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Collection Summary

Title: Montgomery C. Meigs Papers

Span Dates: 1799-1892

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1849-1892)

ID No.: MSS32540

Creator: Meigs, Montgomery C. (Montgomery Cunningham), 1816-1892

Extent: 11,000 items ; 52 containers plus 10 oversize ; 27 linear feet ; 51 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Army officer, engineer, architect, and scientist. Correspondence, diaries and journals, notebooks, family papers, military papers, drawings and plans, scrapbooks, and other papers relating primarily to Meigs's work in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, his service as quartermaster general during the Civil War, and family matters.

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

Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887--Correspondence.
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.
Burnside, Ambrose Everett, 1824-1881--Correspondence.
Bülow, Bernhard Ernst von, 1815-1879--Correspondence.
Cameron, Simon, 1799-1889--Correspondence.
Cluss, Adolph, 1825-1905--Correspondence.
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence.
Floyd, John B. (John Buchanan), 1806-1863--Correspondence.
Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872--Correspondence.
Henry, Joseph, 1797-1878--Correspondence.
Holt, Joseph, 1807-1894--Correspondence.
Manning, Charles P.--Correspondence.
McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1826-1885--Correspondence.
Meigs, Charles D. (Charles Delucena), 1792-1869--Correspondence.
Meigs, Emlen--Correspondence.
Meigs, John Rodgers, 1842-1864.
Meigs, Louisa Rodgers--Correspondence.
Meigs, Montgomery C. (Montgomery Cunningham), 1816-1892.
Meigs, Montgomery, 1847-1931. Montgomery Meigs papers.
Moltke, Helmuth, Graf von, 1800-1891--Correspondence.
Porter, David D. (David Dixon), 1813-1891--Correspondence.
Seward, Frederick William, 1830-1915--Correspondence.
Seward, William H. (William Henry), 1801-1872--Correspondence.
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.
Stanton, Edwin M. (Edwin McMasters), 1814-1869--Correspondence.
Totten, Joseph Gilbert, 1788-1864--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)
United States. Army. Corps of Engineers.
United States. Army. Quartermaster's Department.
United States. Pension Bureau--Buildings.

Subjects

Aqueducts--Maryland.

Aqueducts--Washington (D.C.)
Architecture--Washington (D.C.)
Public buildings--Washington (D.C.)

Places

Europe--Description and travel.
Texas--Description and travel.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Washington (D.C.)--Buildings, structures, etc.
Washington Aqueduct (Md. and Washington, D.C.)

Occupations

Architects.
Army officers.
Engineers.
Scientists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Montgomery C. Meigs, army officer, engineer, architect, and scientist, were given to the Library of Congress by his descendants from 1920 to 1986. A large addition was purchased in 1982, and other items were obtained by transfer and purchase between 1976 and 2001.

Processing History

The papers of Montgomery C. Meigs were arranged and described in 1963. Various additions were processed from 1979 to 2004. Portions of the collections were microfilmed in 1981 and 1985. When the collection was rehoused in 2000 and 2004, the organization of the material remained unchanged. Although the finding aid and container list were revised to indicate the current housing, the container numbers noted in the microfilm editions reflect the original housing. A copy of the finding aid with the original box numbers appears on the first reel of each of the two editions of microfilm.

Transfers

Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Montgomery C. Meigs in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Montgomery C. Meigs 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 part of these papers is available on two sets of microfilm with a total of fifty-one reels. Consult reference staff 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.

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1816, May 3	Born, Augusta, Ga.
1832	Entered United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1837	Second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers Surveyed Upper Mississippi River
1838	Survey engineering work, Delaware River
1839	Duty at army headquarters, Washington, D.C.
1841	Married Louisa Rodgers (died 1879)
1843-1852	Stationed in Detroit, Mich., until return to permanent duty in Washington, D.C.
1852	Supervised construction of the Washington aqueduct for Great Falls, Va., and various United States Capitol improvements, including a new and larger dome
1861, June	Appointed quartermaster general, United States Army
1865, Apr. 15	Present at the death of Abraham Lincoln
1867	Postwar illness and trip to Europe
1882	Retired from the United States Army Began engineering work on the Pension Office building, Washington, D.C.
1892, Jan. 2	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Montgomery Cunningham Meigs (1816-1892) span the years 1799-1971, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1849-1892. The collection consists of diaries, journals and notebooks, family papers, correspondence, drawings, maps and plans, photographs, scrapbooks, sketches and studies, and miscellaneous documents. The papers are organized in seven series: [Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks](#); [Family Papers](#); [Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter](#); [Miscellany](#); [Addition I](#); [Addition II](#); and [Oversize](#).

