

William R. Shepherd Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: William R. Shepherd Papers

Span Dates: 1554-1931

ID No.: MSS39727

Creator: Shepherd, William R. (William Robert), 1871-1934

Extent: 2,500 items

Extent: 18 containers

Extent: 8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in Spanish and English

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

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Summary: Author, historian, lecturer, and professor of history. Transcripts, 1554-1814 and undated, from Spanish archives, correspondence, notes and drafts of articles and speeches; newspaper clippings. The collection relates to Shepherd's activities in Spain while collecting data for his *Guide to the Materials for the History of the United States in Spanish Archives* (1907). Much of the same material was later photocopied for the Library of Congress.

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

Bowles, William Augustus, 1763 or 1764-1805--Correspondence.

Floridablanca, José Moñino y Redondo, conde de, 1728-1808--Correspondence.

Gálvez, Bernardo de, 1746-1786--Correspondence.

Miró, Esteban, 1744-1795--Correspondence.

Shepherd, William R. (William Robert), 1871-1934.

Shepherd, William R. (William Robert), 1871-1934. *Guide to the materials for the history of the United States in Spanish archives*. 1907.

Wilkinson, James, 1757-1825--Correspondence.

Places

Latin America--History.

United States--History.

Occupations

Authors.

Educators.

Historians.

Provenance

The papers of William R. Shepherd, author, historian, lecturer, and professor, were given to the Library of Congress by Roscoe R. Hill in 1956.

Processing History

The papers of William R. Shepherd were arranged and described in 1963. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Additional Guides

An acquisition note on these papers appeared in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin* 15, no. 30 (July 23, 1956): 396.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William R. Shepherd is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of William R. Shepherd 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, William R. Shepherd Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

| Date | Event |
|---------------|--|
| 1871, June 12 | Born, Charleston, S.C. |
| 1893 | A.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1894 | A.M., Columbia University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1896 | Ph.D., Columbia University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1907 | Published <i>Guide to the Materials for the History of the United States in Spanish Archives</i> . Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Institution of Washington |
| 1911 | Published <i>Historical Atlas</i> . New York: Henry Holt and Co. |
| 1926-1934 | Seth Low professor of history, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1927 | Roundtable leader, Williamstown (Massachusetts) Institute of Politics |
| 1932 | Visiting Carnegie professor, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria |
| 1934, June 7 | Died, Berlin, Germany |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Robert Shepherd (1871-1934), largely in Spanish, are organized into three parts: personal papers; notes for his *Guide to the Materials for the History of the United States in Spanish Archives* (1907); and transcriptions of documents in Spanish archives. The personal papers, 1912-1931, contain little correspondence with the bulk made up of notes and drafts of articles and speeches. There are newspaper clippings of articles and speeches by Shepherd in Spanish and English as well as articles about him. The subject of the articles and speeches is primarily Latin American affairs.

The bulk of the collection relates to Shepherd's activities in Spain while collecting data for his *Guide to the Materials for the History of the United States in Spanish Archives*. Included are notes for the guide and copies of documents in the archives. The material contained in the notes and the transcriptions was collected from the Archivo General de Indias, Seville, Spain; Archivo General de Simancas, Simancas, Spain; and Archivo Histórico Nacional, Madrid, Spain. Archives, and the General Archives of the Indies.

Most of the copied materials pertain to the continental United States with a great deal of correspondence by such figures as William Augustus Bowles and James Wilkinson along with such Spanish officials as José Moñino y Redondo Floridablanca, Bernardo de Gálvez, and Esteban Rodríguez Miró.

Much of the same material was later photocopied for the Library of Congress. The collection includes more specific references than are included in the published guide, but the guide is also useful as a reference.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

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