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Digital Resources--Images/text

Madison's observations--from his Papers, through Library of Congress/American Memory [The Writings of James Madison. Edited by Gaillard Hunt. James Madison, August 24, 1814. Observations on the capture of Washington DC by British troops.](#)

Manuscript Collections

Smith, Margaret Bayard. **Papers**, 1789-1874 1796-1840 [microfilm].

Description: 3,600 items.

11 containers.

8 microfilm reels.

Biographical/Historical Data: Social leader, author, and prominent Washingtonian. Mrs. Samuel Harrison Smith.

Summary: Correspondence, diaries, journals, and commonplace books. Chiefly correspondence between Smith and her sisters Jane Bayard Kirkpatrick and Maria Bayard Boyd, and her husband, journalist and banker, Samuel Harrison Smith (1772-1845). Other correspondents include Mary Hering Middleton, Madame A. Emilie Pichon, and Eliza S. Quincy. Topics covered include Washington, D.C., social life, Presidential elections, the British occupation of Washington, and visits to Monticello.

Microfilm D.C. Archives, Washington, D.C.

Microfilm. Library of Congress

Cockburn, George, Sir, 1772-1853. **Papers of Sir George Cockburn**, 1788-1847

Description: 4,400 items.

18 containers.

11 microfilm reels.

7 linear feet.

Summary: Correspondence, logbooks, journals, fleet orders, reports, and other papers relating to Cockburn's career in the British Royal Navy. Subjects include the War of 1812 and British naval activities against France and Spain, especially in the Mediterranean, Caribbean, and Indian Ocean. Documents Horatio Nelson's Mediterranean exploits, the attempt to rescue King Ferdinand VII of

Spain, destruction of the Danish navy (Søværnet) in 1801, the burning of Washington, D.C., during the War of 1812, and the exile of Napoleon I. Also includes material relating to Spanish colonies in South America and the history of the West Indies, the Bermuda Islands, and the Middle Atlantic states.

Microfilm. Library of Congress

Thornton, Anna Maria Brodeau, 1775?-1865. **Papers of Anna Maria Brodeau Thornton**, 1793-1861.

Description: 7 items.

7 containers.

Biographical/Historical Data: Wife of architect William Thornton.

Summary: Seven bound volumes containing diaries, journals, essays, log of household visitors, daily log of activities, household accounts, silhouettes of unidentified people, and other papers primarily describing social life in Washington, D.C., with extensive detail about housekeeping and expense matters. There are gaps in the diaries, with a major one occurring during the years 1816-1827. Includes entries relating to the schedule and work of Thornton's husband, architect William Thornton, on the east elevation of the Capitol, correspondence with Thomas Jefferson, visits to President Jefferson's home, a smallpox outbreak, paving of Pennsylvania Avenue, the British invasion of Washington, D.C., in 1814, the gun explosion on the steamship Princeton in 1844, inauguration of President James K. Polk in 1845, return of land to Virginia from Washington, D.C., in 1846, trips to Virginia, North Carolina, and Newburyport, Massachusetts, and Thornton's years spent in Tortola, Virgin Islands. A collection of autographs includes signatures of Henry Clay, James Madison, and John Peter Van Ness.

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United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)

Records of the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C., 1815-1834.

Description: 1 oversize item.

0.4 linear feet.

Summary: Manuscript volume recording names of tradesmen and the hours and location of their work during the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., following its burning by the British during the War of 1812.

[War of 1812 Eyewitnesses Interred or Memorialized in the Congressional Cemetery](#)

scroll down for "Biographical Notes"---including obituaries and other snippets of information, some quite extensive

Also consult: [NUCMC](#) for additional manuscript materials

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