Meigs was a career army officer who graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1836. After a brief stint in an artillery unit, he was transferred to the Corps of Engineers, where he directed engineering projects for the United States Army between 1852 and 1882. Among the building programs Meigs supervised were the Washington, D.C., aqueduct and its masonry arch at Cabin John, the wings and dome of the national Capitol, an addition to the General Post Office building, a post-Civil War extension of the aqueduct, and from 1882 to 1892 after his retirement from the army, the Pension Office building. Lincoln put Meigs in charge of secret plans for the aid of Fort Pickens, Florida, immediately before the outbreak of the Civil War and in June 1861 appointed him quartermaster general of the army. Meigs supplied the Union forces throughout the war and supervised the construction of at least four major federal buildings. In 1875 he visited Europe to study the organization and command of continental armies.

The papers in this collection consist mostly of private entry books and personal correspondence. Although some material relates to the fighting during the Civil War, the bulk of the papers deals with the construction of federal buildings in

Washington. Meigs's journals contain detailed notes in mid-nineteenth century shorthand on the planning for the aqueduct as well as the expansion of the Capitol and the erection of the Pension Office building. Interspersed throughout the journals and sketchbooks are clippings, photographs, and architectural drawings of major buildings under various stages of construction. The combination of written and illustrative material provides a rich source for the study of nineteenth-century Washington and its architecture.

The [Family Papers](#) contain correspondence and printed items from Meigs's immediate relatives and descendants. The major portion, however, comprises his letters to his father, Charles D. Meigs, his brother, Emlen, and his wife, Louisa Rodgers Meigs. The letters to his father, a Philadelphia surgeon and medical editor, are concentrated in the Civil War period; those to his wife and other family members are focused on Meigs's trip to Europe in 1875.

Correspondents in the Meigs Papers include Spencer Fullerton Baird, James Buchanan, Bernhard Ernst von Bülow, Adolf Cluss, Jefferson Davis, Charles P. Manning, Graf Helmuth von Moltke, David D. Porter, Frederick William Seward, William T. Sherman, and Joseph Gilbert Totten. The letterbook, much of which is illegible or undecipherable, contains copies of outgoing letters to family members as well as friends and associates and also includes numerous drawings. The volume for April 1861-February 1862 pertains exclusively to the Civil War, while later volumes focus principally on architectural projects.

Addition I

Addition I of the Meigs Papers parallels the earlier portion in scope, arrangement, and content. There are unbound diary entries, a commonplace book from Meigs's first years in the military, and an illustrated journal which he kept during a trip to Texas, 1869-1870. The [Family Papers](#), the dominant feature of Addition I, include letters between his wife, Louisa Rodgers Meigs, and Rodgers family members and correspondence between Montgomery Meigs, his wife and family members, and other relatives. Especially notable in the Family Papers is a sequence of personal and official communications regarding the killing of Meigs's eldest son, John Rodgers Meigs, by Confederate guerrillas in 1864. Meigs believed that his son was the victim of a cold-blooded murder, possibly because of his status as the son of the Union quartermaster general. John Rodgers Meigs had been heralded for his bravery during early battles of the Civil War, and his hand-drawn map of the First Battle of Bull Run and other Civil War documents and correspondence amplify other material in the collection from that period. Also prominent in Addition I are letters, documents, sketches, drawings, and other designs relating to Montgomery Meigs's work on construction of the Capitol, the Washington Aqueduct, and other Army Corps of Engineers projects. Noteworthy as well are correspondence and career papers pertaining specifically to the younger Montgomery Meigs (1847-1931), who followed in his father's footsteps as a public works engineer.

