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Biographical Information:

James Monroe (1799-1870) was a U. S. Army officer, U. S. Representative from New York and nephew of President James Monroe. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki:

[http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/James_Monroe_\(1799-1870\)](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/James_Monroe_(1799-1870)).

Scope and Contents

Papers, 1806-1860, primarily 1823-1845, of James Monroe (1799- 1870). Letters relate to his military career, family life, and politics. Included is correspondence to his uncle, President James Monroe.

Related Materials:

Related collections are; the James Monroe Papers (Mss. 39.1 M75), Monroe Papers, Ashlawn (Mss. Acc. 2003.09), Jay Johns Collection of James Monroe Papers (Mss. 68 M75), and the Monroe Family Papers (Mss. 82 M75), all at Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary.

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Description of Subordinate Components

Letter to "Brother"

Unit ID id293223

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123364

Unit Date 1806

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

News of his children - George, who is preparing for the seminary; William, who is improving at school; and his daughters, who are "old enough to show their friends what they have to expect from them;" detailed discussion concerning the administration of their brother's vast estate, involving Mr. Troup, his attorney,

and a Dr. Tillary and a Mr. Scott.

Eliza Douglas Monroe, to nephew James Monroe, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Unit ID id293225

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123365

Unit Date circa 1814

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

His uncle James Monroe thinks he should come for the week-end to visit with them, as well as Fanny [sister?]; mentions "the last number published by Lockharts Sir Walter" and refers him to that for advice; hopes he has enough respect for her to follow her advice and uphold the name of "James Monroe," listing the following concerns: continuing to refrain from consuming liquor; always paying in full so as to not go into debt; refraining from gambling; avoiding attachments with women; not spreading rumors; attending church, reading the Bible and praying; trusting no one until he knows they can be trusted; and keeping family affairs private. This letter was previously incorrectly attributed to Elizabeth Kortright Monroe.

Charles J. Power, Adj. General, N.Y., to Lt. James Monroe, Arsenal U.S. Army, New York

Unit ID id293227

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123366

Unit Date 1823 February 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Has aide-de-camp and the acting Adj[utant General; hopes that his move to the arsenal will prove agreeable to both him and Mrs. Monroe; inquires about an order for transportation to New York.

Peter Clark, Utica, N.Y, to James Monroe, Junior, New York

Unit ID id293229

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123367

Unit Date 1823 April 16

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Discusses his "investigation of the general titles to land estates in the great state of New York;" makes reference to a Mr. Abel and Mr. Otis.

Lieutenant James Monroe Jr., United States Arsenal, New York, to Dr. Joseph Lowell, Surgeon General, USA, Washington, D.C.

Unit ID id293231

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123368

Unit Date 1823 July 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Has been told by Mr. Gate, the aide-de-camp of Gen. Scott, that correspondence between Monroe and the recipient concerning Dr. Dayton and payment had been forwarded to Gen. Scott by the Secretary of War; also understands that further correspondence between Dr. Dayton and the recipient were also forwarded, in which the Mr. Dayton referred to him [JM] in not very "delicate... language;" inquires if his office normally retains and/or forwards correspondence to outsiders without sending copies to those directly affected.

E. B. Mayo, "Belville," Richmond, Va., to Lieut. James Monroe, Governors Island, New York

Unit ID id293233

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123369

Unit Date 1825 August 26

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Had an enjoyable time staying at Monroe's quarters; discusses his journey home from N.Y. through Trenton, Baltimore, and ending in Virginia; announces shipment of half dozen Virginia hams and sweet potatoes on the schooner Fly which sets sail September 2; will announce shipment of dogs after checking on his kennels.

William H. Chase, Raleigh, N.C., to Lt. James Monroe, New York, N.Y.

Unit ID id293235

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123370

Unit Date 1825 October 4

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Apologizes for not writing; describes travels from N.Y., through Philadelphia, Washington, Norfolk, and Petersburg to Raleigh; discusses his opinion of a sculpture of George Washington.

