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SUMMARY

Size.	3 items
Geographic locations.	Frankfort, Kentucky; Natchez, Mississippi
Inclusive dates.	1791-1800
Bulk dates.	N/A
Language.	English
Summary.	Two letters of a contraband trader in the Louisiana Territory and Texas.
Organization.	Chronological.
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Related collections.	None.
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Stack location(s).	Misc: N; Vault MRDF 3; Vault:1

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Philip Nolan, a native of Belfast, Ireland, was a contraband trader in the Louisiana Territory and Texas. He was closely associated with General James Wilkinson and may have been reared in his family. In 1799, he married Frances Lintot (d. 1801) of Natchez. Nolan acted as an agent in Wilkinson's tobacco trade in New Orleans, procured horses for the Spanish army making horse trading ventures into Texas, and was suspected of spying and plotting with Wilkinson for the conquest of Mexico. After meeting the surveyor Andrew Ellicott, he worked on mapping regions in the Natchez area and in North Texas. Nolan lived among Native Americans in Texas and drove wild horses from Texas for sale in Natchez and Kentucky, although he was legally entitled to sell horses only to Spanish cavalry in Louisiana. Nolan was killed in a Spanish attempt to arrest him for his contraband trading.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The first item in the collection is a letter to Nolan by General James Wilkinson from Frankfort, Kentucky, relating Wilkinson's misfortune and requesting Nolan's assistance (1791). A second letter is from Nolan to Bernard Lintot of Natchez, Miss., concerning Nolan's financial status and his desire to marry Lintot's daughter, Fannie (1796). The final item is a list of horses sold by Nolan to individuals in Natchez (1800).

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INDEX TERMS

Horse trading--Mississippi--Natchez.

Lintot, Frances.

Nolan, Philip, 1771-1801.

Wilkinson, James, 1757-1825.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>	
<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
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