Correspondents include family members Charles D. Meigs and Samuel Emlen Meigs (who often used his middle rather than first name or first initial) and prominent individuals such as Ambrose Everett Burnside, Simon Cameron, Jefferson Davis, John B. Floyd, Horace Greeley, Joseph Henry, Joseph Holt, George Brinton McClellan, William Henry Seward, and Edwin MacMasters Stanton.

Addition II

[Addition II](#) includes a *Book of Common Prayer* inscribed by Meigs and carried by him to Fort Pickens at the start of the Civil War; a handwritten letter of 1879 concerning personal matters; and photocopies of two typewritten letters, dated 1891, to his daughter, Louisa Meigs Forbes. Also in Addition II are photocopies and typed transcripts of a poem written by John Rodgers Meigs, presumably while a cadet at the United States Military Academy between 1859 and 1863, and six volumes of the translated text of Meigs's shorthand journals, 1853-1859, 1861, as well as an index to the journals.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in ten series:

- [Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891](#)
- [Family Papers, 1850-1968](#)
- [Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1853-1892](#)
- [Miscellany, 1849-1960](#)
- [Addition I: Diaries, Journals, and Commonplace Book, 1836-1888](#)
- [Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971](#)

- Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890
- Addition I: Miscellany, 1815-1971
- Addition II: Miscellany, 1845-1891
- Oversize, 1835-1885

Description of Series

Container

BOX 1-12
REEL 1-15*

Series

Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891

Pocket diaries, bound diaries, unbound diary entry sheets, extracts of diaries, and memoranda notebooks and journals with writings, notations, photographs, and drawings. The journals are largely in shorthand.

Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.

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BOX 13-15
REEL 16-17*

Family Papers, 1850-1968

Correspondence, diaries, clippings, printed matter, reminiscences, wills, obituaries, and related matter.

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

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BOX 15-18
REEL 17-23*

Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1853-1892

Correspondence sent and received, with related printed matter, army decrees, and memoranda and copies of bound outgoing correspondence by Meigs.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

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BOX 19-25
REEL 24-27*

Miscellany, 1849-1960

Account books, financial matter, drawings, maps, photographs, printed matter, reminiscences, scrapbooks, miscellaneous notes and writings, and sketches.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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BOX 26
REEL 1**

Addition I: Diaries, Journals, and Commonplace Book, 1836-1888

Unbound diary entries, a journal of a trip to Texas, 1867, consisting of letters sent by Meigs and sketches he compiled, and a commonplace book containing what may be the key to his shorthand code.

Arranged by type of material.

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BOX 26-38
REEL 1-11**

Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971

Correspondence between family members, with additional items such as wills, school papers, military reports, and reminiscences.

Arranged alphabetically by name of person and therein by type of material. The correspondence is organized in chronological order.

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BOX 48-50
REEL 20-23**

Addition I: Miscellany, 1815-1971

Biographical data; insurance, estate, and financial matter; specifications and contract material regarding the building of the Washington Aqueduct; drawings, sketches, and watercolors; house design data collected by Meigs; and miscellaneous photographs and printed matter.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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BOX 38-47
REEL 11-20**

Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890

Correspondence sent and received by Meigs with related printed matter, military orders and decrees, financial data, and official memoranda. The material is divided into a general file of papers sent and received and a letterbook file containing only copies of letters sent by Meigs.

Arranged chronologically.

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BOX 51-52
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Addition II: Miscellany, 1845-1891

An inscribed *Book of Common Prayer*, correspondence, poetry by John Rodgers Meigs, and translated texts of shorthand journals.

Arranged alphabetically by title or type of material.

BOX OV 1-OV 10

Oversize, 1835-1885

Drawings, watercolors, plans, photographs, maps, and printed matter, some of which were removed from bound volumes.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed after filming. Some items from Addition I: Miscellany were filmed as separated oversize material rather than in their original locations.

