

Whelpley Family Papers
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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.

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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

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

James Winne Whelpley

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

Louisa Russell Whelpley

Date	Event
1845, Aug. 21	Born, Greenfield, Mass.

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

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Biographical material about James Winne Whelpley, undated
BOX 1	Birthday book, undated
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