Francis Barber Ogden, Liverpool, to James Monroe

Unit ID id293237

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123371

Unit Date 1829 December 15

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Mentions the voyages of several ships including the Florida, John Jay, Caledonia, Canada, and Manchester; mentions the passage of Mrs. Douglas and Miss Margaret and includes rumors that she is marrying; states Mrs. Douglas' condition of health is low but everything possible is being done to make her comfortable.

Francis Barber Ogden, Liverpool, James Monroe

Unit ID id293239

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123372

Unit Date 1830 April 15

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Tells of the arrival of the Florida; will feel relief to see his name gazetted; mentions the nomination and approbation by the Senate of Commodore David Porter as U.S. Consul Gen. to Algiers; mentions the shipment of Stilton cheese being sent to him on the Canada. Includes 1830 April 15 letter from Francis Barber Ogden to Monroe's wife, Eliza, telling much family news.

Francis Barber Ogden, Liverpool, to Eliza Douglas Monroe

Unit ID id293241

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123373

Unit Date 1830 June 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Describes outing with his friends, including a description of the English countryside; relates the life story of

Miss Sarah Ponsonby and Lady Eleanor Butler.

W., New Orleans, to Eliza Douglas Monroe, New York

Unit ID id293243

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123374

Unit Date 1834 April 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Mentions Schephin [?] entering political life and his meeting with Col. Worth; mentions daughter Julia; expresses wishes concerning "the enemy" and "the sultan," describes weather conditions; mentions Jimbo, his political career, and the state of the country. 3 pp. ALS.

William D. Monroe, Bloomingdale, to his father James Monroe

Unit ID id293245

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123375

Unit Date 1834 December 8

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Discusses studies at school.

William D. Monroe, Jamaica, N.Y., to his father, James Monroe, New York City

Unit ID id293247

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123376

Unit Date 1836 June 25

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Discusses his studies and work he would have to make up to come home for the 4th of July; also mentions a Mr. Luck; would like another basket of cherries.

James Monroe, New York, to William Kane

Unit ID id293249

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123377

Unit Date 1837 April 14

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Discusses a previous situation, and their feelings about it, and their actions toward it.

James Monroe, New Rochelle, N.Y., to Mr. Halliday

Unit ID id293251

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123378

Unit Date 1837 November 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Forbids him to use the Monroe name in any connection with the previous incident concerning his daughter; warns him to be careful of judgements because his past misunderstandings have led him into error before.

J. Monroe, Jr., Fort Atkinson, Tallahassee, Florida, to his aunt, Eliza Douglas Monroe, New York

Unit ID id293253

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123379

Unit Date 1839 June 4

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (folder)

Scope and Contents

His Regiment will leave Florida soon, and be stationed in Trenton, New Jersey; information concerning killings, despite the treaty; mentions the Seminoles, Miccosukee, and Hostile Creeks; other information concerning the war, such as withdrawal of troops and the capture of tribes.

A. Loomis, Little Falls, N.Y., to James Monroe, New York

Unit ID id293255

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123380

Unit Date 1842 September 15

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Concerns a business adventure dealing with mortgages and deeds; mentions a Mr. Deveureux

James Monroe Jr., Fort Wachita, to his uncle James Monroe, New York

Unit ID id293257

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123381

Unit Date 1843 March 30

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Encloses a copy of correspondence; discusses his theory about his father's errors concerning attacks against him; mentions Aunt L. Monroe and Fanny. Includes letter, 1843 February 7 from J. Monroe, Fort Wachita, to Col. G. Loomis, requesting him to withdraw the accusation he made against him earlier. Also includes letter, 1843 March 4 from Col. G. Loomis, Fort Towson, to James Monroe, Fort Wachita, responding to the previous letter, asking for forgiveness, and apologizing for any harm he caused. Also includes letter, 1843 March 9 from James Monroe, Fort Wachita, to Col. G. Loomis, responding to his letter accusing him of treating the apology like a "favor."

