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Biographical Note

Milton Wheaton Hamilton was born July 8, 1901, in Fabius, New York and died February 26, 1989. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Syracuse University in 1924 and 1925, respectively, and his Ph.D. in history from Columbia University in 1936. In that year, Columbia University Press published his dissertation, *The Country Printer, New York State, 1785-1830.*

Milton was professor of history at Albright College, Reading, PA from 1926 to 1949. During this period, he also edited the scholarly journal, *Pennsylvania History,* from 1944 to 1950.

From 1949 until his retirement in 1965, Milton held the position of Senior Historian in the Division of Archives and History of the New York State Education Department. He was Acting Director of the division from 1963 to 1965. It was during his employment with the division that Milton established his reputation as a specialist on the life of Sir William Johnson (1715-1774), the famous landowner, military leader, and Indian negotiator of colonial New York. Milton was editor of *The Papers of Sir William Johnson.* It was under his editorship that the New York State Education Department published the final four volumes of the series that had begun in 1921: Vol. X (1951), Vol. XI (1953), Vol. XII (1957), and Vol. XIII (1962). Milton also supervised preparation of the comprehensive index to the Papers published in 1965 as Vol. XIV.

*Sir William Johnson Colonial American, 1715-1763* (Kennikat Press), the first volume of Milton's two-volume biography of Sir William Johnson was published in 1976. The second volume was never published.

Milton wrote numerous reviews and articles on historical subjects and historiography.

Scope and Content Note

The Milton Hamilton Papers spans the period from 1911-1987, with the bulk of the material [dates] and contains documents relating to his professional life, with some personal correspondence. The collection is divided into four series: Correspondence Files; Writings; Research Materials; and Miscellaneous. The material was donated by Mrs. William Y. Stevens, Milton Hamilton's daughter, in 1993 and in 1994. The arrangement of the material retains the original order in which Milton Hamilton kept his files. Missing from the collection are any financial records.

**Series I. CORRESPONDENCE (1920-1987)** [describe contents, including span dates, and arrangement of files in series and subseries. Analyze contents, highlighting any interesting, unusual or voluminous contents, also anything missing that a researcher might expect to be there.]

**Series II. WRITINGS (1927-86)** [write same type of descriptive matter for each series]

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**Series IV. MISCELLANEOUS (1923-1966)**
Related Holdings

The Library also holds the Milton W. Hamilton Printing Collection (HU 81-17) which concerns the history of printing in America, and includes correspondence and research notes on *The Country Printer* and *Adam Ramage and His Presses*, photographs, pamphlets, newspaper clippings. In addition, the Institute owns Hamilton’s private library of 200 bound volumes and 100 pamphlets on the history of printing.

The Library also holds the Johnson Family Papers, collection GY 78-32, donated by Milton W. Hamilton.
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2 "An American Knight in Britain; Sir John Johnson's Tour, 1765-1767" (1961): typescript, offprint, notes, correspondence 1952-61

3 "Augustus C. Buell Fraudulent Historian": typed drafts, offprint, correspondence 1956

*Bulletin to the Schools* articles 1953-60


"Brant, Mary" (1971) -- article for *Notable American Women, 1607-1950*: photocopy of article, transcribed manuscripts, correspondence, notes 1938-72

2 "Diary of the Reverend John Ogilvie" (1966): notes, correspondence 1950-63

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"Historical Publications Program of the State of New York": typescript, notes, correspondence 1964

"Historical Writings on Albany": typescript, correspondence 1950

2 "History of the Diocese of Albany": typescript, notes, correspondence 1967
"Joseph Brant Painted by Rigaud": typescript, notes, correspondence 1930-59

"Joseph Brant - The Most Painted Indian" (1958): typescript, notes, correspondence, photographs 1954-58

"Library of Sir William Johnson" (1956): typescript, notes, correspondence 1953-56


"Sir John Johnson in Ireland": notes, correspondence, documents 1948-60


"Spread of the Newspaper Press in New York Before 1830" 1933

"Teaching State and Local History in College": offprint 1946-47

"Thurlow Weed's Nemesis in Norwich": offprint 1938

BOOKS

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Preface n.d.

Volume X: press release, reviews, correspondence 1951

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Volume XII: press release, reviews, correspondence 1957

Volumes XIII and XIV: reviews, correspondence 1962-65

Miscellaneous information: editing, printing.
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Addenda manuscripts transcribed ("Received too late to publish.") n.d.

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Bibliography -- typescript n.d.

Chronology (1762-1764) n.d.

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Volume II, Chapter II - "The Indian War" -- notes, manuscript draft n.d.

Parkman's "Conspiracy" -- note on n.d.

