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### Unit ID

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1803-1905

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Monroe, James, 1758-1831

### Creator

Hay, Eliza Kortright Monroe

### Creator

Hay, George

### Creator

Munro, Alexander, Sir, 1753-1817

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## Biographical Information:

James Monroe (April 28, 1758 - July 4, 1831) was the fifth President of the United States (1817-1825). He played a leading role in the War of 1812 as secretary of war and secretary of state under James Madison. Monroe attended the College of William and Mary from 1774 through 1776.

## Scope and Contents

Correspondence, chiefly 1803-1839, of members of the Monroe family while in London, England, Paris, France and in Virginia. Includes letters received by James Monroe while minister to Great Britain, from Sir Alexander Munro; letters of George Hay and his wife, James Monroe's daughter, Eliza Kortright (Monroe) Hay. Letters contain information concerning Hortensia (Hay) Rogers and Lloyd Nicholas Rogers. These letters deal primarily with family matters, but include material on the French Revolution and on the Napoleonic Wars. Collection includes Kortright genealogy.

## Related Materials:

Related collections are; James Monroe Papers (Mss. 39.1 M75), the Jay Johns Collection of James Monroe Papers (Mss. 68 M75), the Monroe Papers, Ashlawn (Mss. Acc. 2003.09), and the James Monroe (1799-1870) Family Papers (Mss. 83 M75), all at Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary.

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Correspondence  
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United States--Foreign relations--France  
Monroe family

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **"She Lived in Druid Hill" Baltimore Sun Article**

**Unit ID** id293347

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477472

**Unit Date** 1905 March 6

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Oversize\_Folder)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Article dealing with history of "Druid Hill," a Baltimore, Md. estate once owned by Nicholas Lloyd Rogers, husband of Hortensia Hay, James Monroe's granddaughter; some information on Hortensia, her mother, and James Monroe's life in Paris and Washington; notes artifacts once found at "Druid Hill" and associated with James Monroe; some genealogical information. Newspaper clipping.

### **Alexander Munro to James Monroe**

**Unit ID** id293291

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477444

**Unit Date** 1803 August 18

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Custom House, London, England, to James Monroe, Wimpole Street, London, England. Letter of introduction for his "namesake."

### **Sir Robert Crauford Ferguson to Alexander Munro**

**Unit ID** id293293

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477445

**Unit Date** 1804 May 19

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Sir Robert Crauford Ferguson, Conduit St., London, England, to Alexander Munro, Bedford Square, London, England. Requests him to get information about his [RCF] brother, a prisoner of war in France, from James Monroe, the American Minister.

### **Alexander Munro to James Monroe**

**Unit ID** id293295

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477446

**Unit Date** 1804 May 19

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Bedford Square, London, England, to James Monroe, Wimpole Street, London, England. Inquiring as to news of Mr. Ferguson in Paris. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

### **Alexander Munro to James Monro [sic]**

**Unit ID** id293297

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477447

**Unit Date** 1804 May 19

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Postmarked May 19, 1804. Alexander Munro to James Monro [sic], n.p. Thanks for favor relating to his brother and Colonel Ferguson and plans for placing his [AM] son in school. Autograph

letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

**Alexander Munro to James Munro [sic]**

**Unit ID** id293299

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477448

**Unit Date** 1804 July 16

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro to James Munro [sic], Wimpole Street, London, England. Discusses the possibility of Monroe renting the house of a Mr. Warre in Hesdon. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

**Alexander Munro to James Monroe**

**Unit ID** id293301

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477449

**Unit Date** 1804 December 29

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Custom House, London, England, to James Monroe, Court of Madrid, Spain. Request that he attempt to obtain release of Captain Falkener [sic]. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe, including letter from Sir David Baird, Butler Street, London, England, December 24, 1804, requesting him to obtain the American Minister's [James Monroe] help in obtaining the release of the French. Also including manuscript summary of Falconer's career, circumstances surrounding his and Sir David Baird's capture, and negotiations for their release.

