Collection Summary
Title: Whelpley Family Papers
Span Dates: 1837-1929
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1861-1906)
ID No.: MSS85999
Creator: Whelpley family
Extent: 200 items
Extent: 2 containers
Extent: 1.1 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2015085999
Summary: Correspondence, photographs, genealogical material, printed matter, and other papers of the Whelpley family of Washington, D.C., documenting their family life and activities, notably the life and career of James Winne Whelpley and the life of Louisa Russell Whelpley.

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
French family--Correspondence.
French family--Homes and haunts.
French family.
French, Benjamin B. (Benjamin Brown), 1800-1870--Family.
French, Benjamin B. (Benjamin Brown), 1800-1870--Homes and haunts.
French, Henry F. (Henry Flagg), 1813-1885--Correspondence.
French, William M. R. (William Merchant Richardson), 1843-1914--Correspondence.
Richardson family--Correspondence.
Richardson, William Merchant, 1774-1838--Correspondence.
Whelpley family--Correspondence.
Whelpley family--Homes and haunts.
Whelpley family.
Whelpley, James Winne, 1834-1918--Correspondence.
Whelpley, James Winne, 1834-1918--Homes and haunts.
Whelpley, James Winne, 1834-1918.
Whelpley, Louisa Russell, 1845-1893--Correspondence.
Whelpley, Louisa Russell, 1845-1893--Homes and haunts.
Whelpley, Louisa Russell, 1845-1893.

Organizations
United States. Department of the Treasury.

Subjects
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

Places
East Capitol Street (Washington, D.C.)--History.
Europe--Description and travel.
United States--Description and travel.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Washington (D.C.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Washington (D.C.)--History.
Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

**Provenance**
The papers of the Whelpley family were given to the Library of Congress in 2015 by Mary Ellen Abrecht.

**Processing History**
The Whelpley Family Papers were arranged and described in 2019.

**Related Material**
Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the [Benjamin B. French Family Papers](#).

**Copyright Status**
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Whelpley family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

**Access and Restrictions**
Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for information concerning these restrictions. In addition, 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, Whelpley Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Biographical Note**

**James Winne Whelpley**

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<td>1834, Oct. 2</td>
<td>Born, Albany, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1861-1893</td>
<td>Clerk and assistant treasurer, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1871, Oct. 19</td>
<td>Married Louisa Russell</td>
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<td>1895</td>
<td>Director and president, Eastern Building and Loan Association, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1896-1897</td>
<td>Director, National Capital Bank of Washington, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1899-1909</td>
<td>Committee member, District of Columbia Public Schools Board of Education Trustees, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1918, Aug. 11</td>
<td>Treasurer and bond officer, American Security and Trust Co., Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>Died, Washington, D.C.</td>
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**Louisa Russell Whelpley**

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<td>1845, Aug. 21</td>
<td>Born, Greenfield, Mass.</td>
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1865-1869  Clerk, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.
1871  Married James Winne Whelpley
1893, Jan. 3  Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Whelpley family span the years 1837-1929, with the bulk of material dating from 1861 to 1906. The collection documents the Whelpley family's daily and social affairs during the Civil War and Reconstruction eras in Washington, D.C. The papers are in English and arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically.

The bulk of the correspondence is from husband and wife James Winne Whelpley and Louisa Russell Whelpley. Family correspondents include James's mother, Margaret Winne Whelpley, his sisters, Anne Rachel Whelpley, Margaret Lydia Whelpley, and Adeline Whelpley, Louisa's mother, Louisa Richardson Russel, and their other family members, William Merchant Richardson, Henry F. French, and William M. R. French. Subjects include the national economy, transportation, and agriculture. Also featured are James Winne Whelpley's accounts of his personal and official trips for the United States Department of the Treasury throughout the United States and Europe. Photographs primarily document family members, the East Capitol Street homes of the French, Russell, and Whelpley families, as well as, images of other Washingtonian families. Other material includes biographical and genealogical material.

Arrangement of the Papers

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| BOX 1     | Correspondence, 1837-1905  
(3 folders) |
| BOX 1     | Daughters of the American Revolution application of Margaret V. Whelpley, undated |
| BOX 1     | Friends School alumni record of Louisa (Louise) Richardson Whelpley, 1929 |
| BOX 1     | Genealogical notes, undated |
| BOX 1     | National Woman Suffrage Association First Woman's Rights Convention, Washington, D.C., 1888 |
| BOX 2     | Photographs, 1865-1870, 1891-1894 |