Eliza M. Douglas Monroe, Farmwood, to William Thompson Van Zandt

Unit ID id293259

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123382

Unit Date 1843 September 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (folder)

Scope and Contents

States she wouldn't have had to send him the previous letter if he had ceased pursuing their daughter Fanny as they requested; expresses belief that eventually it will be like the situation never occurred and he will be welcome at Farmwood again.

Fanny Monroe, Farmwood, to William Thompson Van Zandt

Unit ID id293261

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123383

Unit Date 1843 December 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (folder)

Scope and Contents

She can no longer receive his visits except as a friend after reaching an understanding with her parents.

Eliza M. Douglas Monroe, Farmwood, to William Thompson Van Zandt

Unit ID id293263

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123384

Unit Date 1843 December 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Brief letter concerning her daughter's and his relationship, stating that it "should never have been turned from friendship into romance."

William Thompson Van Zandt to Eliza M. Douglas Monroe

Unit ID id293265

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123385

Unit Date 1843 December 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Explains his affection for her daughter and expresses his grief at their opinion of him; states he will obey their wishes, but hopes they will do him justice and reevaluate their opinion of his motives.

Eliza M. Douglas Monroe, Farmwood, to Unknown

Unit ID id293267

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123386

Unit Date 1844 June 8

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (folder)

Scope and Contents

States that Mr. Monroe doesn't approve of Mr. Van Zandt visiting his daughter, but if visits must occur, they may only take place at Farmwood; he also feels he is in no position "to ask any lady to take his name."

Eliza M. Douglas Monroe, New York, to William Thompson Van Zandt

Unit ID id293269

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123387

Unit Date 1845 July 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Concerns her meeting with him; has decided to let him see her daughter as "any other gentleman," but states all understanding will be lost if his intentions appear to be those of an "intended lover."

William Thompson Van Zandt, New York, to Eliza M. Douglas Monroe

Unit ID id293271

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123388

Unit Date 1845 July 29

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Assumed an understanding concerning their daughter could be reached after speaking with Dr. Mutter; now that he realizes they will oppose every effort of reconciliation, he intends to ask their daughter to marry, with or without their consent, as soon as he is in a position to do so.

William Thompson Van Zandt, New York, to Eliza M. Douglas Monroe, Farmwood

Unit ID id293273

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123389

Unit Date 1845 August 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 26 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Received her letter of the eleventh; has had no communication with Dr. Mutter since their last interview.

William Douglas, Henderson Home, to "Sister" Eliza M. Douglas Monroe, New York

Unit ID id293275

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123390

Unit Date 1845 September 24

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 27 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Has heard that their daughter, Fanny, was in town, and she may have met with Mr. Van Zandt; suggests they send Fanny to stay with him to prevent further meetings.

Samuel Wilson Parker, New York, to James Monroe

Unit ID id293277

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123391

Unit Date 1850 January 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 28 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Writes as a constituent, expressing his opposition at prohibiting slavery and his feelings towards those who wish to prohibit it.

Mary L., Albany, N.Y., to Mrs. Monroe, Balston Spa

Unit ID id293279

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123392

Unit Date before 1853

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 29 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Concerns a projected visit to Monroe, Balston Spa, N.Y.; lists complaints about the living conditions from people who have just returned from there; states Miss Wilson's brother isn't there; more about travels.

G. G. W. Duttes to James Monroe

Unit ID id293281

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/123393

Unit Date 1860 November 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 30 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Concerns the issue of slavery; refers to Lincoln as "a low, ignorant, and obscure man, known only as a "Rail Splitter," Charles Sumner as a "coward," and William Henry Steward as an "arch-traitor"; believes a civil war is inevitable and refers to the pending difficulties between the North and the South; family news and information about previous travels; mentions that if Mr. John C. Breckinridge had won, Edward would have had a promotion, but the diplomatic career of Edward, the Sec. of Legation at Berlin, will end with James Buchanan's presidency.