**John Monroe to James Monroe**

**Unit ID** id293303

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477450

**Unit Date** 1805 April 28

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents John Monroe, Staunton, Virg[ini]a, to James Monroe, the court of St. James, London, England. Gives an account of the Monroe family history from the time of Charles I; details of his financial problems, his decision to leave Virginia, and the current situation of various family members. 6 pages. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

**Alexander Munro to James Monroe**

**Unit ID** id293305

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477451

**Unit Date** 1805 August 10

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Custom House, London, England, to James Monroe, Dover Street, London, England. Comment on buying six yards of black vicana from Spain; also mentions an application to be made to the Secretary of Navy. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

**Alexander Munro to James Monroe****Unit ID** id293307**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477452**Unit Date** 1805 September 12**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Custom House, London, England, to James Monroe, place unknown. Advises him not to assist an unnamed gentleman in an attempt to get some drawings and maps exempted from duties. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

**Alexander Munro to James Monroe****Unit ID** id293309**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477453**Unit Date** 1805 November 29**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Custom House, London, England, to James Monroe, Cumberland Place, London, England. Informs him of the "mortifying" situation of his [AM] brother. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

**Alexander Munro to James Monroe****Unit ID** id293311**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477454**Unit Date** 1805 December 7**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 11 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Custom House, London, England, to James Monroe, place unknown. Reports that his [AM] brother is in a more favorable situation now. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

**Alexander Munro to James Monroe****Unit ID** id293313**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477455**Unit Date** 1806 January 3**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 12 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Custom House, London, England, to James Monroe, Cheltenham, England. Informs him of the death of his [AM] brother. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

**Alexander Munro to James Monro [sic]****Unit ID** id293315**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477456**Unit Date** 1807 June 10**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, place unknown, to James Monro [sic], Portland Place, England. Will care for packet for Mr. Troller; hopes to see him [JM] before he leaves for America. Autograph letter signed,

including endorsement by James Monroe.

### **Alexander Munro to James Monroe**

**Unit ID** id293317

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477457

**Unit Date** 1807 June 20

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 14 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Edinburgh, Scotland, to James Monroe, Portland Place, London, England. Has delivered packet to Mr. Trollet; invites him to visit. Autograph letter signed, including endorsement by James Monroe.

### **Alexander Munro to James Monroe**

**Unit ID** id293319

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477458

**Unit Date** 1807 December 5

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 15 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, custom House, London, England, to James Monroe. Regrets he did not see him before he left; hopes friendship will last; expresses concern about state of the world, and notes evil portents. Autograph letter signed, including ACyS.

### **Alexander Munro to James Monroe**

**Unit ID** id293321

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477459

**Unit Date** 1808 August 30

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Custom House, London, England, to James Monroe, Virginia or Washington, North America. Informs him that he is sending a copy of a previous letter, and inquiring about the health of the family.

### **Alexander Munro to James Munro [sic]**

**Unit ID** id293323

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477460

**Unit Date** 1810 May 22

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 17 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Alexander Munro, Runnsgate, England, to James Munro [sic], place unknown. Discusses his poor health and inability to work; notes lawsuit concerning brother's estate; details situations of his various children; comments on morals of public schooling.

### **George Hay to Lloyd Nicholas Rogers**

**Unit ID** id293325

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477461

**Unit Date** 1829 June 27

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 18 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents George Hay, "Oak Hill," Loudon [sic] County, Virginia, to Lloyd Nicholas Rogers, Baltimore, Maryland. Reports that the health of Mrs. Monroe is very bad, but she may recover.

#### **George Hay to Lloyd Nicholas Rogers**

**Unit ID** id293327

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477462

**Unit Date** 1829 July 20

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents George Hay, "Oak Hill," Loudon [sic] County, Virginia, to Lloyd Nicholas Rogers, place unknown. Complimentary comments on Rogers', Hay's son-in-law, character, and advice about his [GH] daughter's, Hortensia, travelling arrangements; describes and orders two pairs of shoes from him.

