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Guide to the

John Menzies diaries

1793-1839

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Summary

Creator: Menzies, John

Title: John Menzies diaries

Date: 1793-1839

Size: .21 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: John Menzies of Philadelphia created this volume. The first section contains an account of his adventures (using the alias John Little) beginning in the years 1793-1794, including those on a slave-trading ship from Liverpool to the Congo, thence to Barbados; impressment into the British Navy; a battle with the French and his subsequent escape and journey overland from Gravesend, England to his home in Langholm, Scotland. This portion concludes in Philadelphia in 1835 The second section served as Menzies' diary from June 19-September 20, 1839 and contains an account of a journey from Philadelphia through Scotland, Ireland, England, France, and return via New York The third section, "Jock's Notions," contains poems and other entries, primarily in Scotch dialect, relating to local happenings and people in Pennsylvania. Entries were made between 1832 and 1839

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

Atlantic Ocean -- Description and travel

England -- Description and travel

France -- Description and travel

Ireland -- Description and travel

Philadelphia (Pa.) -- Poetry

Scotland -- Description and travel

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Poetry

Subjects

English poetry -- Scottish authors

Impressment

Slave ships

Slave trade -- Africa

Slave trade -- Congo (Democratic Republic)

Names

Menzies, John

Great Britain. Royal Navy