

# Montgomery C. Meigs Papers

## A Register of the Collection in the Library of Congress

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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

**Repository:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** 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 U.S. 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.

### Personal Names

Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887--Correspondence.  
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.  
Bülow, Bernhard Ernst von, 1815-1879--Correspondence.  
Burnside, Ambrose Everett, 1824-1881--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 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.  
Moltke, Helmuth, Graf von, 1800-1891--Correspondence.  
Porter, David D. (David Dixon), 1813-1891--Correspondence.  
Seward, Frederick William, 1830-1915--Correspondence.  
Seward, William Henry, 1801-1872--Correspondence.  
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.  
Stanton, 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 Dept.  
United States. Pension Bureau--Buildings.

### Subjects

Aqueducts--Maryland.  
Aqueducts--Washington (D.C.)

Architecture--Washington (D.C.)

Buildings--Washington (D.C.)

### **Locations**

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.)

### **Related Names**

Meigs, Montgomery, 1847-1931. Papers of Montgomery Meigs.

### **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.

\*Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,202

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.

\*Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,202

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  
not filmed

**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>
<b>BOX 1-12</b> <b>REEL 1-15*</b>	<b>Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891</b>  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
<b>BOX 1</b> <b>REEL 1-2*</b>	Diaries  Pocket 1850-1864 (12 vols.)
<b>BOX 2</b> <b>REEL 3-4*</b>	1865-1872  (9 vols.)
<b>BOX 3</b> <b>REEL 5-8, 8a*</b>	Bound  1867-1875 (4 vols.)
<b>BOX 4</b> <b>REEL 9-11*</b>	1875-1879  (3 vols.)
<b>BOX 5</b> <b>REEL 12*</b>	1879-1881  (2 vols.)
<b>BOX 6</b> <b>REEL 12*</b>	1882-1884  (2 vols.)
<b>BOX 7</b> <b>REEL 12*</b>	1884-1886  (2 vols.)
<b>BOX 8</b> <b>REEL 12*</b>	Unbound  1890-1891 1874 (typed by Meigs; includes copies of letters sent) Extracts, 1860-1865 Notebooks, 1863-1866 (6 folders)
<b>BOX 9</b> <b>REEL 13*</b>	Journals  1852-1855
<b>BOX 10</b> <b>REEL 13*</b>	1856-1857 <i>See also Oversize</i>

## Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891

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BOX 11 1857-1860

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BOX 12 1860-1872 *See also Oversize*

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.

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BOX 13

REEL 16-17\*

Alger, Mrs. Philip Rounseville (granddaughter), 1934-1963

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

REEL 16-17\*

Will and obituaries, 1885-1892

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

Taylor, Mary Meigs (daughter), 1886-1968

BOX 15

REEL 16-17\*

Miscellaneous, 1883-1911

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.

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REEL 16\*

General, 1853-1892, undated *See also Oversize*

(4 folders)

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Letterbooks

1857, May-1858, Sept.

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1860, Mar.-1861, Mar.

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1858, Sept.-1859, Aug.

1859, Aug.-1860, Mar.

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

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 17 REEL 20*	1861, Apr.-1862, Feb.
	1864, Apr.
	1879, May-Oct.
BOX 18 REEL 21*	1882, Mar.-Oct.
BOX 18 REEL 22*	1882, Oct.-1883, Mar.
BOX 18 REEL 23*	1885-1887
BOX 19-25 REEL 24-27*	<b>Miscellany, 1849-1960</b>  Account books, financial matter, drawings, maps, photographs, printed matter, reminiscences, scrapbooks, miscellaneous notes and writings, and sketches. Arranged alphabetically by type of material. *Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,202
BOX 19 REEL 24*	Account books  1849-1880 <i>See also Oversize</i> (3 folders) 1886-1908 (4 folders)
BOX 20 REEL 24*	Drawings  1850-1868 (6 folders)
BOX 21 REEL 25*	1872-1892 <i>See also Oversize</i>  (4 folders)
BOX 22 REEL 25*	Maps, 1864, 1882, 1889, undated <i>See Oversize</i>  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 REEL 26*	Printed matter  Cards and passes, 1856-1867, undated
BOX 24 REEL 26*	Clippings  Miscellaneous, 1856-1926, undated (2 folders) Taylor family, 1926, 1949, undated Pamphlets, 1866-1896, 1960, undated

