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c.660 documents and c.34 volumes, estate and personal papers of the Armstrong family of Lisgoole, Co. Fermanagh. 1735-1915.



The papers

The Armstrong papers relate primarily to the careers of members of the family who served in the British Army and contain correspondence and papers of outstanding interest. Letters, memoranda and other papers relate to Colonel James Armstrong, who was ADC in India to Lord Wellesley, 1803-1805, military agent in Spain, 1809 and 1810, and ADC to the Duke of York until his death in 1812. His elder son, Major Thomas Armstrong, kept a journal of the siege and storming of Bhurtpore in India, 1825-1826. The collection also contains letters and papers of James Armstrong's grandson, James Wells Armstrong, relating to his service in the Crimea in 1854-1855, and to his later career.

In addition to the military letters and papers, the collection also includes papers relating to the Armstrong family's estates in Co. Fermanagh. Their property at Lisgoole was sold in the 1820s, and the Enniskillen property in 1830, so most of these papers relate to the remaining part of the estate around Gortall, near Enniskillen. In addition to an almost complete run of agents' accounts and rentals from 1819 to 1863, there is a particularly interesting group of letters, 1837-1864, from John Price Hamilton, the Armstrongs' agent, about estate affairs which includes comments on conditions during the potato famine, emigration to America, and local elections.