#### **George Hay to Lloyd Nicholas Rogers**

**Unit ID** id293329

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477463

**Unit Date** 1829 September 23

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents George Hay, "Oak Hill," Loudon County, Virginia, to Lloyd Nicholas Rogers, Baltimore, Maryland. Comments on misfortune which befell his [LNR] son; tells of Mrs. Hay's concern about her daughter travelling so much; notes that Mr. Monroe is quite feeble; Mr's. Ringgold, Swann, C.F. Mercer, and Henderson have visited. 3 pages. Autograph letter signed, including complete wax seal of the Hay family crest (cracked).

#### **George Hay to Lloyd Nicholas Rogers**

**Unit ID** id293331

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477464

**Unit Date** 1829 December 17

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents George Hay, "Oak Hill," Loudon [sic] County, Virginia, to Lloyd Nicholas Rogers, Baltimore, Maryland. News on the failing health of Mr. Monroe, who is in Richmond; gives Monroe's decision to resign his seat at the Convention [Virginia Constitutional Convention, 1829-1830]; and the need for Mrs. Eliza Hay to go to her father.

#### **T. Cadwalader to (David Montagu) Lord Erskine**

**Unit ID** id293333

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477465

**Unit Date** 1833 May 29

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents T. Cadwalader, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to (David Montagu) Lord Erskine, Munich, Bavaria. Letter of introduction for Mrs. Eliza Hay, who is soon to set out for Europe.

**Francois Cappuccini to Eliza Kortright Hay****Unit ID** id293335**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477466**Unit Date** 1834 April 2**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 23 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Francois Cappuccini, Rome, Italy, to Eliza Kortright Hay, place unknown. Informs her that His Holiness (Pope Gregory XVI) is having a cameo sent to her as a souvenir in honor of the services of President Monroe to the Catholic Religion. In French. Including translation.

**Eliza Kortright Hay to King Louis Phillipe, France****Unit ID** id293337**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477467**Unit Date** after 1838 March**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 24 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents [Eliza Kortright Hay], Paris, France, to King Louis Phillipe, France. Concerning her bad health and bad financial situation; problems with her father's will; asks for aid and relates how her father and mother assisted his mother, the Duchess of Orleans, during the time period 1794-1796. Draft of letter. The letter was most likely written in 1839 since she mentions that she had previously written to King Louis Philippe in March 1838 and traveled for at least 9 months.

**Eliza Kortright Monroe Hay to [?]****Unit ID** id293339**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477468**Unit Date** 1839 October 2**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 25 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Eliza Kortright Monroe Hay, Paris, France, to [?], St. Petersburg, Russia. Note on this friend's efforts to obtain aid for her in her straitened financial situation; details her problems, especially regarding her father's will, and the actions of a "Mr. G." Draft of letter.

**Mouquard to Harriet Rogers Wilmer and Mary Curtis Rogers Harris****Unit ID** id293341**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477469**Unit Date** 1862 July 3**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 26 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Mouquard, Secretary to the Emperor, Fontainebleau Palace, to Harriet Rogers Wilmer and Mary Curtis Rogers Harris, Baltimore, Maryland. Tells of research needing to be done before sending them the legacy due their mother [Hortensia (Hay) Rogers] from Queen Hortense. Autograph signed letter. In French. Including translation.

**Announcement of the sale of several books printed by French publisher Francois-Ambroise Didot****Unit ID** id293343**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477470**Unit Date** post 1830**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 27 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Announcement of the sale of several books printed by French publisher Francois-Ambroise Didot, some being from a set of books Poeme des Jardines, by Jacques Delille, published 1780 and originally printed by order of the Count D'Artois, others being drawings from Gerusalemme liberate, published 1784. It is possible that these books were either being sold by or offered to Eliza [Monroe] Hay. Manuscript. In French. Including translation.

**Kortright family genealogy**

**Unit ID** id293345

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/477471

**Unit Date** circa 1880

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 28 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Elizabeth Kortright was James Monroe's wife. Manuscript.