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The French and British in the Old Northwest: A Bibliographical Guide to Archive and Manuscript Sources
The Gansevoorts of Albany: Dutch Patricians in the Upper Hudson Valley
George Horace Lorimer and The Saturday
Evening Post
George Croghan, Wilderness Diplomat

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Imprints on History: Book Publishers and American Frontiers
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The Iroquois in the American Revolution
The Jarring Interests: New York's Boundary Makers, 1664-1776
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Journals and Journeymen, A Contribution to the History of Early American Newspapers
The Massacre
Matthew Elliott, British Indian Agent
Mohawk Baronet: Sir William Johnson of New York
The Movement to Americanize the Immigrant
The Muhlenbergs of Pennsylvania
The Musket and the Cross: The Struggle of France and England for North America

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*Vanguards of the Frontier, A Social History of the Northern Plains and Rocky Mountains from the Earliest White Contacts to the Coming of the Homemaker*
*Whitehall and the Wilderness: The Middle West in British Colonial Policy, 1760-1775*
*Wilderness Christians: The Moravian Mission to the Delaware Indians*
*Wilderness Empire, A Narrative*

PAMPHLETS

*Henry Hudson and the Dutch in New York* (1959):
correspondence 1954-64

*Sir William Johnson and the Indians in New York*:
typescript, correspondence 1968

SPEECHES
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3 "The Education of Milton W. Hamilton": (oral histories)

"Freedom of the Press in the Hudson Valley":
typescript 1950

"Historical Hoaxes": notes, newspaper clippings, program, audiotape 1979

"On the Trail of Sir William": typescript, notes, slides
(145 slides; numbered notes to slides; first set of notes numbered 1-82 correspond to slides 1-82; second
set of notes numbered 1-66 do not consistently correspond to remaining slides) n.d.


"Problems of Research": typescript n.d.

"Revisionism in Biography": typescript, notes 1963

"Sir William Johnson and Francis Parkman": (lecture at SUNY Albany on 10 March 1986), audiotape 1986

"Sir William Johnson and Pennsylvania's Indian Affairs": typescript 1955

"Sir William Johnson and the Indian Uprising of 1763": typescript n.d.

"Sir William Johnson, Churchman": typescript, notes n.d.

"Sir William Johnson - Gentleman of the Eighteenth Century": typescript, correspondence 1967

"Sir William Johnson's Place in History": typescript n.d.

"Some Onondaga Printers": typescript 1949

Speaking Engagements -- correspondence, clippings 1951-54

"The State Historians of New York": audiotape n.d.

"Trusteeship": (radio talk), typescript n.d.

Workshop Presentations

Typescripts, agenda 1959

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American Antiquarian Society -- copies of The Book, newsletter of the Program in the History of the Book in American Culture and copies of the News-Letter of the American Antiquarian Society 1983-86

American Leaders - papers -- miscellaneous correspondence, newspaper articles, pamphlet 1950-59

Brant, Joseph papers -- photocopies of articles, notes, correspondence, transcribed manuscripts 1954-55, n.d.

British Museum Public Registry Office -- notes, transcribed manuscript n.d.

2   Buell, Augustus -- articles, correspondence, notes 1954-59, n.d.

Children of Sir William Johnson (1795) -- contemporary copy of indenture, notes n.d.

10   Claus, Daniel papers -- transcribed manuscripts (1760-85) n.d.

Coat of Arms -- photographs, photostats, correspondence 1917-22
Diaries -- of Warren Johnson, Theodore Atkinson, Lt. Christopher Yates, Cadwallader Colden (1759-1866) 1953

Fonda, Jelles papers -- photocopy of journal, manuscripts, correspondence, notes (1760-70) 1959-62

Fort Johnson -- transcripts of manuscripts, map, notes (1763-1836) n.d.


*Frontiersmen of New York* by Jeptha Simms, notes and photcopies of selected pages (1882-83) n.d.

Genealogy of Sir William Johnson -- pamphlets, notes, correspondence, copy of manuscript (1913-71) n.d.

Grant of Land to Vaudreuil (1759) -- transcript n.d.

Guy Park -- flier, draft of flier, postcard 1951-75

Hasenclever, Peter- relationship with Sir William Johnson (1768) -- correspondence, article, notes 1977

Historical Publications of New York State - miscellaneous information -- pamphlet, notes, typescripts 1937-45

*History of New York* by Thomas Jones, excerpts, photostats (1879) n.d.

Indian Castle Church -- newspaper clippings, notes, article, correspondence 1962-81

Indian information -- pamphlets, newspaper clippings, correspondence 1954-63

Indian Lands - Claims, Petitions, Confiscation, Chapel -- article, photostats, transcribed manuscripts (1775-88) 1954-59

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Articles by William Fenton (1941-56) -- offprints n.d.

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7  Miscellaneous photostats and clippings -- journal articles, newspaper clippings, transcripts n.d.

Items not in Johnson Papers, removed from Johnson Papers -- transcribed manuscripts (1746-47, 1760-69) n.d.