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Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1-12 REEL 1-15*	Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891 Pocket diaries, bound diaries, unbound diary entry sheets, extracts of diaries, and memoranda notebooks and journals with writings, notations, photographs, and drawings. The journals are largely in shorthand. Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically. *Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,202
BOX 1 REEL 1-2*	Diaries Pocket 1850-1864 (12 vols.)
BOX 2 REEL 3-4*	1865-1872 (9 vols.)
BOX 3 REEL 4-9*	Bound 1867-1875 (4 vols.)
BOX 4 Not filmed	1875-1879 (3 vols.)
BOX 5 REEL 10*	1879-1881 (2 vols.)
BOX 6 REEL 10-11*	1882-1883 (2 vols.)
BOX 7 REEL 11*	1884-June 1886 (3 vols.)
BOX 8 REEL 12*	1887
BOX 8 Not filmed	Unbound 1890-1891
BOX 8 REEL 12*	1874 (typed by Meigs; includes copies of letters sent)
BOX 9 REEL 13*	Extracts, 1860-1865 Notebooks, 1863-1866 (6 folders) Journals

Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891

Container

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BOX 11	1857-1860
REEL 14*	
BOX 12	1860-1872 <i>See also Oversize</i>
REEL 15*	
BOX 13-15	Family Papers, 1850-1968
REEL 16-17*	Correspondence, diaries, clippings, printed matter, reminiscences, wills, obituaries, and related matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of family member and therein by type of material. *Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,202
BOX 13	Alger, Mrs. Philip Rounseville (granddaughter), 1934-1963
REEL 16*	Meigs, John Rodgers (son), 1858-1895 Meigs, Montgomery C. (1816-1892) Correspondence Meigs, Charles Delucena (father), 1863-1866 (5 folders) Others, 1863-1888, undated (3 folders)
BOX 14	Will and obituaries, 1885-1892
REEL 16*	Meigs, Louisa Rodgers (wife), travel diary, 1875 Rodgers, John (brother-in-law), 1864-1882 Taylor, John R. M., 1920 Taylor, Joseph Hancock (son-in-law), 1850-1887
BOX 15	Taylor, Mary Meigs (daughter), 1886-1968
REEL 17*	Miscellaneous, 1883-1911
BOX 15-18	Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1853-1892
REEL 17-23*	Correspondence sent and received, with related printed matter, army decrees, and memoranda and copies of bound outgoing correspondence by Meigs. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically. *Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,202
BOX 15	General, 1853-1892, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
REEL 17*	(4 folders)
BOX 15	Letterbooks
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BOX 16	1857, May-1858, Sept.
REEL 18*	1860, Mar.-1861, Mar.
BOX 16	1858, Sept.-1859, Aug.

Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1853-1892

Container

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REEL 20*

1864, Apr.

1879, May-Oct.

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1882, Mar.-Oct.

REEL 21*

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1882, Oct.-1883, Mar.

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1885-1887

REEL 23*

BOX 19-25

Miscellany, 1849-1960

REEL 24-27*

Account books, financial matter, drawings, maps, photographs, printed matter, reminiscences, scrapbooks, miscellaneous notes and writings, and sketches.

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BOX 19

Account books

REEL 24*

1849-1880 *See also Oversize*

(3 folders)

1886-1908

(4 folders)

BOX 20

Drawings

REEL 24*

1850-1868

(6 folders)

BOX 21

1872-1892 *See also Oversize*

REEL 25*

(4 folders)

BOX 22

Maps, 1864, 1882, 1889, undated *See Oversize*

REEL 25*

Photographs

Albums

Public buildings, 1859-1861, undated

Washington Aqueduct, Washington, D.C., 1859-1864

Miscellany, 1859-1860, undated

BOX 23

REEL 25*

Loose items, family, 1859-1864, 1924, undated

BOX 23

Printed matter

REEL 26*

Cards and passes, 1856-1867, undated

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Clippings

REEL 26*

Miscellaneous, 1856-1926, undated

(2 folders)

Miscellany, 1849-1960

Container

Contents

Taylor family, 1926, 1949, undated
Pamphlets, 1866-1896, 1960, undated
Reminiscences and outlines, 1861-1888
Scrapbooks
Pension Office building, Washington, D.C., 1882-1891 *See also Oversize*
War miscellany, 1861-1862, undated *See also Oversize*
Scraps and notes, 1864-1889, 1914, undated
Sketches, 1856-1882 *See also Oversize*

BOX 25
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BOX 26
REEL 1**

Addition I: Diaries, Journals, and Commonplace Book, 1836-1888

Unbound diary entries, a journal of a trip to Texas, 1867, consisting of letters sent by Meigs and sketches he compiled, and a commonplace book containing what may be the key to his shorthand code.

