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Guide to the William S. Murphy Papers 1923-1965



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.MURPHYWS
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Abstract William S. Murphy was a military historian who studied Irish participation in European armies, particularly their role in French and Spanish campaigns in colonial America. This collection contains his articles, drafts, and research material.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Murphy, William S. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

William S. Murphy was an independent scholar of military history. He was interested in Irish participation in European armies, publishing on Irish brigades who fought for France and Spain during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783). He was an associate of the Irish historian Emmet Larkin. He pursued a career in international finance in New York City during the 1950s and 1960s while continuing to research and write on military history.

Scope Note

Murphy grouped his research notes and primary sources according to the intended article they supported. Articles are followed by notes, bibliographies, biographies, and photostats and photocopies of material from archives in America, Mexico, and Europe. In some cases correspondence with archivists or other researchers is included. Files related to specific articles are followed by general research materials, organized by topic. The final box contains oversized materials. The collection spans 1923-1965. It contains detailed notes on the genealogy and biography of military personnel of Irish heritage.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Murphy, William S.
- Irish American soldiers
- Military history

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"The Irish-American Aspect of Hispanic and Hispanic-American Military History," draft, circa 1965

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East Florida Papers, Library of Congress, photostats and copies, 1956

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"The Irish Brigade of France at the Siege of Savannah, 1779," Georgia Historical Quarterly, 1954

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Worcester, Donald E., "Miranda's Diary at the Siege of Pensacola, 1781," 1951

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Eckenrode, H.J., "The Story of the Campaign and Siege of Yorktown," 1931

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Hatch, Charles E., Jr., and Thomas M. Pitkin, "Yorktown: Climax of the Revolution," 1941

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Irish in French and Spanish campaigns, undated

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Locke, George H., "The Queen's Rangers," 1923

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National Park Service Historic Handbook, "Chickamauga and Chattanooga," 1956

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Austro-Hungarian family trees, undated

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"The Irish Brigade of France in the Siege of Savannah, 1779," unidentified photostats, undated

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Morison, Samuel Eliot, "The Battle That Set Us Free," 1956

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Siege of Yorktown article, University of Michigan Library photostats, undated