Collection Summary
Title: Joseph Hopper Nicholson Papers
Span Dates: 1789-1827
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1789-1817)
ID No.: MSS34728
Creator: Nicholson, Joseph Hopper, 1770-1817
Extent: 2,200 items ; 7 containers ; 1.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Jurist and U.S. representative from Maryland. Correspondence and other papers relating chiefly to Nicholson's service as U.S. representative and judge of the U.S. Circuit Court and U.S. Court of Appeals.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Burr, Aaron, 1756-1836.
Chase, Samuel, 1741-1811--Impeachment.
Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804.
Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826.
Macon, Nathaniel, 1758-1837--Correspondence.
Monroe, James, 1758-1831.
Nicholson, Joseph Hopper, 1770-1817.
Randolph, John, 1773-1833--Correspondence.
Rodney, C. A. (Caesar Augustus), 1772-1824--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Congress.
United States. Supreme Court.

Subjects
Dueling--United States.
Elections--United States--1800.
Elections--United States.
Embargo, 1807-1809.
Finance, Public--Maryland.
Finance, Public--United States.
Governmental investigations--United States.
Impeachments--United States.
Impressment.
International finance.
Navy-yards and naval stations--United States.
Presidents--United States--Election--1800.
Securities--United States.
Slavery.
Stocks--United States.
Stocks.

Places
United States--Appropriations and expenditures.
United States--History--War of 1812--Campaigns.
Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Joseph Hopper Nicholson, jurist and U.S. representative from Maryland, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1920. An addition of a single item was purchased in 1958.

Processing History
The Nicholson Papers were processed and bound after the collection was received in 1920. A single item received in 1958 was added in 1959. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Additional Guides
An index to the Nicholson Papers is available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joseph Hopper Nicholson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
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Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Joseph Hopper Nicholson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1770, May 15</td>
<td>Born, Chestertown, Md.</td>
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<td>1787</td>
<td>Graduated, Washington College, Chestertown, Md.</td>
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<td>1796-1798</td>
<td>Member, Maryland House of Delegates</td>
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<td>1799-1806</td>
<td>Member, U.S. House of Representatives</td>
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<td>1804</td>
<td>Appointed manager by the House of Representatives to conduct impeachment proceedings against John Pickering, judge of the United States District Court for New Hampshire, and against Samuel Chase, associate justice of the Supreme Court</td>
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<td>1806-1817</td>
<td>Chief justice, sixth judicial district of Maryland, and associate justice, Maryland court of appeals</td>
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1812  Participated in the defense of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812

1817, Mar. 4  Died, Baltimore County, Md.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Joseph H. Nicholson (1770-1817) span the years 1789-1827, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1789-1817. The collection consists of correspondence and other papers relating chiefly to Nicholson's service as U.S. representative from Maryland and judge of the United States Circuit Court and United States Court of Appeals.

Among the subjects featured are investigations of federal departments, navy yards, and naval expenditures; the impeachment in the House of Representatives of Samuel Chase, associate justice of the Supreme Court; the capture of Washington, D.C., by the British in 1814; finance and appropriation bills; American and foreign stocks; and President James Monroe's handling of United States securities. Other topics include the presidential election of 1800; the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr; Maryland finances; slavery; naval embargos and impressment of sailors; and Nicholson's legal and personal affairs. Correspondents include Nathaniel Macon, John Randolph, and C. A. Rodney.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is organized chronologically in bound volumes.
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