

W. B. Bryan Notes and Newspaper Extracts
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Collection Summary

Title: W. B. Bryan Notes and Newspaper Extracts

Inclusive Dates: 1789-1888

ID No.: MSS54726

Creator: Bryan, W. B. (Wilhelmus Bogart), 1854-1938

Extent: 3,500 items

Extent: 6 containers

Extent: 2.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81054726>

Summary: Historian and author. Notes and extracts of newspapers, many published in the District of Columbia, concerning the history of the city of Washington, D.C.

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

Bryan, W. B. (Wilhelmus Bogart), 1854-1938.

Bryan, W. B. (Wilhelmus Bogart), 1854-1938. A history of the national capital from its foundation through the period of the adoption of the organic act. 1914-1916.

Subjects

American newspapers--Washington (D.C.)

Places

Washington (D.C.)--History.

Titles

W. B. Bryan papers

Wilhelmus Bogart Bryan papers

Occupations

Authors.

Historians.

Acquisition Information

The notes and newspaper extracts of W. B. Bryan, historian and author, were given to the Library of Congress by Bryan in 1927 and 1928. An addition was given by Elizabeth Bryan Barnes (Mrs. William De Luce Barnes) in 1941.

Processing History

The papers of W. B. Bryan were arranged and described in 2000 by Patrick Kerwin and Bradley E. Gernand. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Additional Guides

Descriptions of this collection appear in the *Report of the Librarian of Congress* for the years 1927 (p. 54) and 1928 (pp. 54-55). A subject index to these excerpts being created by Bryan as the Librarian's 1927 annual report went to press is not included with these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of W. B. Bryan is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of W. B. Bryan 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, W. B. Bryan Notes and Newspaper Extracts, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Wilhelmus Bogart Bryan (1854-1938) span the years 1789-1888 and consist of notes and handwritten extracts by Bryan of newspaper articles published in the District of Columbia and elsewhere concerning the history of the federal seat of government. Bryan, an historian and author, compiled the extracts while researching his work, *A History of the National Capital* (New York: The MacMillan Company, 1914 [vol. 1] and 1916 [vol. 2]). The extracts were arranged by Bryan by date, not by subject, in keeping with his chronological treatment of Washington's history.

Washington, D.C., newspapers extracted include the *Alexandria Advertiser*, *Alexandria Gazette*, *Centinel [sic] of Liberty*, *Columbian Chronicle*, *Columbian Mirror*, *Evening Star*, *Federal Republican*, *Gazette of the United States*, *Georgetown Weekly Ledger*, *Impartial Observer*, *National Intelligencer*, *Pawtomack Packet*, *The Times*, *Washington Advertiser*, and *Washington Gazette*. The Alexandria newspapers excerpted were published in what was then the District of Columbia. In addition, Bryan extracted extensively the *Baltimore Sun*.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Notes
BOX 1	1789-1807 (3 folders)
BOX 2	1808-1820 (3 folders)
BOX 3	1821-1845 (4 folders)
BOX 4	1846-1861 (4 folders)
BOX 5	1862-1884 (4 folders)
BOX 6	1885-1888 (1 folder)
BOX 6	Miscellaneous, undated (3 folders)