers, 1809-1905

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BOX 22-25	Miscellany, circa 1812-1883 Memoranda, writings, notes, and other items relating to various matters including the Seminole and Mexican wars. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 23	Campaign on the Niagara River
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BOX 23	Lane, J. F., copybook with code Napoleon, mathematical notes, private letterbook, and list of letters sent and received, 1834-1835
BOX 23	"Letters on History, addressed to his sons and daughters of the United States Army, by Thomas S. Jesup, Washington City, Aug. 16, 1849-Jan. 1, 1857"
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Miscellany, circa 1812-1883

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BOX OV 1	Oversize, circa 1832-1883 Printed and hand-drawn or colored maps. Arranged alphabetically by title.
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