Collection Summary
Title: Dunlop Family Papers
Span Dates: 1713-1930
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1776-1876)
ID No.: MSS19174
Creator: Dunlop family
Extent: 5,000 items
Extent: 20 containers plus 1 oversize
Extent: 8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79019174
Summary: Correspondence, financial papers, business and legal records, and miscellaneous material concerning the mercantile interests and law practice of the Dunlop family.

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
Biddle, Eliza. Eliza Biddle diary. 1814.
Buchanan, Andrew, active 1782--Correspondence.
Buchanan, David, active 1782--Correspondence.
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.
Campbell, James (Merchant)--Correspondence.
Downing, Samuel W.
Dunlap family.
Dunlop, Barbara Laird--Correspondence.
Dunlop, Francis Key. Francis Key Dunlop papers. 1844.
Dunlop, Grace--Correspondence.
Dunlop, James, 1724-1790. James Dunlop papers.
Dunlop, James, 1755-1824. James Dunlop papers.
Dunlop, James, 1793- James Dunlop papers.
Dunlop, William, active 1739. William Dunlop papers. 1847-1858.
Hyde, Thomas, -1795--Correspondence.
Laird, John (Merchant in Greenock)--Correspondence.
Laird, William, active 1815--Correspondence.
Nicholls, William S., -1843--Correspondence.
Ritchie, Henry, -1792--Correspondence.
Ritchie, James, merchant in Glasgow--Correspondence.
Robertson, James (Merchant)--Correspondence.
Robertson, William (Merchant)--Correspondence.
Wallace, Michael, active 1782--Correspondence.
Wyllie, Hugh, -1782--Correspondence.

Organizations
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.
Union Turnpike (Maryland)

Subjects
Grain trade--New York (State)--New York.
Grain trade--Scotland--Glasgow.
Grain trade--Washington (D.C.)
Practice of law--Washington (D.C.)
Tobacco industry--New York (State)--New York.
Tobacco industry--Scotland--Glasgow.
Tobacco industry--Washington (D.C.)

Places
Georgetown (Washington, D.C.)--Commerce.
Glasgow (Scotland)--Commerce.
New York (N.Y.)--Commerce.
Washington (D.C.)--Surveys.

Provenance
The papers of the James Dunlop family were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1936.

Processing History
The papers of the Dunlop family were arranged and described in 1963. The collection was revised in 2007.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Dunlop family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Dunlop 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, Dunlop Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note
The papers of the Dunlop family consist of correspondence, business records, legal files, wills, indentures, estate papers, financial papers, speeches, printed matter, and miscellaneous items and span the years 1713-1930 with the bulk of the material dating from 1776 to 1876. The papers are organized in the following series: General Correspondence, Business Records, Legal File, Financial Records, Miscellany, and Oversize.

The collection contains family letters from 1776 to 1816 and from 1840 to 1860. General correspondence, legal papers, and financial and business records from 1775 to 1825 document the tobacco and grain business of James Dunlop I (1724-1790) and James Dunlop II (1755-1824) in Georgetown, Washington, D.C.; New York; Glasgow; and London. Similar material highlights the Washington law practice of Robert P. Dunlop and his brother, James Dunlop III (b. 1793), a lawyer and judge of the Criminal and Circuit Courts of the District of Columbia.

The Miscellany series includes school and collegiate papers and records of Francis Key Dunlop and William Laird Dunlop, sons of James Dunlop III, material concerning the court martial of Samuel W. Downing, Eliza Biddle's diary, land deeds, lot
numbers, and surveys in Washington, D.C., and vicinity, and papers relating to the Union Turnpike and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Principal business correspondents include Andrew Buchanan, David Buchanan, James Buchanan, James Campbell, Thomas Hyde, John Laird, William S. Nicholls, Henry Ritchie, James Ritchie, James Robertson, William Robertson, Michael Wallace, and Hugh Wyllie.

Other family correspondents include Barbara Laird Dunlop, Grace Dunlop, William Dunlop, and William Laird.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged in six series:
- General Correspondence, 1775-1905
- Business Records, 1781-1891
- Legal File, 1750-1911
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- BOX 17 American Colonization Society, 1833
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- BOX 18 Cards, notes, printed matter, and other items, 1831, 1838-1842, 1848-1851, 1868, 1878, undated
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