

**Mercy-Argenteau Family Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Mercy-Argenteau Family Papers

**Span Dates:** 1410-1921

**ID No.:** MSS32631

**Creator:** Mercy family

**Creator:** Argenteau family

**Extent:** 10,000 items

**Extent:** 88 containers plus 22 oversize

**Extent:** 44.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in Dutch, French, German, Latin, and Spanish

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81032631>

**Summary:** Correspondence, commissions, diplomas, certificates, and other documents. Includes military papers relating to the Silesian War and Seven Years' War, letters from King Leopold II of Austria, and material relating to California and Mexico.

## 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

Argenteau family.

Leopold II, Holy Roman Emperor, 1747-1792--Correspondence.

Mercy family.

### Subjects

Seven Years' War, 1756-1763.

Silesian War, 1st, 1740-1742.

Silesian War, 2nd, 1744-1745.

### Places

California--History.

Mexico--History.

### Titles

*Argenteau family papers*

*Mercy family papers*

## Provenance

The papers of the Mercy-Argenteau family were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1913-1915.

## Processing History

The collection was processed in 1998. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

## Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

## **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of the Mercy-Argenteau families 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, Mercy-Argenteau Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of the Mercy-Argenteau family span the years 1410-1921 and consist of correspondence, commissions, diplomas, certificates, and other documents. Included are military papers relating to the Silesian War and Seven Years' War, letters from King Leopold II of Austria, and material relating to California and Mexico. The material is in Dutch, French, German, Latin, and Spanish.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is organized by type of material largely as received, with overlapping between folders or groups of chronological files and oversize items at the end.

# Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 1	Various documents, 1461-1598, 1703-1845, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Estate papers, 1764-1876, undated (3 folders)
BOX 2	Eleven items from the collection, selected at the time the papers were acquired for exhibition, and evacuated from Washington, D.C., during World War II
BOX 2	Diploma of the Legion of Honor by Louis XVIII, 1817
BOX 2	Poem of welcome, 1780
BOX 2	Patent signed by Duke of Marlborough, 1706
BOX 2	Letter of Prince Eugene of Savoy, 1731
BOX 2	Fragment of surtout worn by Field-Marshal Mercy-Argenteau when killed at the battle of Parma, 27 June 1734
BOX 2	Letter of Count Philip of Flanders, father of King Albert of Belgium, 18 Nov. 1879
BOX 2	Plan of Battle of Labositz, 1 Oct. 1756, undated
BOX 2	Plan and explanation of the Battle of Kolin, 18 June 1757, undated
BOX 2	Passport to Marquis Frelon, signed by Louis XIV and his mother, Anne, the Queen Regent, 24 Feb. 1651
BOX 2	Letter from King Leopold of Belgium to Comte Mercy-Argenteau, 1879
BOX 2	Official invitation to dinner from Emperor Napoleon III to Archbishop Mercy-Argenteau, 1856
BOX 2	Three labels from the collection exhibit, undated
BOX 2	Papal blessing signed by Pope Gregory XVI, 7 Feb. 1838
BOX 2	Letters, documents, Argenteau seal and watermarks, 1636-1798, 1921, undated
BOX 2	Memoire à son Excellence Monseigneur le Comte Mercy D'Argenteau, gouverneur de Bruxelles, etc.; memoire signed by Jacques Louis David (1748-1825), undated
BOX 2	Correspondence, documents, and plans, 1649-1871
BOX 3	Estate records and miscellany, 1762-1857, undated (5 folders)
BOX 4	Chronological file
BOX 4	1600-1699 (2 folders)
BOX 5	1700-1720 (2 folders)
BOX 6	1721-1743 (4 folders)
BOX 7	1744-1751 (2 folders)
BOX 8	1751-1754 (2 folders)
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BOX 15	1789-1791 (3 folders)
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BOX 17	1800-1884 (2 folders)
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BOX 18	Deed, in Latin, indebtedness of Gobelinus de Zeersdorp, 1335 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 18	Marriage contract, in French, between Jehan D'Argenteau and Marie de Spotin, 1463 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 18	Deed, in French, by chirograph, from Jacques D'Argenteau et de Hermalle to Jehan Yernot according water and fishing rights on the Meuse for twelve years from date, 1481 <i>See Oversize</i>
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BOX 18	E, 15th century
BOX 18	F, 1410-1629
BOX 18	G, 1453-1699
BOX 19	H, 1500-1550
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BOX 22	Q, 1578-19th century
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BOX 33	1661-1782 (3 folders)
BOX 34	1671-1739 (3 folders)
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BOX 37	1681-1690 (2 folders)
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BOX 63	1780-1880, undated (3 folders)
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BOX 71	1825-1884 (3 folders)
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BOX 80	1642-1876, undated (2 folders)
BOX 81	Geld Berechnung
BOX 81	Nos. 45-60, 1753-1761 (16 vols.)
BOX 82	Nos. 61-70, 1761-1766 (10 vols.)
BOX 83	Genealogical papers, 1699-1847, undated <i>See also Oversize</i> (3 folders)
BOX 84	Letterbooks
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BOX 85	1797-1805 (8 folders)
BOX 86	1799-1801 (9 folders)
BOX 87	Documents relating to financial and estate matters, 1773, 1791 (18 folders)
BOX 88	Commissions, 1715-1750, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
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BOX OV 20	5, 1800-1869 (Container 88)
BOX OV 21	Renseignement des Terres, 1655 (Container 88)
BOX OV 22	Various documents, 1701-1854, undated (Container 88)