

Field-Osgood Family Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Field-Osgood Family Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1702-1938

Bulk Dates: 1780-1930

ID No.: MSS83744

Creator: Field family

Creator: Osgood family

Extent: 1,600 items

Extent: 7 containers plus 3 oversize

Extent: 7 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Correspondence, speeches and writings, household financial accounts, legal papers, genealogical material, printed matter, photographs, lithographs, and engravings pertaining to the families of Samuel Osgood (1748-1813) and his daughter, Susan Osgood Field, of Massachusetts and New York.

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

Bradhurst family.

Browning, Robert, 1812-1889--Correspondence.

Field family.

Field, Chloe.

Field, Hickson W. (Hickson Woolman), 1823- --Correspondence.

Field, Susan K. Osgood. Susan K. Osgood Field papers.

Field, William B. Osgood.

Osgood family.

Osgood, David, 1747-1822.

Osgood, Maria Bowne Franklin. Maria Bowne Franklin Osgood papers.

Osgood, Samuel, 1748-1813. Samuel Osgood papers.

Organizations

United States. Army. Signal Corps.

United States. Board of Treasury.

United States. Continental Congress.

United States. Postmaster General.

United States. War Department. Military Intelligence Division.

Subjects

Enslaved persons--Emancipation--New York (State)

Sermons, American--18th century.

World War, 1914-1918--Photography.

World War, 1914-1918.

Young women--United States--19th century.

Places

Andover (Mass.)--Social life and customs.

Charleston (S.C.)--Social life and customs.

New York (State)--Politics and government--1775-1865.

Troy (N.Y.)--Social life and customs.

Titles

Field family papers

Osgood family papers

Acquisition Information

The Field-Osgood Family Papers were given to the Library of Congress by Diana Field from 1996 to 1998. The material was received jointly by the Manuscript Division and the Prints and Photographs Division. A group of Field-Osgood family pictorial material remains in the Prints and Photographs Division.

Processing History

The papers of the Field-Osgood family were arranged and described in 1987 by Karen Linn Femia. This finding aid was revised in 2007. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Field-Osgood family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Field-Osgood family 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.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Field-Osgood Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Field-Osgood Family Papers span the years 1702-1938, with the bulk of the material dating from about 1780 to 1930. The papers pertain to three ancestral families of the donor and are arranged in three sections: the Bradhurst family, the Field family, and the Osgood family, with the Field and Osgood papers forming the bulk of the collection. Many of the items were removed from deteriorating scrapbooks. With the exception of occasional items of a general nature concerning the family, the material is arranged alphabetically by individual family member. The papers include correspondence, financial material, legal documents, genealogical material, speeches and writings, printed matter, photographs, lithographs, and engravings.

Because so many individuals are represented in this collection, the topics touched upon are disparate and numerous. Of major importance are the papers of Samuel Osgood (1748-1813), member of the Continental Congress, one of the three members of the United States Board of Treasury (1785-1789), first postmaster general, and naval officer of the port of New York. A small amount of correspondence, writings, and Board of Treasury and port of New York documents are in the collection. Most of the Samuel Osgood material, however, relates to household financial matters. Additional household financial matter is found under his wife's name, Maria Bowne Franklin Osgood, including items concerning her financial obligations to Chloe Field, an African American woman. Also in the collection are four sermons of David Osgood (1747-1822), three printed and one holograph. One printed sermon of Joseph Lathrop (1731-1820) can be found in the folder for Thaddeus Osgood.

Samuel Osgood's daughter, Susan Kittridge Osgood Field, maintained a lively correspondence with her sisters, Martha Brandon Osgood, married and living near Troy, New York, and Juliana Osgood, married and living in or near Andover, Massachusetts. She also corresponded with Mary (a cousin?) living in Charleston, South Carolina. Nearly all of the letters date from 1814 to 1821, the year she married Moses Field. The letters from her sisters are full of descriptions and details of the everyday life of these young women. Susan Osgood Field's correspondence is filed with the Field family material.

Three items in the Field family papers merit notice: two eighteenth century manumission documents from New York state and a letter of 1845 from Robert Browning to Hickson Woolman Field. Also in the Field family papers are a collection of materials from the United States Signal Corps on aerial photography dating from 1917 to 1918 and a group of intelligence reports (circa 1918-1919) from the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department. Both groups of papers relate to William B. Osgood Field.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of family and alphabetically thereunder by name of person, topic, or type of material.

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