Descriptive Summary

Title: Bird-Johnston collection
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Abstract: This collection, which deals with the Mexican War, consists of correspondence, military orders, reports, lists of prisoners, and paroles of honor, dating from 1845-1848. The material deals with: troop movements, food and supplies, recruiting and enlistments, mustering of volunteers, as well as Jalapa, Puebla, Tampico, and Veracruz, Mexico.

Language of Material: The records are in English and Spanish.

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Provenance

Scope and Content
This collection all deals with the Mexican War and includes correspondence, military orders, reports, lists of prisoners, and paroles of honor.
Participants include: William Orlando Butler, Sylvester Churchill, Ethan Allen Hitchcock, George W. Hughes, Joseph E. Johnston, William L. Marcy, Dixon S. Miles, Henry Lee Scott, Winfield Scott, Lorenzo Thomas, Henry J. Wilson, the Adjutant-General's Office, and the U. S. Inspector General's Office. The material deals with: troop movements, food and supplies, recruiting and enlistments, mustering of volunteers, as well as Jalapa, Puebla, Tampico, and Veracruz, Mexico.
Also included are 31 paroles and lists of Mexican prisoners captured in the spring of 1847 and at the Battle of Cerro Gordo. The collection also contains the signed paroles of Brigadier Generals Anastasio Torrejón, and Antonio Gaona of the Mexican Army.
There is also a geological map of the southeast United States.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in the following order: Box 1: Correspondence, Orders and Reports, and Box 2: Paroles of Honor and Lists of prisoners. Each box is arranged chronologically.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Personal Names
Bird, Nancy J., donor
Butler, William Orlando, 1791-1880
Churchill, Sylvester, 1783-1862, correspondent
Hitchcock, Ethan Allen, 1798-1870
Hughes, George W. (George Wurtz), 1806-1870
Johnston, Charles M., donor
Johnston, Joseph E. (Joseph Eggleston), 1807-1891
Marcy, William L. (William Learned), 1786-1857
Marshall, Thomas Francis, 1801-1864
Miles, Dixon Stansbury, 1804-1862
Scott, H. L. (Henry Lee), 1814-1886
Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866
Thomas, Lorenzo, 1804-1875
Wilson, Henry J., Colonel, correspondent

Corporate Names
Mexico. Ejército -- Records and correspondence
Mexico. Ejército -- Staffs
United States. Adjutant-General's Office
United States. Army -- Officers
United States. Army -- Records and correspondence
United States. War Department
United States. War Department. Inspector General's Office

Subjects
Cerro Gordo, Battle of, Mexico, 1847
Mexican War, 1846-1848 -- Sources
Prisoners of war -- Mexico

Geographic Areas
Xalapa (Mexico)
Puebla de Zaragoza (Mexico)
Tampico (Tamaulipas, Mexico)
Veracruz (Veracruz-Llave, Mexico)

Genre
Letters (correspondence) -- 19th century
Military records -- Mexico -- 19th century
Military records -- United States -- 19th century
Orders (military records) -- United States -- 19th century
Paroles -- 19th century

Box 1

Correspondence, Orders and Reports

HM 64970 Geological map of the Southeast of the United States [approximately 1845]

HM 64971 Jones, Roger, 1789-1852. Letter to General Officers of Regulars and Volunteers Serving in Mexico (1847, July 23)

Contemporary copy made for William Orlando Butler, 1791-1880.

HM 64972 Jones, Roger, 1789-1852. Letter to George M. Brooke (1847, Aug. 7)

Contemporary copy made for Thomas Francis Marshall, 1801-1864.
HM 64973  Jones, Roger, 1789-1852. Letter to Henry J. Wilson, Colonel (1847, Aug. 12)
       Contemporary copy made for William Orlando Butler, 1791-1880.

HM 64974  Jones, Roger, 1789-1852. Letter to Sylvester Churchill, 1783-1862 (1847, Sep. 2)
       Contemporary copy made for William Orlando Butler, 1791-1880.

HM 64975  Jones, Roger, 1789-1852. Letter to Thomas Francis Marshall, 1801-1864 (1847, Oct. 6)
       In unknown handwriting.

HM 64977  Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866. Extract from note to Governor of Veracruz (1847, Oct. 16)
       In unknown handwriting.

HM 64979  Jones, Roger, 1789-1852. Letter to Henry J. Wilson, Colonel (1847, Oct. 27)
       Also includes note by Roger Jones to Thomas Francis Marshall, 1801-1864, for whom this copy was made.

HM 64980  Jones, Roger, 1789-1852. Letter to Henry J. Wilson, Colonel (1847, Oct. 27)
       Contemporary copy made for William Orlando Butler, 1791-1880.

