

**Thomas C. Reeves Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



**Manuscript Division, Library of Congress**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Thomas C. Reeves Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1850-1975

**Bulk Dates:** 1969-1972

**ID No.:** MSS50641

**Creator:** Reeves, Thomas C., 1936-

**Extent:** 700 items

**Extent:** 2 containers

**Extent:** 0.8 linear feet

**Extent:** 4 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82050641>

**Summary:** Historian and biographer of Chester Alan Arthur (1829-1886). Correspondence, manuscripts, genealogical material, printed matter, photographs, and other papers relating primarily to Reeves's research on Chester Alan Arthur (1829-1886), Chester Alan Arthur (1901-1972), and other members of the Arthur 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

Arthur family.

Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886.

Arthur, Chester Alan, III, 1901-1972.

Reeves, Thomas C., 1936-

### Occupations

Biographers.

Historians.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Thomas C. Reeves, historian and biographer of Chester Alan Arthur (1829-1886), were given to the Library by Dr. Reeves from 1973 to 1984.

## Processing History

The papers of Thomas C. Reeves were arranged and described in 1979 by Audrey Walker, with an addition in 1989 processed by David Mathisen. The collection was expanded and revised in 1994 by Patrick Kerwin. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

## Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Audio recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. Maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Thomas C. Reeves Papers.

## **Related Material**

The Manuscript Division also holds the papers of Chester Alan Arthur (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms009139>).

## **Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Thomas C. Reeves is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Thomas C. Reeves 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**

Microfilm on four reels was received as part of the papers of Thomas C. Reeves and is listed and described in the finding aid. This microfilm is not available for interlibrary loan.

## **Preferred Citation**

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

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Thomas C. Reeves (1936- ) span the years 1850-1975, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1969-1972. The material relates to Reeves's research on the Arthur family, especially relating to Chester Alan Arthur (1829-1886) and Chester "Gavin" Alan Arthur (1901-1972).

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by type of material.

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Arthur, Chester Alan (1901-1972), 1968-1972
BOX 1	Broderick, Warren F. and Frances D., 1970-1975
BOX 1	Hampton, Vernon, 1970-1971
BOX 1	Herndon family (Va.), 1969-1970
BOX 1	Howe, George F., 1969-1970
BOX 1	Pinkerton, Charles, 1970-1973, undated
BOX 1	Arthur, Chester Alan (1829-1886)
BOX 1	Letters in New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, N.H., 1872-1885
BOX 1	Manuscripts, 1880-1886, undated
BOX 1	Printed matter, 1874-1971, undated
BOX 1	Trip through Yellowstone, 1883, 1968, undated
BOX 2	Other material
BOX 2	Arthur, Chester Alan (1901-1972), 1955, 1969-1972, undated
BOX 2	Arthur family genealogy, 1850-1970, undated
BOX 2	<i>Circle of Sex</i> , by Gavin Arthur, 1962
BOX 2	Inaugural invitation and National Museum pass, 1881
BOX 2	Miscellaneous, undated
BOX 2	Notes on Chester Alan Arthur (1829-1886) papers, 1943, undated
BOX 2	Photographs, 1972, undated
BOX 2	Printed matter, 1877-1971, undated
REEL 1	Microfilm
	Microfilm shelf no. 15,936
REEL 1	Herndon, Brodie S., diaries
REEL 1	Scotland trip, 1878 (negative copy)
REEL 2	1847-1886 (positive copy)
REEL 3	Hartman, William J., "Politics and Patronage: The New York Custom House, 1852-1903," thesis, 1952 (positive copy)
REEL 4	Arthur, Chester Alan (1829-1886), personnel file, Treasury Department, 1877-1886 (negative copy)