John H. Wheeler Papers
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Collection Summary
Title: John H. Wheeler Papers
Span Dates: 1825-1882
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1852-1882)
ID No.: MSS45237
Creator: Wheeler, John H. (John Hill), 1806-1882
Extent: 100 items
Extent: 31 containers
Extent: 10.6 linear feet
Extent: 7 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78045237
Summary: Historian, diplomat, and public official. Diaries, correspondence, writings, and scrapbooks relating to Wheeler’s career and social activities.

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
Walker, William, 1824-1860.

Organizations
United States. Department of the Treasury.

Subjects
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Nicaragua.
Statistics.

Places
Nicaragua--Foreign relations--United States.
Nicaragua--History--Filibuster War, 1855-1860.
Nicaragua--History.
North Carolina--History.
United States--Foreign relations--Nicaragua.
United States--Politics and government.
Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Occupations
Diplomats.
Historians.
Public officials.

Provenance
The papers of John H. Wheeler, historian, diplomat, and public official, were given to the Library of Congress by Woodbury Wheeler in 1900. An addition was purchased in 1933. Series II of the collection consisting of additional scrapbooks was transferred to the papers from the general collections of the Library in 1973.
Processing History
The Wheeler Papers were housed and listed prior to 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2001 and again in 2010. Containers 10-13 and 20-22 were filmed in 1975. Containers 1-4 were reproduced in a separate microfilm edition in 1976. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John H. Wheeler Papers is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of John H. Wheeler 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 seven reels. 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, John H. Wheeler Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note
The papers of John Hill Wheeler (1806-1882) span the years 1825-1882, with the bulk of the material from 1852 to 1882. The collection is organized into two series. Series I consists of diaries; correspondence; manuscripts of the U.S. Treasury Department Yearbook, 1868, compiled by Wheeler; writings relating to Nicaragua and Wheeler’s service in that country; scrapbooks with an index; and other papers pertaining primarily to North Carolina history, social activities in Washington, D.C., politics, statistics, and the William Walker filibuster in Central America. Series II contains additional scrapbooks that were transferred to the papers from the general collections of the Library after the receipt of the original material in the Manuscript Division. The collection is arranged by type of material within the two series.

Arrangement of the Papers
This collection is arranged in two series:
- Series I, 1825-1882
- Series II, 1855-1881
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BOX 3 REEL 3 | 1867-1869  
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BOX 5 not filmed | 1873, 1875  
BOX 6 not filmed | 1876-1877, 1879  
BOX 7 not filmed | Diary, 1880-1882; almanac with diary notes, 1828-1832; correspondence, 1852-1879; miscellany; and printed matter |
| BOX 8 not filmed | Morello’s Towns of Nicaragua (transcribed 1856); Colonial History of North Carolina (transcribed in 1863-1864); U.S. Treasury Department year book, 1868 |
| BOX 9 not filmed | Scrapbooks  
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BOX 10 REEL 1 | Vol. II, Nicaragua, 1855  
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BOX 20 REEL 3 | Index to scrapbooks  
BOX 21 REEL 3 | Manuscript on Nicaragua by Wheeler |
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