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Commonplace book, 1836-1844

(2 folders)

Diaries, unbound, 1888

Journal, trip to Texas and back, 1869-1870

(2 folders)

BOX 26-38
REEL 1-11**

Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971

Correspondence between family members, with additional items such as wills, school papers, military reports, and reminiscences.

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Forbes, Louisa Meigs (daughter)

Correspondence, 1876

School papers, 1862-1863

Macomb, J. N. (brother-in-law), 1862, 1870

Meigs, Charles Delucena

Correspondence

Biddle, Emily Meigs (sister), 1835

Meigs, Henry (brother), 1860-1866

Meigs, John Rodgers, 1850-1863

Meigs, Mary Montgomery (mother), 1817-1842

Meigs, Montgomery (son) (1847-1931), 1867-1868

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Meigs, Samuel Emlen (brother), 1855

Others, 1861-1867

Funeral, 1869

Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971

Container

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- Meigs, Clara (grandmother), 1836
Meigs, Cornelia (granddaughter), 1957-1967
Meigs, John Rodgers (son)
Correspondence
Forbes, Louisa Meigs, 1862, undated
Hart, Mary Meigs (sister), 1859-1861, undated
Macomb, Nannie Rodgers (sister-in-law), 1859, undated
Meigs, Frank B. (brother), 1860-1861
Meigs, Mary Montgomery, 1861
Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931), 1859-1862, undated
(3 folders)
Taylor, Mary Meigs, 1859-1862
(3 folders)
Others, 1859-1864, undated
Other papers
In memory of John Rogers Meigs by Louisa R. Meigs, 1864
Military record and biographical data
Report on First Battle of Bull Run, Va., 1861 *See also Oversize*
United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 1860-1863
Meigs, Louisa Rodgers
Correspondence
Biddle, Emily Meigs, 1853-1870
Forbes, Louisa Meigs, 1866, 1876
Hart, Mary Meigs, 1863-1877
Macomb, Nannie Rodgers, 1851-1877

Meigs, Charles D. and Mary Montgomery, 1859-1868, undated
Meigs, John Forsyth and Anne Ingersoll (brother and sister-in-law), 1852-1859
Meigs, John Rodgers, 1859-1864, undated
(2 folders)
Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931), 1860-1874, undated
(3 folders)
Rodgers, Minerva, 1850-1874, undated
Rodgers, Robert Smith and Sara (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), 1853-1870
Taylor, Mary Meigs, 1858-1877

(3 folders)
Others
Family, 1828-1876
Non-family, 1852-1876, undated
Will, 1851, 1870-1880
Meigs, Mary Montgomery, correspondence
Meigs, Henry, 1861
Meigs, William M. (brother), 1854
Meigs, Montgomery C. (1816-1892)
Correspondence
Biddle, Emily Meigs, 1853-1869

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Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971

