

Daniel Carroll Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Daniel Carroll Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1662-1920

Bulk Dates: 1791-1868

ID No.: MSS15206

Creator: Carroll, Daniel, 1764-1849

Extent: 3,100 items

Extent: 10 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 4.4 linear feet

Extent: 8 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm79015206>

Summary: Landowner and businessman. Correspondence, financial and legal records, plat surveys, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Carroll's business interests and real estate holdings in Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md.

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

Appleby, George F.--Correspondence.

Brent, Richard, 1757-1814--Correspondence.

Brent, William Leigh, 1784-1848--Correspondence.

Carroll family.

Carroll, Ann C.

Carroll, Ann C.--Correspondence.

Carroll, Charles, -1820--Correspondence.

Carroll, Charles, 1737-1832--Correspondence.

Carroll, Daniel, 1730-1796--Correspondence.

Carroll, Daniel, 1764-1849.

Clarke, Richard H. (Richard Henry), 1827-1911--Correspondence.

Emory, Thomas, 1782- --Correspondence.

Fitzhugh, Maria Carroll.

Gittings, John Sterrett--Correspondence.

Gordon, William Alexander, -1873--Correspondence.

Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843--Correspondence.

Hammond, William A. (William Alexander), 1828-1900--Correspondence.

Hickey, William, 1798-1866--Correspondence.

Johnson, Christopher, active 19th century--Correspondence.

L'Enfant, Pierre Charles, 1754-1825.

McPherson, James Birdseye, 1828-1864--Correspondence.

Merryman, John, 1824-1881--Correspondence.

Waggaman, Thos. E. (Thomas E.)--Correspondence.

Organizations

Baltimore Iron Works (Baltimore, Md.)

Duddington Manor (Washington, D.C.)

Hockley Forge.

Subjects

Iron industry and trade--Maryland.

Real property--Maryland--Baltimore.

Real property--Washington (D.C.)
Rent.

Places

Baltimore (Md.)--Surveys.
Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.)
Washington (D.C.)--History.
Washington (D.C.)--Surveys.

Occupations

Businessmen.
Landowners.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Daniel Carroll, landowner and businessman, were deposited and then given to the Library of Congress in 1963 and 1967 by Mrs. Harry G. Meem and her daughter, Ann Meem Rogers, descendants of the Carroll family. Other gifts and purchases were received between 1920 and 1990, including gifts from Frank Hannegan in 1983 and 1985.

Processing History

The papers of Daniel Carroll were arranged and described in 1986-1987 by David Mathisen. Additional material was incorporated into the collection in 2001 by Brian McGuire and the finding aid was revised in 2001 and 2008.

Additional Guides

Portions of the collection are described in the *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress*, vol. 21, July 1964, pp. 191-194, and in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division*, 1983, pp. 6-10.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Daniel Carroll 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 these papers is available on eight reels from the Library's Photoduplication Service for purchase subject to the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.). 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 as available.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Daniel Carroll Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Daniel Carroll of Duddington (1764-1849) span the years 1662-1920, with the bulk of the material concentrated between 1791 and 1868. The collection relates principally to the real estate and business interests of Carroll, an influential Washington, D.C., landowner whose property included Duddington Manor on the Anacostia River and much of what was to become Capitol Hill. The papers are organized in the following series: [Family Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Financial Records](#), [Miscellany](#), an [Addition](#), and [Oversize](#).

The collection deals with the surveying and selling of lots and squares in the new federal city and in Baltimore, Maryland, with lawsuits and the collection of rents, and with Carroll's large holdings in the Baltimore Iron Works and the Hockley Forge. Most of the material dated after Carroll's death in 1849 concerns the settlement of his estate by his daughters, Ann C. Carroll and Maria Carroll Fitzhugh.

