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Gooch family fonds

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Summary information

Repository: University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives

Title: Gooch family fonds

ID: SC049

Date: 1855 - 1934 (date of creation)

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Percy Gooch was born in England in the late 1830s or early 1840s. He served with the British Army from 1855 to 1863 at various postings in England, the Crimea, and India. After leaving the military he moved to British Columbia, accompanied by his mother, Edith Stephenson. Percy Gooch died in Victoria in the 1930s.

Custodial history

The records of the Percy Gooch family were acquired by the University Archives in November 1988 from Mrs. Longstaff, a resident of Victoria, via Reginald Roy, Professor, U. Vic. Dept. of History. Mrs. Longstaff obtained the records from the estate of her sister, who was married to Francis W. Gooch, son of Percy Gooch. The material contains approximately 90 letters written by Percy ("Jack") Gooch between 1855 and 1863, while he was in the British Army at various postings in England, the Crimea and India. His letters describe army life in the Crimea during the war and the life of a British soldier stationed in India, and also discuss family matters. Researchers should note that Percy Gooch signed almost all his letters "Jack"; presumably this was either his middle name or a family nickname. In some of the letters sent to his mother from other people, he is referred to mostly as Percy and once as Jack. In addition, there are also approximately a dozen letters and documents relating to personal and business matters of Mrs. Stephenson, Percy Gooch's mother, and other family members, dating between 1897 and 1934.

These records will be of particular interest to military historians studying the Crimean War, and complement similar records of the war housed elsewhere.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of letters from Percy ("Jack") Gooch to his parents in England, sent from his postings in England, the Crimea and India, regarding army life and the Crimean War. The fonds includes

correspondence of Mrs. Edith Stephenson and other family members regarding personal and business matters.

Notes

Title notes

Finding aids

Inventory available with series and file level control.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Description identifier:** gooch-family-fonds-2
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Access points

- Gooch, Percy (subject)
 - Stephenson, Edith (subject)
 - Crimean War, 1853-1856--Personal narratives, English (subject)
 - Great Britain. Army--History--19th century (subject)
 - Great Britain. Army--Military life--19th century (subject)
 - Military history (subject)
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Collection holdings

Series: SC049-1 - Correspondence of Percy Gooch

Title: Correspondence of Percy Gooch

ID: SC049-1

Date: 1855-1863 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Letters from Percy ("Jack") Gooch to his parents in England, sent from various postings in England, the Crimea and India, re. army life and the Crimean War.

Physical description: Approximately 90 letters; 3 linear cm.

Note [generalNote]:

Accession 1988-041, Box 1, File 1

Arrangement:

Arranged chronologically.

Publication status:

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Series: SC049-2 - Records of Edith Stephenson and Other Family Members

Title: Records of Edith Stephenson and Other Family Members

ID: SC049-2

Date: 1856-1934 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Correspondence of Mrs. Edith Stephenson (Percy Gooch's mother) and other family members, re. personal and business matters. Includes a small hank of Percy Gooch's hair, 1897; letters from Stenning Johnson to Edith Stephenson, n.d.; rules and regulations of the Army and Navy Club, London, 1858; financial correspondence to Edith Stephenson from Raper & Co., Solicitors and Notaries, and C. Hoare & Co., Bankers, London, 1934.

Physical description: 3 linear cm.

Note [generalNote]:

Accession 1988-041, Box 1, File 2

Arrangement:

Arranged chronologically.

Publication status:

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