

Washington Family Collection
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Collection Summary

Title: Washington Family Collection

Span Dates: 1582-1965

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1700-1900)

ID No.: MSS56408

Creator: Washington family

Extent: 800 items

Extent: 4 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 1.6 linear feet

Extent: 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Correspondence, journals, financial records, reports, surveys, wills, deeds, genealogical notes, and other papers by or concerning family members related by blood or marriage to George Washington.

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

Ball, Burgess, 1749-1800.

Washington family.

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829.

Washington, Elizabeth Foote, -1812.

Washington, George Corbin, 1789-1854.

Washington, George, 1732-1799--Estate.

Washington, George, 1732-1799--Family.

Washington, Lund, 1737-1796.

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802--Estate.

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802.

Titles

Washington family papers

Provenance

The Washington Family Collection of papers by or about family members related by blood or marriage to George Washington is a compilation of gifts, purchases, deposits, and transfers to the Library of Congress from 1909 to 1997.

Processing History

The papers of the Washington family were arranged and described in 1976. The collection was expanded and revised in 1999. The register was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of members of the Washington family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Washington 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of the journal of Elizabeth Foote Washington is available on one reel. 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 number, Washington Family Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Washington Family Collection spans the period 1582 to 1965, with the bulk of the material dating from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The collection is a mixture of original documents, photostatic reproductions, transcriptions, and notes by or concerning family members related by blood or marriage to George Washington. The collection consists of correspondence, journals, financial papers, wills, deeds, surveys, genealogical notes, and a few oversize items. Topics include the disposition of family property including that of Martha Custis Washington and George Washington, involvement in public affairs, and details of personal life. Among the individuals represented are Burgess Ball, Bushrod Washington, George Corbin Washington, Lund Washington and his wife, Elizabeth (Betsy) Foote Washington, and Martha Washington.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic, name, or type of material and therein chronologically.

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BOX 1	Bills, 1818-1825
BOX 1	Legal papers, 1753-1758, 1774, 1784, 1794, 1804-1819, 1826, 1845, 1858, 1868 (3 folders)
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