Collection Summary
Title: Montgomery C. Meigs Papers
Span Dates: 1799-1971
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1849-1892)
ID No.: MSS32540
Creator: Meigs, Montgomery C. (Montgomery Cunningham), 1816-1892
Extent: 11,000 items
Extent: 52 containers plus 10 oversize
Extent: 27 linear feet
Extent: 51 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mmc79032540
Summary: Army officer, engineer, architect, and scientist. Correspondence, diaries and journals, notebooks, family papers, military papers, drawings and plans, scrapbooks, and other papers relating primarily to Meigs's work in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, his service as quartermaster general during the Civil War, and family matters.
Online Content: The papers of Montgomery C. Meigs are available on the Library of Congress Web site at http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000104. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the online edition as available.

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

People
Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887--Correspondence.
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.
Burnside, Ambrose Everett, 1824-1881--Correspondence.
Bülow, Bernhard Ernst von, 1815-1879--Correspondence.
Cameron, Simon, 1799-1889--Correspondence.
Cluss, Adolph, 1825-1905--Correspondence.
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence.
Floyd, John B. (John Buchanan), 1806-1863--Correspondence.
Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872--Correspondence.
Henry, Joseph, 1797-1878--Correspondence.
Holt, Joseph, 1807-1894--Correspondence.
Manning, Charles P.--Correspondence.
McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1826-1885--Correspondence.
Meigs, Charles D. (Charles Delucena), 1792-1869--Correspondence.
Meigs, Emlen--Correspondence.
Meigs, John Rodgers, 1842-1864.
Meigs, Louisa Rodgers--Correspondence.
Meigs, Montgomery C. (Montgomery Cunningham), 1816-1892.
Moltke, Helmuth, Graf von, 1800-1891--Correspondence.
Porter, David D. (David Dixon), 1813-1891--Correspondence.
Seward, Frederick William, 1830-1915--Correspondence.
Seward, William H. (William Henry), 1801-1872--Correspondence.
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.
Stanton, Edwin M. (Edwin McMasters), 1814-1869--Correspondence.
Totten, Joseph Gilbert, 1788-1864--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)
United States. Army. Corps of Engineers.
United States. Army. Quartermaster's Department.

**Subjects**
Aqueducts--Maryland.
Aqueducts--Washington (D.C.)
Architecture--Washington (D.C.)
Public buildings--Washington (D.C.)

**Places**
Europe--Description and travel.
Texas--Description and travel.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Washington (D.C.)--Buildings, structures, etc.
Washington Aqueduct (Md. and Washington, D.C.)

**Titles**
*Montgomery C. Meigs Papers at the Library of Congress*

**Occupations**
Architects.
Army officers.
Engineers.
Scientists.

**Provenance**
The papers of Montgomery C. Meigs, army officer, engineer, architect, and scientist, were given to the Library of Congress by his descendants from 1920 to 1986. A large addition was purchased in 1982, and other items were obtained by transfer and purchase between 1976 and 2001.

**Processing History**
The papers of Montgomery C. Meigs were arranged and described in 1963. Various additions were processed from 1979 to 2004. Portions of the collections were microfilmed in 1981 and 1985. When the collection was rehoused in 2000 and 2004, the organization of the material remained unchanged. Although the finding aid and container list were revised to indicate the current housing, the container numbers noted in the microfilm editions reflect the original housing. A copy of the finding aid with the original box numbers appears on the first reel of each of the two editions of microfilm.

**Transfers**
Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

**Copyright Status**
Copyright in the unpublished writings of Montgomery C. Meigs in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.
Access and Restrictions

The papers of Montgomery C. Meigs are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on two sets of microfilm with a total of fifty-one reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

