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Collection Title: John Rowan/William Lytle Letters

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Date Received: No exact date of accession could be ascertained.

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Date Span: 1796-1830

Size of Collection: 0.10 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 6 legal sized file folders.

Type of Material: Correspondence.

Condition of Material: Good.

Arrangement: Chronological arrangement.

Biographical / Historical Information: John Rowan (1773-1843) was a 19th century politician and jurist who represented the State of Kentucky in the House of Representatives, the United State Senate and later served in the Kentucky Court of Appeals. In 1794, Rowan married Ann Lytle of Cincinnati and through this marriage Rowan created a lasting friendship with his brother-in-law, William Lytle (1770-1831). Rowan and Lytle kept a steady correspondence throughout much of their friendship until Lytle's death in 1831.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of photocopies of personal correspondence between John Rowan to William Lytle from 1796 until 1830 as well as a letter from Anne Rowan to her sister-in-law Elizabeth Little, William's wife. The letters describe family activities, regional events, legal disputes, and business and property transactions in Bardstown and Louisville, Kentucky. Some letters mention land disputes in Louisville and the construction of a canal by private and State government agencies.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Lytle, William, 1770-1831.

Lytle, Elizabeth.

Rowan, John, 1773-1843.

Rowan, Anne, 1774-1839.
Federal Hill (Bardstown, Ky.)
Bardstown (Ky.) – History.
Louisville (Ky.) – History.
Canals -- Kentucky -- Louisville.

Notes: What collection the original letters had been photocopied from could not be positively identified at present.