Container

Contents

	Forbes, Louisa Meigs, 1860-1891
	Hart, Mary Meigs, 1861-1869
	Macomb, Nannie Rodgers and John Navarre, 1850-1888
	Meigs, Anne Ingersoll (sister-in-law), 1853-1855
	Meigs, Charles D. (brother), 1837-1871
	Meigs, Charles Delucena
	1840-1853
	(2 folders)
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REEL 4-5**	
	(6 folders)
BOX 31	1861-1865 <i>See also Oversize</i>
REEL 5-6**	
	(6 folders)
BOX 32	1866-1869, undated
REEL 6-7**	
	(4 folders)
	Meigs, Frank B., 1849-1869
	Meigs, Henry, 1850-1867
	Meigs, John Forsyth, 1839-1876, undated
	(2 folders)
BOX 33	Meigs, John Rodgers
REEL 7-8**	
	In code, 1855-1863 (organized by year only)
	In longhand, 1859-1864
	Meigs, Louisa Rodgers
	1852-1857
	(2 folders)
	1858-1862
	(3 folders)
BOX 34	1863-1876, undated
REEL 8-9**	
	(7 folders)
	Meigs, Mary Montgomery, 1849-1867
	Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931)
	In code, 1866-1867 (organized by year only)
	In longhand, 1854-1891, undated
	(2 folders)
BOX 35	Meigs, Samuel Emlen, 1856-1888, undated
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	Rodgers, Augustus F. (brother-in-law), 1855-1856
	Rodgers, Christopher R. Perry (cousin), 1860-1876
	Rodgers, John, 1861-1869
	Rodgers, John F. (son of Christopher R. P. Rogers), 1862-1867
	Rodgers, Minerva Denison, 1855, 1867
	Rodgers, Robert Smith (brother-in-law), 1853-1867
	Rodgers, William Pinkney (brother-in-law), 1855-1876
	Taylor, Mary Meigs and Joseph Hancock, 1852-1876, undated

Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971

Container

Contents

- Other relatives, 1854-1857
Will, 1867-1892
Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931)
Correspondence
Biddle, Christine, 1867-1868, undated
Forbes, Louisa Meigs, 1863-1873, undated
Hart, Mary Meigs, 1867-1868
Macomb, Nannie Rodgers, 1865-1876
Meigs, Cornelia, 1927
Taylor, Mary Meigs, 1867-1868
Other
Family, 1868-1900
Letterbook, 1876, Nov.-1896, Aug.
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- BOX 37
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- (2 folders)
- Other papers
Confirmation certificate, 1864
Lecture book from Stuttgart Polytechnic, Stuttgart, Germany
1867-1868 *See also Oversize*
1871
Notebook/scrapbook, 1867-1879
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REEL 11**
- Paper on mathematics, 1864
School papers, 1861-1863, undated
Miscellaneous printed matter, 1879, undated
Meigs, Samuel Emlen, personal recollections, 1900
Taylor, Mary Meigs, correspondence
Macomb, Nannie Rodgers, 1867
Others, 1861, undated
Rodgers, John (father-in-law), 1799-1834
Rodgers, Minerva Denison, will and real estate, 1875, 1883
Miscellany
Fragments and unidentified, 1861, 1873, undated
Genealogical lists and data, 1959, undated

BOX 48-50
REEL 20-23**

Addition I: Miscellany, 1815-1971

Biographical data; insurance, estate, and financial matter; specifications and contract material regarding the building of the Washington Aqueduct; drawings, sketches, and watercolors; house design data collected by Meigs; and miscellaneous photographs and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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BOX 48
REEL 20**

Biographical sketch and memorial record, 1892, undated
Check stubs, 1854-1856

Addition I: Miscellany, 1815-1971

Container

Contents

	Design for houses, 1867 <i>See Oversize</i>
	Drawings and sketches, 1835-1876, undated <i>See Oversize</i>
	Drawings and watercolors, 1835-1876, undated <i>See Oversize</i> (4 folders)
	Estate account book, 1892
	Estate of G. L. Meigs, 1894-1895, undated
	Insurance papers, 1846-1869, 1891-1901, undated
	<i>Li cinque ordini di Architettura del Vignola</i> (Milano, 1863)
	Military pay vouchers, 1867-1868
	Photographs, 1866-1870, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 48	Printed matter, 1815-1971 <i>See also Oversize</i>
REEL 21**	
BOX 49	Real estate, 1867-1886 <i>See also Oversize</i>
REEL 21**	
	(2 folders)
	Receipts from European trip, 1868
REEL 21**	Washington Aqueduct, Washington, D.C., specifications and contracts
REEL 22**	
	1857
BOX 50	1858
REEL 22**	
	(3 folders)
	Oddments and fragments, 1855-1861, 1873, undated

BOX 38-47
REEL 11-20**

Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890

Correspondence sent and received by Meigs with related printed matter, military orders and decrees, financial data, and official memoranda. The material is divided into a general file of papers sent and received and a letterbook file containing only copies of letters sent by Meigs.