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Biographical Note

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<td>1839</td>
<td>Duty at army headquarters, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>Married Louisa Rodgers (died 1879)</td>
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<td>1843-1852</td>
<td>Stationed in Detroit, Mich., until return to permanent duty in Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1852</td>
<td>Supervised construction of the Washington aqueduct for Great Falls, Va., and various United States Capitol improvements, including a new and larger dome</td>
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<td>1861, June</td>
<td>Appointed quartermaster general, United States Army</td>
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<td>1865, Apr. 15</td>
<td>Present at the death of Abraham Lincoln</td>
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<td>Began engineering work on the Pension Office building, Washington, D.C.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Montgomery Cunningham Meigs (1816-1892) span the years 1799-1971, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1849-1892. The collection consists of diaries, journals and notebooks, family papers, correspondence, drawings, maps and plans, photographs, scrapbooks, sketches and studies, and miscellaneous documents.
The papers are organized in seven series: Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks; Family Papers; Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter; Miscellany; Addition I; Addition II; and Oversize.

Meigs was a career army officer who graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1836. After a brief stint in an artillery unit, he was transferred to the Corps of Engineers, where he directed engineering projects for the United States Army between 1852 and 1882. Among the building programs Meigs supervised were the Washington, D.C., aqueduct and its masonry arch at Cabin John, the wings and dome of the national Capitol, an addition to the General Post Office building, a post-Civil War extension of the aqueduct, and from 1882 to 1892 after his retirement from the army, the Pension Office building. Lincoln put Meigs in charge of secret plans for the aid of Fort Pickens, Florida, immediately before the outbreak of the Civil War and in June 1861 appointed him quartermaster general of the army. Meigs supplied the Union forces throughout the war and supervised the construction of at least four major federal buildings. In 1875 he visited Europe to study the organization and command of continental armies.

The papers in this collection consist mostly of private entry books and personal correspondence. Although some material relates to the fighting during the Civil War, the bulk of the papers deals with the construction of federal buildings in Washington. Meigs's journals contain detailed notes in mid-nineteenth century shorthand on the planning for the aqueduct as well as the expansion of the Capitol and the erection of the Pension Office building. Interspersed throughout the journals and sketchbooks are clippings, photographs, and architectural drawings of major buildings under various stages of construction. The combination of written and illustrative material provides a rich source for the study of nineteenth-century Washington and its architecture.

The Family Papers contain correspondence and printed items from Meigs's immediate relatives and descendants. The major portion, however, comprises his letters to his father, Charles D. Meigs, his brother, Emlen, and his wife, Louisa Rodgers Meigs. The letters to his father, a Philadelphia surgeon and medical editor, are concentrated in the Civil War period; those to his wife and other family members are focused on Meigs's trip to Europe in 1875.

Correspondents in the Meigs Papers include Spencer Fullerton Baird, James Buchanan, Bernhard Ernst von Bülow, Adolf Cluss, Jefferson Davis, Charles P. Manning, Graf Helmuth von Moltke, David D. Porter, Frederick William Seward, William T. Sherman, and Joseph Gilbert Totten. The letterbook, much of which is illegible or undecipherable, contains copies of outgoing letters to family members as well as friends and associates and also includes numerous drawings. The volume for April 1861-February 1862 pertains exclusively to the Civil War, while later volumes focus principally on architectural projects.

Addition I

Addition I of the Meigs Papers parallels the earlier portion in scope, arrangement, and content. There are unbound diary entries, a commonplace book from Meigs's first years in the military, and an illustrated journal which he kept during a trip to Texas, 1869-1870. The Family Papers, the dominant feature of Addition I, include letters between his wife, Louisa Rodgers Meigs, and Rodgers family members and correspondence between Montgomery Meigs, his wife and family members, and other relatives. Especially notable in the Family Papers is a sequence of personal and official communications regarding the killing of Meigs's eldest son, John Rodgers Meigs, by Confederate guerrillas in 1864. Meigs believed that his son was the victim of a cold-blooded murder, possibly because of his status as the son of the Union quartermaster general. John Rodgers Meigs had been hailed for his bravery during early battles of the Civil War, and his hand-drawn map of the First Battle of Bull Run and other Civil War documents and correspondence amplify other material in the collection from that period. Also prominent in Addition I are letters, documents, sketches, drawings, and other designs relating to Montgomery Meigs's work on construction of the Capitol, the Washington Aqueduct, and other Army Corps of Engineers projects. Noteworthy as well are correspondence and career papers pertaining specifically to the younger Montgomery Meigs (1847-1931), who followed in his father's footsteps as a public works engineer.