HM 64982  Jones, Roger, 1789-1852. Letter to William Orlando Butler, 1791-1880 (1847, Nov. 2)
HM 64983  Jones, Roger, 1789-1852. Letter to William Orlando Butler, 1791-1880 (1847, Nov. 4)
HM 64984  Barry, William F. (William Farquhar), 1818-1879. Letter to Henry J. Wilson, Colonel (1847, Nov. 9)
       Stating that the letter has been referred to Thomas Francis Marshall, 1801-1864 (1847, Nov. 12).

HM 64986  Butler, William Orlando, 1791-1880. General Orders No. 3 (1847, Nov. 23)
HM 64987  Johnston, Joseph E. (Joseph Eggleston), 1807-1891. Letter to G. M. Henry (1847, Nov. 24)
HM 64988  Thomas, Lorenzo, 1804-1875. Letter to Thomas Francis Marshall, 1801-1864 (1847, Dec. 7)
HM 64989  Henry, G. M. Special Orders No. 18 (1847, Dec. 14)
HM 64990  Hughes, George W. (George Wurtz), 1806-1870. Order (1847, Dec. 15)
       In the handwriting of and signed by William J. Gary(?).

HM 64991  Lay, George W., -1867. Letter to William Orlando Butler, 1791-1880 (1847, Dec. 20)
HM 64992  Butler, William Orlando, 1791-1880. Order No. 10 (1847, Dec. 21)
       In the handwriting and signed by Lorenzo Thomas, 1804-1875.

HM 64993  Schaeffer, F. B. Report on the Company of Riflemen [1847]
HM 64994  Collins, James. Letter to G. M. Henry (1848, Jan. 1)
Correspondence, Orders and Reports

HM 64995 Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866. General Orders No. 4 (1848, Jan. 3)
   In the handwriting of H. L. (Henry Lee) Scott, 1814-1886.

HM 64996 Morris, William Walton, 1801-1865. Letter to G. M. Henry (1848, Jan. 4)
HM 64997 Miles, Dixon Stansbury, 1804-1862. Letter to Thomas Francis Marshall, 1801-1864 (1848, Jan. 5)
HM 64998 Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866. General Orders No. 17 (1848, Jan. 11)
   In the handwriting of H. L. (Henry Lee) Scott, 1814-1886.

HM 65001 Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866. General Orders No. 32 (1848, Jan. 27)
   Copy made by Lorenzo Thomas, 1804-1875.

HM 65002 Butler, William Orlando, 1791-1880. Orders No. 9 (1848, Feb. 6)
   In the handwriting of and signed by Lorenzo Thomas, 1804-1875.

HM 65003 Thomas, Lorenzo, 1804-1875. Letter to Thomas Francis Marshall, 1801-1864 (1858, Feb. 15)
HM 65004 Marshall, Thomas Francis, 1801-1864. Orders No. 10 (1848, Feb. 18)
   In the handwriting of and signed by Lorenzo Thomas, 1804-1875.

HM 65005 DeRussy, Lewis G. Semi-monthly Field Report (1848, Apr. 15)

Box 2

Paroles of Honor and Lists of Prisoners

HM 65006 United States. War Dept. Inspector General's Office. 1er Batallón. 8o Regimiento de Infantería Permanente: parole of honor (1847, July 27)
HM 65008 United States. War Dept. Inspector General's Office. 2o Regimiento Infantería de Línea: parole of honor (1847, July 27)
HM 65029  United States. War Dept. Inspector General's Office. List of Officers of the Mexican Army, captured and enlarged on parole, at Cerro Gordo, and vicinity by the American Troops Commanded by Major General Winfield Scott General in Chief of the American Army, April 1847 (1847, July 27)
HM 65030  United States. War Dept. Inspector General's Office. List of Officers of the Mexican Army, prisoners of war, captured by, or surrendered to, the American Army, and enlarged on parole at different times and places, between the 30th of March 1847 and the present date, exclusive of those captured at Cerro Gordo, Puebla, July 25, 1847 (1847, July 27)
HM 65031  United States. War Dept. Inspector General's Office. List of Officers of the Mexican Army, prisoners of war, captured by, or surrendered to, the American Army, and enlarged on parole at different times and places, between the 30th of March 1847 and the present date, exclusive of those captured at Cerro Gordo, Puebla, July 25, 1847 (1847, July 27)
HM 65035  Anastasio Torrejón, Parole of Honor (1848, Jan. 16)
HM 65036  Antonio Gaona, Parole of Honor (1848, Jan. 16)