Collection Summary

Title: Joseph Hopper Nicholson Papers
Span Dates: 1789-1827
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1789-1817)
ID No.: MSS34728
Creator: Nicholson, Joseph Hopper, 1770-1817
Extent: 2,200 items
Extent: 7 containers
Extent: 1.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: [https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82034728](https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82034728)
Summary: Jurist and U.S. representative from Maryland. Correspondence and other papers relating chiefly to Nicholson's service as U.S. representative and judge of the U.S. Circuit Court and U.S. Court of Appeals.

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
Burr, Aaron, 1756-1836.
Chase, Samuel, 1741-1811--Impeachment.
Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804.
Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826.
Macon, Nathaniel, 1758-1837--Correspondence.
Monroe, James, 1758-1831.
Nicholson, Joseph Hopper, 1770-1817.
Randolph, John, 1773-1833--Correspondence.
Rodney, C. A. (Caesar Augustus), 1772-1824--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Congress.
United States. Supreme Court.

Subjects
Dueling--United States.
Elections--United States--1800.
Elections--United States.
Embargo, 1807-1809.
Finance, Public--Maryland.
Finance, Public--United States.
Governmental investigations--United States.
Impeachments--United States.
Impressments--United States.
Impressment.
International finance.
Navy-yards and naval stations--United States.
 Presidents--United States--Election--1800.
Securities--United States.
Slavery.
Stocks--United States.
Stocks.
Provenance

The papers of Joseph Hopper Nicholson, jurist and U.S. representative from Maryland, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1920. An addition of a single item was purchased in 1958.

Processing History

The Nicholson Papers were processed and bound after the collection was received in 1920. A single item received in 1958 was added in 1959. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Additional Guides

An index to the Nicholson Papers is available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joseph Hopper Nicholson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Joseph Hopper Nicholson 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, Joseph Hopper Nicholson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1770, May 15</td>
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<td>1787</td>
<td>Graduated, Washington College, Chestertown, Md.</td>
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<td>1796-1798</td>
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1804 Appointed manager by the House of Representatives to conduct impeachment proceedings against
      John Pickering, judge of the United States District Court for New Hampshire, and against
      Samuel Chase, associate justice of the Supreme Court
1806-1817 Chief justice, sixth judicial district of Maryland, and associate justice, Maryland court of appeals
1812 Participated in the defense of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812
1817, Mar. 4 Died, Baltimore County, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Joseph H. Nicholson (1770-1817) span the years 1789-1827, with the bulk of the material concentrated in
the period 1789-1817. The collection consists of correspondence and other papers relating chiefly to Nicholson's service as
U.S. representative from Maryland and judge of the United States Circuit Court and United States Court of Appeals.

Among the subjects featured are investigations of federal departments, navy yards, and naval expenditures; the
impeachment in the House of Representatives of Samuel Chase, associate justice of the Supreme Court; the capture of
Washington, D.C., by the British in 1814; finance and appropriation bills; American and foreign stocks; and President
James Monroe's handling of United States securities. Other topics include the presidential election of 1800; the duel
between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr; Maryland finances; slavery; naval embargos and impressment of sailors; and

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized chronologically in bound volumes.
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