Correspondents include family members Charles D. Meigs and Samuel Emlen Meigs (who often used his middle rather than first name or first initial) and prominent individuals such as Ambrose Everett Burnside, Simon Cameron, Jefferson Davis, John B. Floyd, Horace Greeley, Joseph Henry, Joseph Holt, George Brinton McClellan, William Henry Seward, and Edwin MacMasters Stanton.

Addition II

Addition II includes a Book of Common Prayer inscribed by Meigs and carried by him to Fort Pickens at the start of the Civil War; a handwritten letter of 1879 concerning personal matters; and photocopies of two typewritten letters, dated 1891,
to his daughter, Louisa Meigs Forbes. Also in Addition II are photocopies and typed transcripts of a poem written by John Rodgers Meigs, presumably while a cadet at the United States Military Academy between 1859 and 1863, and six volumes of the translated text of Meigs's shorthand journals, 1853-1859, 1861, as well as an index to the journals.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in ten series:

- Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891
- Family Papers, 1850-1968
- Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1853-1892
- Miscellany, 1849-1960
- Addition I: Diaries, Journals, and Commonplace Book, 1836-1888
- Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1967
- Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890
- Addition I: Miscellany, 1815-1971
- Addition II: Miscellany, 1845-1891
- Oversize, 1835-1885
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<td>Pocket diaries, bound diaries, unbound diary entry sheets, extracts of diaries, and memoranda notebooks and journals with writings, notations, photographs, and drawings. The journals are largely in shorthand. Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically. *Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,202</td>
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of papers sent and received and a letterbook file containing only copies of letters sent by Meigs.
Arranged chronologically.
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**BOX 48-50 REEL 20-23**

**Addition I: Miscellany, 1815-1971**

Biographical data; insurance, estate, and financial matter; specifications and contract material regarding the building of the Washington Aqueduct; drawings, sketches, and watercolors; house design data collected by Meigs; and miscellaneous photographs and printed matter.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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**Addition II: Miscellany, 1845-1891**

An inscribed Book of Common Prayer, correspondence, poetry by John Rodgers Meigs, and translated texts of shorthand journals.
Arranged alphabetically by title or type of material.

**BOX OV 1-OV 10**

**Oversize, 1835-1885**

Drawings, watercolors, plans, photographs, maps, and printed matter, some of which were removed from bound volumes.
Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed after filming. Some items from Addition I: Miscellany were filmed as separated oversize material rather than in their original locations.
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Correspondence, diaries, clippings, printed matter, reminiscences, wills, obituaries, and related matter.

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BOX 13 REEL 16* Alger, Mrs. Philip Rounseville (granddaughter), 1934-1963

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Meigs, John Rodgers (son), 1858-1895

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Meigs, Montgomery C. (1816-1892) Correspondence

Meigs, Charles Delucena (father)

1863

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Montgomery C. Meigs Papers
### Montgomery C. Meigs Papers

#### Addition I: Diaries, Journals, and Commonplace Book, 1836-1888

Unbound diary entries, a journal of a trip to Texas, 1867, consisting of letters sent by Meigs and sketches he compiled, and a commonplace book containing what may be the key to his shorthand code.

Arranged by type of material.

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Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1967
- Correspondence between family members, with additional items such as wills, school papers, military reports, and reminiscences.
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Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890

Correspondence sent and received by Meigs with related printed matter, military orders and decrees, financial data, and official memoranda. The material is divided into a general file of papers sent and received and a letterbook file containing only copies of letters sent by Meigs.

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An inscribed Book of Common Prayer, correspondence, poetry by John Rodgers Meigs, and translated texts of shorthand journals.

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Book of Common Prayer, inscribed, 1845, 1861

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Correspondence, 1879, 1891

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Poem by John Rodgers Meigs, photocopy and typewritten transcript, circa 1859-circa 1863, undated

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**BOX OV 1-OV 10**

Oversize, 1835-1885

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