Johnson Family - Correspondence 1915-45

3  Johnson Family papers - (1789-1813) transcribed manuscripts n.d.

Johnson Hall -- correspondence 1920-77

Johnson Hall Restoration -- correspondence, critique, notes, pamphlet 1971-72

Johnson, James K. (1966-87) -- correspondence, notes 1966-87

Johnson, James W. (1954-83) -- correspondence, notes, newspaper clippings 1954-83

Johnson, Sir John

Original manuscript, transcribed manuscript, photostats, genealogy, articles, will (1706-1830) n.d.

Correspondence (1786-88) with Daniel Campbell, Daniel Claus, and Joseph Brant, and Daniel Claus' Estate, transcribed manuscripts, notes, photocopies n.d.

Loyalist claims (1783-84) -- transcribed manuscripts n.d.

Tour of Europe -- correspondence, articles, notes 1953-60

Johnson, Sir John Paley (1957-78) -- newspaper clippings, correspondence, notes 1957-78

Johnson, Sir Gordon (1916-53) -- correspondence, photographs, notes, newspaper clippings 1916-53

Johnson, Guy Ormsby (1921-58) -- correspondence, notes, press releases 1921-58

Johnson, Sir William

In fiction -- notes, correspondence 1914-53

Inquiries (1911-87) -- correspondence with students, scholars, editors, educators, researchers 1911-87

Letter (1772) -- photocopy n.d.

Johnson scrapbook -- correspondence, copies of correspondence, notes 1960-62

Johnstown -- photocopies of articles about Johnstown and Johnson Hall (1757-1938) n.d.

Joseph Brant - Mohawk Statesman -- copy of thesis by Marc Smith 1946

"Journal of Rev. Samuel Kirkland" (1864) -- from History of Buffalo, photocopy n.d.


King Hendrick portrait -- unpublished article, notes, draft, correspondence 1958

"Letter to the Governors" from Sir William Johnson (1755) -- transcribed manuscripts, photographic copies, contemporary copies, notes 1963-64, n.d.
"Lord of the Mohawk Valley" -- article in *The Conservationist*, copy of journal, notes, correspondence 1978

Loyalist Claims and Public Record Office Reference -- photcopies n.d.

Manuscripts - Guy Johnson, Samuel Kirkland, Sir John Johnson (1775) -- transcribed manuscripts n.d.

Manuscripts (land) (1774) -- transcriptions n.d

Manuscripts - miscellaneous -- photcopies n.d.

Maps (1759-1897) -- photographic copies, notes, correspondence, article 1955-70, n.d.

"Memorandum on Banyar's Reference in his Letter of August 1755 to the Reflector Paper" n.d.

Murray, Alexander (1768-69) -- correspondence n.d.

Newspaper clippings concerning Sir William Johnson 1914-59

Pamphlets and offprints by others -- by Robert Funk, John Elmer Reed, Esther Louise Larsen, Lawrence Henry Gipson, Eleazar Wheelock 1940-62, n.d.

"Patent for the Royal Grant" (1769) -- contemporary copy, photostat, transcribed copy, correspondence 1769

*Robert Treat Paine Diary* (1755) -- from Massachusetts Historical Society, transcribed manuscripts, photostats, copies of maps, photostat of *Journal of the Crownpoint Expedition* (1755) 1950-63

St. Patricks Masonic Lodge -- minutes (1766-74), notes, photostats, photocopies of articles, newspaper clippings, correspondence 1923-65

*The 1774 Ledger at Johnson Hall* -- transcript and biographical notes by Duncan Fraser 1959

Tories (1774, 1783, 1931-35) -- Adams, Callahan,
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*William Johnson's Early Career as a Frontier Landlord and Trader* -- thesis by Edith Fox, incomplete copy, typescript 1945

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9 Milton Hamilton's Personal Library -- bibliographic cards; entries are arranged either alphabetically by author or under subject headings. See Appendix I for a list of subject headings. n.d.

10 Notes - Johnson Hall -- handwritten notes; entries are arranged under subject headings. See Appendix I for a list of subject headings. n.d.

11 Notes for *Sir William Johnson Colonial American, Vol II* -- handwritten notes; entries are arranged under subject headings. See Appendix I for a list of subject headings. n.d.

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Newspapers and Periodicals
Manuscripts-Diaries
Manuscripts-Printed Sources
Memoirs;
Johnson Papers
Johnson Memorabilia
Prefatory Material
Claus Papers

II. Milton Hamilton's Personal Library - Subject Headings:

Government
Biography
History
History-American
Latin America (Mexico)-Relations with U.S.

III. Notes - Johnson Hall - Subject Headings:

Sir William's Land
Health-Medicines-Sir William Johnson
Medicines
Doctors
Kalm and Syphilis
Springs and Sea Coast
Hendrick
Death and Funeral (July 1774)
Brant, Molly
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Forts in Mohawk Valley

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   Measures of WJ
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   Rev. Jacob Johnson, Fort Stanwix Missionary
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