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Collection Summary

Title: Shippen Family Papers

Span Dates: 1671-1936

ID No.: MSS39859

Creator: Shippen family

Extent: 6,500 items ; 26 containers plus 2 oversize ; 11.5 linear feet ; 15 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Correspondence, diaries, account books, memorandum books, legal and business records, indentures, and miscellaneous papers of Thomas Lee Shippen, William Shippen, Anne Home Shippen Livingston, Edward Shippen, and other family members. Also included are some papers of the Nicholson family.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826--Correspondence.

Key, Francis Scott, 1779-1843--Correspondence.

Lee, Arthur, 1740-1792--Correspondence.

Lee, Richard Henry, 1732-1794--Correspondence.

Livingston, Anne Home Shippen, 1763-1841. Anne Home Shippen Livingston papers.

Madison, James, 1751-1836--Correspondence.

Nichols family.

Shippen family.

Shippen, Edward, 1826-1911. Edward Shippen papers.

Shippen, Thomas Lee, 1765-1798. Thomas Lee Shippen papers.

Shippen, William, 1712-1801. William Shippen papers.

Washington, George, 1732-1799--Correspondence.

Places

Pennsylvania--History.

Pennsylvania--Social life and customs.

Philadelphia (Pa.)--History.

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Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of the Shippen family were deposited in the Library of Congress by Lloyd P. Shippen from 1930 to 1946 and converted to a gift in 1975.

Processing History

The papers of Shippen Family were processed and prepared for microfilming in 1971. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Shippen family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Shippen family 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on fifteen reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Shippen Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Shippen family span the years 1671-1936 and consist of correspondence, diaries, account books, memorandum books, legal and business papers, indentures, and miscellaneous papers of Thomas Lee Shippen, William Shippen, Anne Home Shippen Livingston, Edward Shippen, and other family members (1754-1936). Also included are some papers of the Nicholson family (1671-1860). Correspondents include Thomas Jefferson, Francis Scott Key, Arthur Lee, Richard Henry Lee, James Madison, and George Washington.

The collection is organized in six series: [Diaries and Journals](#), [Correspondence](#), [Family Papers](#), [Miscellany](#), [Nicholson Family Papers](#), and [Oversize](#).

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in six series:

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Arranged by name of family member and therein by type of material and chronologically.

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