

Edward Maynard Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Edward Maynard Papers

Span Dates: 1836-1867

ID No.: MSS31799

Creator: Maynard, Edward, 1813-1891

Extent: 110 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.4 linear feet

Extent: 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

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Summary: Dental surgeon and inventor. Correspondence, legal records, and financial account books relating to Maynard's improvements in the manufacture and sale of firearms and documenting his dental practice in 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

Carter, Timothy W.--Correspondence.

Cooper, Samuel, 1798-1876.

Corcoran, W. W. (William Wilson), 1798-1888.

Dahlgren, John Adolphus Bernard, 1809-1870.

Douglas, Stephen A. (Stephen Arnold), 1813-1861.

Ewing, Thomas, 1789-1871.

Kearny, Philip, 1815-1862.

Mackay, George, active 19th century--Correspondence.

Mann, Horace, 1796-1859.

Maynard, Edward, 1813-1891.

McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1826-1885.

Riddle, Edward--Correspondence.

Riggs, George Washington, 1813-1881.

Smith, Thomas L., 1787 or 1788-1871--Correspondence.

Smith, Thomas L., 1787 or 1788-1871.

Stanton, Edwin M. (Edwin McMasters), 1814-1869.

Tyson, J. Washington (Joseph Washington), 1811-1860--Correspondence.

Tyson, J. Washington (Joseph Washington), 1811-1860.

Vann, Joseph, 1798-1844.

Organizations

Massachusetts Arms Company--Correspondence.

Subjects

Dentistry--Washington (D.C)

Firearms industry and trade.

Firearms--Patents.

Firearms.

Rifles.

Occupations

Dental surgeons.

Inventors.

Provenance

The papers of Edward Maynard, dental surgeon and inventor, were given to the Library of Congress by Edward T. Stuart in 1934. An addition to these papers was purchased by the Library in 1992.

Processing History

The papers of Edward Maynard were arranged and described in 1995.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edward Maynard is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Edward Maynard 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 part of these papers is available on one reel. 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, Edward Maynard Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Edward Maynard (1813-1891) span the years 1836-1867 and include correspondence and legal records bound in one volume relating to Maynard's invention of a percussion primer, known as the Maynard tape primer, his patent of it in 1845, and his efforts, plus those of his partners, Thomas L. Smith and Joseph Washington Tyson, to get firearms manufactured utilizing the primer. Some correspondence relates to his improvements in the breech-loading rifle and the sale of his patent rights. Important correspondents include Timothy W. Carter of the Massachusetts Arms Company, George Mackay, Edward Riddle, Thomas L. Smith, and Joseph Washington Tyson.

Also included are four account books recording Maynard's patients and the services he performed in his Washington, D.C., dental practice. Among his patients were Samuel Cooper, W. W. Corcoran, John A. B. Dahlgren, Stephen A. Douglas, Thomas Ewing, Philip Kearny, Horace Mann, George B. McClellan, George W. Riggs, Edwin M. Stanton, and Joseph Vann.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,774

| Container | Contents |
|-------------------------|---|
| BOX 1 REEL 1 | Correspondence and legal records regarding firearms, 1845-1858, undated |
| BOX 1 not filmed | Dental practice records, 1836-1837, 1849-1852, 1862-1867 (4 folders) |