Principal correspondents from Daniel Carroll's lifetime include his uncle, Daniel Carroll of Rock Creek, one of the early commissioners of the District of Columbia; Charles Carroll (d. 1820) of Belle Vue; and Charles Carroll (1737-1832) of Carrollton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Other correspondents are Richard Brent, William Leigh Brent, Thomas Emory, James Greenleaf, William Alexander Hammond, Christopher Johnson, and John Merryman. Correspondents from the period after Carroll's death include George Appleby, Ann C. Carroll, Richard H. Clarke, John Sterrett Gittings, William Alexander Gordon, William Hickey, James Birseye McPherson, and Thos. E. Waggaman.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [Family Correspondence, 1758-1830](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1662-1910](#)
- [Financial Records, 1752-1906](#)
- [Miscellany, 1702-1920](#)
- [Addition, 1820](#)
- [Oversize, 1702-1872](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1 REEL 1	<u>Family Correspondence, 1758-1830</u> Correspondence of various family members. Arranged by name of family member and thereunder chronologically.
BOX 1-6 REEL 1-4	<u>General Correspondence, 1662-1910</u> Letters received and some letters sent. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 7-8 REEL 5-7	<u>Financial Records, 1752-1906</u> Family business records including accounts, receipts, correspondence, and related material. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 9-10 REEL 7-8	<u>Miscellany, 1702-1920</u> Autograph albums, business records, clippings and pamphlets, land plats, land reference books, lottery tickets, miscellaneous notations, indentures, wills, photograph, report, subpoenas, verses, and annotated wrappers. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 10 not filmed	<u>Addition, 1820</u> Photocopies of a letter and an essay pertaining to signers of the Declaration of Independence. Arranged by type of material.
BOX OV 1 not filmed	<u>Oversize, 1702-1872</u> Atlas, indentures, land plats, correspondence, insurance policy, and wills. Microfilmed as part of Miscellany series. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 19,756

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Family Correspondence, 1758-1830 Correspondence of various family members. Arranged by name of family member and thereunder chronologically.
BOX 1 REEL 1	Carroll, Charles, of Belle Vue, 1792-1822, undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	Carroll, Charles, of Duddington, and his wife, Mary Hill Carroll, letterbook, 1758-1774
BOX 1 REEL 1	Carroll, Charles, of Carrollton, 1772-1819, undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	Miscellaneous family members, 1786-1833, undated
BOX 1-6 REEL 1-4	General Correspondence, 1662-1910 Letters received and some letters sent. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1 REEL 1	1662-1795 (7 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 1-2	1796-1814 (11 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 2	1815-1827 (13 folders)
BOX 4 REEL 2-3	1828-1846 (12 folders)
BOX 5 REEL 3-4	1847-1868 (15 folders)
BOX 6 REEL 4	1869-1910, undated (11 folders)
BOX 7-8 REEL 5-7	Financial Records, 1752-1906 Family business records including accounts, receipts, correspondence, and related material. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 7 REEL 5	1752-1840 (13 folders)
BOX 8 REEL 6-7	1841-1906, undated (9 folders)
BOX 9-10 REEL 7-8	Miscellany, 1702-1920 Autograph albums, business records, clippings and pamphlets, land plats, land reference books, lottery tickets, miscellaneous notations, indentures, wills, photograph, report, subpoenas, verses, and annotated wrappers. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 9 REEL 7-8	Autograph albums, 1860-1873 (2 folders)

Miscellany, 1702-1920

Container	Contents
BOX 9 REEL 7-8	Business records, 1749-1822
BOX 9 REEL 7-8	Clippings and pamphlets, 1804-1906, undated
BOX 9 REEL 7-8	Land plats, 1793-1874, undated
BOX 9 REEL 7-8	Land reference books, notebooks, 1853, undated
BOX 9 REEL 7-8	Lottery tickets, undated
BOX 9 REEL 7-8	Miscellaneous notations, 1796, 1850s-1860s (3 folders)
BOX 10 REEL 8	Oversize material <i>See Oversize series</i>
BOX 10 REEL 8	Photograph, undated
BOX 10 REEL 8	Recipe book, undated
BOX 10 REEL 8	Report on construction of canal, by Benjamin Henry Latrobe, Feb. 5, 1804
BOX 10 REEL 8	Scrapbook, 1793-1920
BOX 10 REEL 8	Subpoenas, Merrick v. Fitzhugh, 1868-1872
BOX 10 REEL 8	"Verses," by A. G. Heaton, Sept. 23, 1885
BOX 10 REEL 8	Wrappers, annotated, undated (3 folders)
BOX 10 not filmed	Addition, 1820 Photocopies of a letter and an essay pertaining to signers of the Declaration of Independence. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 10 not filmed	Letter (photocopy), Charles Carroll of Belle Vue to his sister, 1820
BOX 10 not filmed	Essay (photocopy) by Charles Carroll of Belle Vue pertaining to the signers of the Declaration of Independence, undated
BOX OV 1 not filmed	Oversize, 1702-1872 Atlas, indentures, land plats, correspondence, insurance policy, and wills. Microfilmed as part of Miscellany series. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.
BOX OV 1 not filmed	Atlas, undated (Container 10)
BOX OV 1	Correspondence, 1760 (Container 10)
BOX OV 1	Indentures, 1702-1800 (Container 10)
BOX OV 1	Land plats, 1796-1872 (Container 10)
BOX OV 1	Insurance policy, 1803 (Container 10)
BOX OV 1	Wills, 1734-1828 (Container 10)