

Dunlop Family Papers
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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.

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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, Robert P., -1869. Robert P. 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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Description of Series

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BOX 1-5	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1775-1905</u></p> <p>Letters received from various correspondents including Dunlop family members. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 6-7	<p><u>Business Records, 1781-1891</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, legal records, estate papers, accounts and receipts, and miscellaneous items. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 7-8	<p><u>Legal File, 1750-1911</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, indentures, estate papers, certificates, court orders, and miscellaneous legal records. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 8-17	<p><u>Financial Records, 1804-1930</u></p> <p>Account books, accounts and receipts, and miscellaneous financial records. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 17-20	<p><u>Miscellany, 1713-1913</u></p> <p>Correspondence, genealogical papers, diary, school records, land deeds and surveys, photographs, notes, speeches, printed matter, miscellaneous items. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.</p>
BOX OV 1	<p><u>Oversize, 1745-1855</u></p> <p>Judicial appointments, land deeds, and surveys. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.</p>

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BOX 2	1783, June-1789, 1800, 1807-1820 (8 folders)
BOX 3	1821-1836 (9 folders)
BOX 4	1837-1853 (8 folders)
BOX 5	1854-1887, 1905, undated (7 folders)
BOX 6-7	Business Records, 1781-1891 Correspondence, memoranda, legal records, estate papers, accounts and receipts, and miscellaneous items. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 6	1781-1784, 1799-1802, 1814-1891 (8 folders)
BOX 7	Undated (2 folders)
BOX 7-8	Legal File, 1750-1911 Correspondence, memoranda, indentures, estate papers, certificates, court orders, and miscellaneous legal records. Arranged chronologically.
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Financial Records, 1804-1930

Container

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BOX 17-20	Miscellany, 1713-1913 Correspondence, genealogical papers, diary, school records, land deeds and surveys, photographs, notes, speeches, printed matter, miscellaneous items. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.
BOX 17	American Colonization Society, 1833
BOX 17	Biddle, Eliza, diary, 1814
BOX 18	Cards, notes, printed matter, and other items, 1831, 1838-1842, 1848-1851, 1868, 1878, undated
BOX 18	Downing, Samuel W., court martial
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BOX 18	Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., grade records, 1850-1852
BOX 18	Speeches, 1848-1858
BOX 18	Genealogy
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BOX 20	(1 folder)
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BOX 20	Land deeds, lots, and surveys
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BOX 20	Washington, D.C., 1799-1816, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>

Miscellany, 1713-1913

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BOX 20	Religion notes, 1852, 1859-1867, 1913, undated
BOX 20	Turnpike and canal papers, 1809, 1828-1841, 1851-1854
BOX OV 1	Oversize, 1745-1855 Judicial appointments, land deeds, and surveys. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
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