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## BIBLIOGRAPHY, UNITED STATES CAPITOL, 1794–1900

To produce his *History of the United States Capitol*, Glenn Brown used a variety of source materials, including correspondence, drawings, guide books, scholarly and popular literature, congressional statutes, and government records. At the time of its publication in 1902, this bibliography contained the most comprehensive list of primary and secondary sources then available on the Capitol. However, omission of key facts of publication in many of Brown's citations have left them inadequate for modern readers. Likewise, changes in the location of government records over the years have rendered Brown's section on manuscript materials obsolete.

A revised version of Brown's bibliography is therefore presented here with modernized citations and with a summary of the types of manuscript materials Brown consulted. Brown's original subject headings and his arrangement of entries have been retained in chronological order by date of publication. His annotations of government documents have been deleted since they have been superseded by more useful abstracts in John R. Kerwood's *The United States Capitol: An Annotated Bibliography* (Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma, 1973). Multiple editions of works have been cited as one entry and duplicate or unidentifiable entries have been omitted. Following Brown's bibliography is a selected bibliography of works published since he completed the *History*.

### **Manuscript Material**

#### **Owned by Private Individuals**

In this category, Brown cited the correspondence of Benjamin Henry Latrobe to John Lenthall, Superintendent of the Capitol between

1803 and 1807. This correspondence dealt with execution of Latrobe's plans and administration of the construction of the Capitol. In 1900 this material was in the possession of Lenthall's grandson, William S. Abert, who had commissioned a house and office building designed by Brown in 1896. It is now deposited at the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress and has been reproduced in Edward C. Carter II, editor in chief, and Thomas E. Jeffrey, microfiche editor, *The Papers of Benjamin Henry Latrobe*, microtext edition (Clifton, N.J.: James T. White & Company, 1976) and John C. Van Horne and Lee W. Formalt, eds., *The Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers of Benjamin Henry Latrobe*, 3 vols. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1984). Brown also cited a collection of letters, notes, and essays by William Thornton that are now deposited at the Manuscript Division.

#### **In the State Department**

Between 1890 and 1900 the State Department was located in the building known today as the Old Executive Office Building. In this category, Brown cited the correspondence of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe on the selection of sites for the Capitol and other federal buildings and on administrative and design issues related to the Capitol and its environs. Included are letters to and from Benjamin H. Latrobe, William Thornton, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Some of these letters have been reprinted in the American State Papers series, while others can be found at the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress and the National Archives and Records Administration.

### **In the Capitol Building**

In this category, Brown cited official journals of the Senate and House Committees on the Library from 1829 to 1903. He probably examined these journals at one of the libraries then located in the Capitol. Today these journals are part of the Records of the U.S. Senate (Record Group 46), and the Records of the House of Representatives (Record Group 233), located in the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. In addition, Brown cited miscellaneous letters and accounts in the Office of the Superintendent of Capitol Buildings and Grounds, which are now part of the Records of the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital (Record Group 42) housed in the Civil Reference Branch of the National Archives.

### **In the War Department**

In this category, Brown cited three groups of manuscripts then stored at the War Department: correspondence and accounts dated from 1853 to 1862 in the Office of the Chief of Engineers; correspondence, ledgers, and journals of the Commissioners of Public Buildings and Grounds dated from 1791 to 1867 pertaining to the Capitol design, construction, and contracts; and official proceedings of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia dated from 1791 to 1816. These manuscripts are now part of Record Group 42 at the National Archives. Brown also cited numerous congressional statutes governing the Commissioners of Public Buildings and Grounds between 1790 and 1833. These statutes are reprinted in the *United States Statutes at Large*. Presidential correspondence dated from 1791 to 1869 pertaining to the old Capitol Building and a journal of proceedings of a commission on the Capitol composed of the Secretaries of State, Treasury, and War, dated from 1838 to 1841, are now in Record Group 42.

### **In the Interior Department**

In this category, Brown cited a series of file boxes numbered 116 to 121, which contained the correspondence of various officials, such as Thomas U. Walter, Benjamin B. French, and Edward Clark. The dates of

this correspondence, 1851 to 1866, coincided with the design and construction of the Capitol extension. Also included were contracts and applications for employment, as well as documents pertaining to Capitol artwork and the purchase and condemnation of lots near the Capitol. Today these documents are stored at the National Archives.

### **In the Treasury Department**

In this category, Brown cited a variety of financial records. From the office of the first auditor, he identified 20 volumes of indices describing settled government accounts for the period 1803 to 1894 relating to the construction and repair of the Capitol. These volumes also recorded expenditures on furniture and works of art in the building. From the office of the fifth auditor, which maintained a record of executive department expenditures, Brown consulted a series of volumes containing quarterly treasury accounts paid by warrants. These 36 volumes, dating from 1853 to 1862, contained warrants drawn in favor of Montgomery C. Meigs, William Buel Franklin, and John N. Macomb for payments on the Capitol extension and the new dome. Today, the various auditors' records are located at the National Archives.

### **Books and Pamphlets Relating to or Containing Matter on the Capitol**

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Most of the records cited by Brown in the congressional serial set either originated in Congress or were transmitted to Congress by the executive branch. In the latter instance many items are part of a larger document, usually an annual report of the operations of the Cabinet departments, submitted by the president for the consideration of Congress. To locate them a researcher must supplement the serial set citation provided below with the page number listed in the index of the corresponding volume of published congressional documents.

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