Guide to the William S. Murphy Papers 1923-1965

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Descriptive Summary

Identifier  ICU.SPCL.MURPHYWS
Title  Murphy, William S. Papers
Date  1923-1965
Size  5.5 linear feet (8 boxes)
Repository  Special Collections Research Center
            University of Chicago Library
            1100 East 57th Street
            Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
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:

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Subject Headings
• Murphy, William S.
• Irish American soldiers
• Military history

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