

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.

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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.

Wheeler, John H. (John Hill), 1806-1882.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John H. Wheeler Papers is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

Description of Series

Container

BOX 1-21 REEL 1-4

Series

Series I, 1825-1882

Diaries, correspondence, writings, scrapbooks, and printed matter.

Arranged according to type of material mainly in the order received. *Containers 1-4 available on microfilm, Shelf no. 16,736. Containers 10-13 available on microfilm, Shelf no. 16,591.*

BOX 22-31 REEL 1-3

Series II, 1855-1881

Additional scrapbooks.

Arranged according to volume number as received. *Containers 20-22 available on microfilm, Shelf no. 16,591.*

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-21 REEL 1-4	Series I, 1825-1882 Diaries, correspondence, writings, scrapbooks, and printed matter. Arranged according to type of material mainly in the order received. <i>Containers 1-4 available on microfilm, Shelf no. 16,736. Containers 10-13 available on microfilm, Shelf no. 16,591.</i>
BOX 1	Diaries
BOX 1 REEL 1	1854-1860
BOX 2 REEL 2	(covers only) 1861-1866
BOX 3 REEL 3	1867-1869
BOX 4 REEL 4	1870, 1782
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
BOX 9 not filmed	Vol. I, miscellaneous, political, and historical, 1825-1833
BOX 10 REEL 1	Vol. II, Nicaragua, 1855
BOX 11 REEL 1	Vol. III, Nicaragua, United States politics, 1855-1857
BOX 12 REEL 1	Vol. IV, Nicaragua and miscellaneous, 1856
BOX 13 REEL 2	Vol. V, Nicaragua and miscellaneous, 1856
BOX 14 not filmed	Vol. VII, statistics, 1863, 1866-1868
BOX 15 not filmed	Vol. IX, miscellaneous, politics, and population; Reconstruction; Civil War, 1855-1868
BOX 16 not filmed	Vol. XI, 1868-1869
BOX 17 not filmed	Vol. XIII, politics, agriculture, and miscellaneous, 1869-1870
BOX 18 not filmed	Vol. XVII, politics, North Carolina and South Carolina, 1877-1878
BOX 19 not filmed	Vol. XIX, politics, North Carolina and South Carolina, 1879-1880
BOX 20 REEL 3	Index to scrapbooks
BOX 21 REEL 3	Manuscript on Nicaragua by Wheeler
BOX 22-31 REEL 1-3	Series II, 1855-1881 Additional scrapbooks. Arranged according to volume number as received. <i>Containers 20-22 available on microfilm, Shelf no. 16,591.</i>
BOX 22 REEL 3	Additional scrapbooks
BOX 22 REEL 3	Vol. VI, Nicaragua, 1855
BOX 23 not filmed	Vol. VIII, Civil War, North Carolina, and miscellaneous, 1864
BOX 24 not filmed	Vol. XIII, part 2, miscellaneous, 1870-1871
BOX 25 not filmed	Vol. XIV, miscellaneous, 1872-1874
BOX 26 not filmed	Vol. XV, part 1, politics and miscellaneous, 1875
BOX 27 not filmed	Vol. XV, part 2, politics and miscellaneous, 1875

Series II, 1855-1881

Container Contents

BOX 28 not filmed	Vol. XVI, miscellaneous, 1877
BOX 29 not filmed	Vol. XVIII, miscellaneous, 1878-1879
BOX 30 not filmed	Vol. [?], fragments, 1876
BOX 31 not filmed	Vol. XX, 1880-1881