

Guide to the Herman Landon Vail Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 519

CREATOR: Vaill, Herman Landon, 1794-1870 , collector

TITLE: Herman Landon Vaill collection

DATES: 1821-1952

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of papers concerning Elias Boudinot, an Indian whose original name was Galagina, or Buck Oowatie, and who became editor of the "Cherokee Phoenix", New Echota, Cherokee Nation. Early correspondence relates chiefly to Boudinot's marriage to Harriet Gold, and the Gold family controversy over intermarriage with an Indian. Other correspondence relates to the dispute between the Cherokee Nation and the state of Georgia, the Supreme Court decision of 1832, President Jackson's refusal to halt Georgia's annexation of the Cherokee Nation and Boudinot's support of John Ridge, who favored withdrawal of the Cherokee Nation to the West.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dudley L. Vaill, 1962.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.

Preferred Citation

Herman Landon Vaill Collection (MS 519). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Existence and Location of Copies

Correspondence, documents, and printed material concerning Elias Boudinot is available on microfilm (49 frames on 1 reel, 35mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost. Order no. HM31.

Scope and Contents

The Herman L. Vaill collection contains correspondence (1821-1845) and printed material (1830-1953) relating to the life and activities of Elias Boudinot, Cherokee editor and leader. Early correspondence chiefly concerns Boudinot's marriage to Harriet Gold and to the Gold family controversy over intermarriage with an Indian. Many of the letters are addressed to Herman Vaill, who was a connection by marriage of the Gold family. Other correspondence relates to the dispute between the Cherokee Nation and the State of Georgia, and the Supreme Court decision of 1832 (Worchester vs. Georgia). The division among the Cherokees arising out of President Jackson's refusal to halt Georgia's annexation of the Cherokee lands, and Boudinot's support of the group favoring withdrawal are also discussed. Opinions on the issue are expressed by William Wirt and Boudinot in pamphlets contained in this collection. The other printed material is twentieth century and deals with various aspects of Cherokee history.

The collection was presented to Yale University by Dudley L. Vaill in 1962.

Collection Contents

Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1reel 1U	1821-1823 This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.
b. 1, f. 2reel 1U	1825 Jun This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.
b. 1, f. 3reel 1U	1825 Jul This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.
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b. 1, f. 5reel 1U	1825 Sep-1826 This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.
b. 1, f. 6reel 1U	1827-1829 This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.
b. 1, f. 7reel 1U	1830-1831 This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.
b. 1, f. 8reel 1U	1832-1837 This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.
b. 1, f. 9reel 1U	1838-1845, 184? This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.

Printed material

b. 1, f. 10reel 1U	William Wirt, <i>Opinion on the Right of the State of Georgia to Extend her Laws over the Cherokee Nation</i> . 27 pp. This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.	1830
b. 1, f. 10reel 1U	Elias Boudinot, <i>Letters and Other Papers Relating to Cherokee Affairs, Being in Reply to Sundry Publications Authorized by John Ross</i> . 66 pp. This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.	1837

b. 1, f. 10reel 1U	Henry Thompson Malon, "The Early Nineteenth-Century Missionaries in the Cherokee Country," <i>Tennessee Historical Quarterly</i> , 10, 127-39. This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.	1951 June
b. 1, f. 10reel 1U	"The Cherokee as a Civilized Tribe," <i>The Emory University Quarterly</i> , 8, 225-232. English This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.	1952 December
b. 1, f. 10reel 1U	New Echota--Capital of the Cherokee Nation, 1825-1830: A Report to the Georgia Historical Commission, 10 pp. This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 31 instead of the originals.	1953 October 18

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Cherokee Indians
Indians of North America -- Government
relations
Interracial marriage

Names

Boudinot, Elias, -1839
Boudinot, Harriett Gold
Ridge, John, 1803-1839

Families

Gold family