## Miscellany, 1849-1960

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- 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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- BOX 26**  
**REEL 1\*\***
- 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.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of person and therein by type of material. The correspondence is organized in chronological order.  
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- BOX 26**  
**REEL 1\*\***
- 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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**REEL 1-2\*\***
- Meigs, Samuel Emlen (brother), 1855  
    Others, 1861-1867  
    Funeral, 1869  
    Meigs, Clara (grandmother), 1836  
    Meigs, Cornelia (granddaughter), 1957-1967

## Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971

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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 Rodgers 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

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REEL 2-3\*\*

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

BOX 29

REEL 3-4\*\*

(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

Forbes, Louisa Meigs, 1860-1891

Hart, Mary Meigs, 1861-1869

## Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971

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	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)
<b>BOX 30</b>	1854-1860
<b>REEL 4-5**</b>	
	(6 folders)
<b>BOX 31</b>	1861-1865 <i>See also Oversize</i>
<b>REEL 5-6**</b>	
	(6 folders)
<b>BOX 32</b>	1866-1869, undated
<b>REEL 6-7**</b>	
	(4 folders)
	Meigs, Frank B., 1849-1869
	Meigs, Henry, 1850-1867
	Meigs, John Forsyth, 1839-1876, undated
	(2 folders)
<b>BOX 33</b>	Meigs, John Rodgers
<b>REEL 7-8**</b>	
	In code, 1855-1863 (organized by year only)
	In longhand, 1859-1864
	Meigs, Louisa Rodgers
	1852-1857
	(2 folders)
	1858-1862
	(3 folders)
<b>BOX 34</b>	1863-1876, undated
<b>REEL 8-9**</b>	
	(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)
<b>BOX 35</b>	Meigs, Samuel Emlen, 1856-1888, undated
<b>REEL 9**</b>	
	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
	Other relatives, 1854-1857
	Will, 1867-1892

## Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971

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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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REEL 10\*\*

BOX 37

REEL 10-11\*\*

Non-family, 1866-1890, undated

(2 folders)

Other papers

Confirmation certificate, 1864

Lecture book from Stuttgart Polytechnic, Stuttgart, Germany

1867-1868 *See also Oversize*

1871

BOX 38

REEL 11\*\*

Notebook/scrapbook, 1867-1879

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

Design for houses, 1867 *See Oversize*

Drawings and sketches, 1835-1876, undated *See Oversize*

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	Drawings and watercolors, 1835-1876, undated <u><i>See Oversize</i></u> (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 <u><i>See also Oversize</i></u>
BOX 48	Printed matter, 1815-1971 <u><i>See also Oversize</i></u>
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BOX 49	Real estate, 1867-1886 <u><i>See also Oversize</i></u>
REEL 21**	
	(2 folders)
	Receipts from European trip, 1868
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	(3 folders)
	Oddments and fragments, 1855-1861, 1873, undated
BOX 38-47	<b>Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890</b>
REEL 11-20**	
	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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	1836-1856 (2 folders)
BOX 39	1857-1861
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BOX 41	1865-1868
REEL 13**	
	(7 folders)
BOX 42	1869-1890, undated
REEL 13-14**	
	(7 folders)
	Letterbooks
	1867, letters from Europe
BOX 43	1879, Oct.-1881, June

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June-Dec.

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BOX 47 1884, Dec.-1885, June

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BOX 47 1885, June-Dec.

REEL 19\*\*

BOX 47 1889, June-1890

REEL 20\*\*

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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.

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*Book of Common Prayer*, 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

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### 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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BOX OV 1

Diaries, journals and notebooks

Journals

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	Drawings, 1876-1879 ( <a href="#">Container 21, Reel 25*</a> )
BOX OV 2	Maps, 1864, 1882, 1889, undated (Container 22, Reel 25*)
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	Meigs, John Rogers
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	Report on First Battle of Bull Run, Va., 1861 ( <a href="#">Container 27, Reel 2**</a> )
	Meigs, Montgomery C. (1816-1892)
	Correspondence
	Meigs, Charles Delucena, 1861 ( <a href="#">Container 31, Reel 5**</a> )
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