

Vespucci Family Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Vespucci family papers

Span Dates: 1409-1989

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1409-1570)

ID No.: MSS44065

Creator: Vespucci family

Extent: 2,250 items

Extent: 10 containers

Extent: 3.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English, Italian, Latin, and Spanish

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

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Summary: Chiefly research material assembled by historian Germán Arciniegas for his writings on the Vespucci 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

Arciniegas, Germán, 1900-1999. Germán Arciniegas research materials.

Vespucci family.

Vespucci, Amerigo, 1451-1512.

Vespucci, Guido Antonio, 1436-1501.

Places

Florence (Italy)--Social life and customs.

Provenance

The papers of the Vespucci family were given to the Library of Congress by Germán Arciniegas in 1993. Other papers in this collection relating to Amerigo Vespucci were acquired by the Library in 1901 and 1913 and were formerly organized as the Amerigo Vespucci Papers.

Processing History

The papers of the Vespucci family were arranged and described in 1995; the finding aid was revised in 2007.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Vespucci family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Vespucci 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, Vespucci Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Vespucci Family Papers span the years 1409-1989, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1409 to 1570. The collection is composed primarily of research material assembled by historian Germán Arciniegas for his three books on Vespucci family members: *Amerigo y el Nuevo Mundo* (Mexico: Hermes, 1955), *El Mundo de la Bella Simonetta* (Bogotá, Colombia: Planeta, 1990), and *El Embajador* (Bogotá, Colombia: Planeta, 1990). Consisting chiefly of typed transcriptions in Latin and Italian of correspondence and other documents from the public archives of Florence (Archivio di Stato di Firenze), the papers reflect the Vespucci family's business and personal activities and their relations with other prominent Florentine families, including the de Medicis. Also included are brief biographical essays on numerous individual family members, as well as Arciniegas's note cards and correspondence. Notable individuals represented in the collection include the explorer Amerigo Vespucci and diplomat Guido Antonio Vespucci, the subject of Arciniegas's book *El Embajador*. Amerigo Vespucci is further represented in the collection by several items acquired by the Library in the early 1900s, including English translations of a letter to Laurentius Patri de Medici and Vespucci's account of his travels titled "The Four Voyages of Amerigo Vespucci."

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized as the research papers of Germán Arciniegas and a miscellany and arranged alphabetically by type of material therein.

Container List

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| BOX 1 | Research papers of Germán Arciniegas |
| BOX 1 | Correspondence, 1951-1961 |
| BOX 1 | Family members |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Agostino, 1495-1515, undated |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Aloysius, 1480-1481 |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Amerigo (1394-1471), undated |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Amerigo (1451-1512) <i>See also Container 10, same heading</i> |
| BOX 1 | "Americo el Joven, Hijo de Stagio," transcript, undated |
| BOX 1 | Correspondence received, 1483-1491, undated (2 folders) |
| BOX 1 | "Libro de Lecciones y Cartas a Su Padre Anastagio," transcript, undated |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Anastagio (1426-1482), 1478 |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Antonio (1449-1534), 1476-1526 |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Bartolomeo (1479-1527), 1504, undated |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Bernardo (1422-), 1454-1476 |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Bernardo (1455-1527), 1481-1489 |
| BOX 1 | Vespucci, Giorgio Antonio (1434-1514), 1456-1499, 1955, undated |
| BOX 2 | Vespucci, Giovanni (1389-1456), 1431-1447 |
| BOX 2 | Vespucci, Giovanni (1419-), 1467-1468 |
| BOX 2 | Vespucci, Giovanni (1476-1549), 1513-1525 |
| BOX 2 | Vespucci, Giovanni (1486-), 1950, undated |
| BOX 2 | Vespucci, Girolamo (1451-1498), 1488-1489 |
| BOX 2 | Vespucci, Giuliano (1406-1466), 1448-1466, 1527-1529 |
| BOX 2 | Vespucci, Guido Antonio (1436-1501) |
| BOX 2 | Correspondence |
| BOX 2 | 1471-1483 (10 folders) |
| BOX 3 | 1484 (13 folders) |
| BOX 4 | 1485-1499, undated (8 folders) |
| BOX 4 | <i>El Embajador</i> , typescript, 1950, 1989 (2 folders) |
| BOX 4 | Vespucci, Lapo, 1418, undated |
| BOX 4 | Vespucci, Luca, 1505-1570 |
| BOX 4 | Vespucci, Marco (1453-1497), 1478 |
| BOX 4 | Vespucci, Marco, 1478-1525, undated |
| BOX 5 | Vespucci, Niccolo (1474-1535), 1484, 1522-1532, undated |
| BOX 5 | Vespucci, Piero (1394-1450), 1409-1429, undated |
| BOX 5 | Vespucci, Piero (1432-1485), 1458-1494, undated (2 folders) |
| BOX 5 | Vespucci, Piero (1438-1474), 1468 |

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| BOX 5 | Vespucci, Piero (1447-1529), 1478-1518, undated (5 folders) |
| BOX 5 | Vespucci, Simon (-1400), undated |
| BOX 5 | Vespucci, Simone (1437-1508), 1476-1485 |
| BOX 5 | Vespucci, Simonetta (1453-1476), 1474-1475, 1931-1959, undated (2 folders) |
| BOX 5 | Genealogy, 1898, undated |
| BOX 6 | Note cards |
| BOX 6 | Set I |
| BOX 7 | Set II |
| BOX 8 | Set III |
| BOX 9 | Set IV |
| BOX 10 | Miscellany |
| BOX 10 | Vespucci, Amerigo (1451-1512) <i>See also Container 1, same heading</i> |
| BOX 10 | Correspondence, 1500-1505 (3 folders) |
| BOX 10 | "Four Voyages," translation, 1507 |
| BOX 10 | Printed matter, undated |