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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: Johann Christoph Bornemann diary and translations

Date: 1753-1759; bulk 1753-1755

Extent: 2 Boxes (0.46 Linear Feet)

Creator: Bornemann, Johann Christoph. 1716-1757

Language: English, German

Repository: Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. specolle@georgiasouthern.edu, 912-478-7819, library.georgiasouthern.edu.

Processing Note: Collection reprocessed by Tyler Hendrix, Graduate Assistant, under the supervision of Autumn Johnson, Special Collections Librarian, 2021.

INFORMATION FOR USE OF COLLECTION

Conditions Governing Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Materials must be viewed in the Special Collections Reading Room under the supervision of Special Collections staff. Additionally, as a preservation measure, researchers must view the photocopied diary pages.

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Preferred Citation: Johann Christoph Bornemann Diary and Translations, Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA.

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History: Johann Christoph Bornemann was born in 1716 in Hannover, Germany. As an adult, Bornemann became an accomplished surgeon at the University of Göttingen. In the early 1750s, Bornemann, along with his wife, infant son, in-laws, and a maid, traveled from Hannover to Georgia. During this journey, Bornemann kept a traveling journal detailing the ordeal of the voyage from Europe to Georgia. Once the Bornemanns arrived in Georgia, they established a plantation on the Savannah River near Halifax. Bornemann lived at his plantation from 1752 until 1757. During this time, Bornemann became one of the elites of Georgia, and one of only a few elite Germans in the Savannah area. In 1757, Bornemann died in Georgia, and his writings were succeeded by his wife, Carolina Magdalena.

For further reading see: "A German Surgeon on the Flora and Fauna of Colonial Georgia: Four Letters of Johann Christoph Bornemann, 1753-1755", by George Fenwick Jones, *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 76, No. 4 (Winter 1992), pp. 891-914.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of the original diary of German-born surgeon Johann Christoph Bornemann from the early 1750s during his visit to Georgia. Also included are translations of diary excerpts, translations of letters sent from Bornemann to German officials, and a biography compiled by Gertha Reinert. Researcher annotations also appear in the translated diary and letters.

System of Arrangement: This collection is arranged into folders based on the purpose of the work contained within. The modern translations and photocopies of the diary are contained within the first box, while the second box contains the original diary kept by Bornemann during his travels.

Acquisitions Info: Deposited by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Burney of Brooklet, Georgia in 2000.

Access Points:

Bornemann, Johann Cristoph, 1716-1757
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CONTAINER LISTING

Box 1: 0200106553049

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Johann Christoph Bornemann Diary, 1750s (photocopy)	1	1
Johann Christoph Bornemann Diary, 1750s (photocopy)	1	2
Letter from Bornemann to German Sponsors, 30 January 1753 (translated, photocopied, annotated) "High Wellborn and Highly Learned Especially to be Honored Lord Councilor!"	1	3
Letter from Bornemann to German Sponsors, March 11, 1754 (translated, photocopied, annotated) "High Wellborn and Highly Learned, High to command Sir"	1	3
Letter from Bornemann to German Sponsors, 7th of January 1755 (translated, photocopied, annotated) "High Wellborn and Highly Learned, High Commanding Lord Ammann"	1	3
Letter from Bornemann to German Sponsors, 27th of December, 1755 (translated, photocopied, annotated) "Highwellborn and Highly Learned, High-commanding Sir Ammann"	1	3
<i>The Biography of Johann Christoph Bornemann</i> by Gertha Reinert, undated	1	4

Box 2: 0200106553056

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Johann Christoph Bornemann Diary, 1750s	2	Loose