Arranged chronologically.

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BOX 38
REEL 11**

General

1836-1856

(2 folders)

BOX 39
REEL 11-12**

1857-1861

(10 folders)

BOX 40
REEL 12-13**

1862-1864

(8 folders)

BOX 41
REEL 13**

1865-1868

(7 folders)

BOX 42
REEL 13-14**

1869-1890, undated

(7 folders)

Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890

Container

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	Letterbooks
	1867, letters from Europe
BOX 43	1879, Oct.-1881, June
REEL 13-14**	
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REEL 15**	
BOX 45	1883, Apr.-1884, Feb.
REEL 16**	
BOX 46	1884
REEL 17**	
	Mar.-June
BOX 46	June-Dec.
REEL 18**	
BOX 47	1884, Dec.-1885, June
REEL 18**	
BOX 47	1885, June-Dec.
REEL 19**	
BOX 47	1889, June-1890
REEL 20**	
BOX 51-52 not filmed	Addition II: Miscellany, 1845-1891
	An inscribed <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> , correspondence, poetry by John Rodgers Meigs, and translated texts of shorthand journals. Arranged alphabetically by title or type of material.
BOX 51	<i>Book of Common Prayer</i> , inscribed, 1845, 1861 Correspondence, 1879, 1891 Poem by John Rodgers Meigs, photocopy and typewritten transcript, circa 1859-circa 1863, undated Transcripts of shorthand journals, undated Index Vol. 1, 1853-1854 Vol. 2, 1855
BOX 52	Vol. 3, 1856 Vol. 4, 1857 Vol. 5, 1858 Vol. 6, 1859, 1861
BOX OV 1-OV 10	Oversize, 1835-1885 Drawings, watercolors, plans, photographs, maps, and printed matter, some of which were removed from bound volumes. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed after filming. Some items from Addition I: Miscellany were filmed as separated oversize material rather than in their original locations. *Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,202 **Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,202.1
BOX OV 1	Diaries, journals and notebooks

Oversize, 1835-1885

Container

Contents

	Journals
	1857 (Container 10, Reel 13*)
	1860 (Container 12, Reel 15*)
	Correspondence, military orders, and related matter
	General, 1867, 1875 (Container 15, Reel 16*)
	Miscellany
	Account books, 1879 (Container 19, Reel 24*)
	Drawings, 1876-1879 (Container 21, Reel 25*)
BOX OV 2	Maps, 1864, 1882, 1889, undated (Container 22, Reel 25*)
	Printed matter
	Pamphlets, 1867, 1885, undated (Container 24, Reel 26*)
	Scrapbooks
	Pension Office building, Washington, D.C., 1882-1883 (Container 24, Reel 26*)
	War miscellany, 1861, undated (Container 24, Reel 26*)
BOX OV 3	Sketches, 1856-1860, undated (Container 25, Reel 27*)
	Addition I: Family papers
	Meigs, John Rogers
	Other papers
	Report on First Battle of Bull Run, Va., 1861 (Container 27, Reel 2**)
	Meigs, Montgomery C. (1816-1892)
	Correspondence
	Meigs, Charles Delucena, 1861 (Container 31, Reel 5**)
	Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931)
	Other papers
	Lecture book from Stuttgart Polytechnic, Stuttgart, Germany, 1867-1868 (Container 37, Reel 11**)
BOX OV 4-OV 6	Addition I: Miscellany
	Design for houses, 1867 (Container 48, Reel 23**)
BOX OV 7-OV 9	Drawings and sketches, 1835-1876, undated (Container 48, Reel 20**)
	Drawings and watercolors, 1835-1876, undated (Container 48, Reels 20** and 23**)
BOX OV 10	Photographs, 1866-1870, undated (Container 48, Reels 20** and 23**)
	Printed matter, 1865 (Container 48, Reel 21**)
	Real estate, 1867, 1879 (Container 49, Reel 21**)