Hugh T. Taggart Collection Relating to the District of Columbia and Maryland

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Collection Summary

Title: Hugh T. Taggart Collection Relating to the District of Columbia and Maryland
Span Dates: 1751-1889
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1791-1880)
ID No.: MSS94656
Creator: Taggart, Hugh T. (Hugh Thomas), 1844-1914
Extent: 200 items
Extent: 17 containers plus 1 oversize
Extent: 2.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82094656
Summary: United States district attorney. Correspondence, letterbooks, daybooks, minutes, notebooks, accounts, invoices, financial records, broadside, and printed matter collected by Hugh T. Taggart relating to the survey, sale, and assessment of property in the District of Columbia, Georgetown (Washington, D.C.), and Maryland.

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
Beatty, Charles, of Georgetown, Md. Charles Beatty account book. 1750-1809.
Canberry, Lewis. Lewis Canberry survey notebooks. 1791-1828.
Carroll, Daniel, 1764-1849.
Cruikshank, Robert. Robert Cruikshank daybook and letterbook. 1827-1831.
King, Rt. (Robert), 1774 or 1775-1831. Rt. King survey notes. 1793-1795.
L'Enfant, Pierre Charles, 1754-1825.
Swan, Robert, active approximately 1828. Robert Swan sale catalog of books. circa 1828.
Taggart, Hugh T. (Hugh Thomas), 1844-1914.

Organizations
District of Columbia. Levy Court (Washington County) District of Columbia. Levy Court (Washington County) minutes. 1835-1847.
Falls Bridge Turnpike Company. Falls Bridge Turnpike Company daybooks. 1836-1852.
Georgetown (Washington, D.C.). Board of Commissioners. Georgetown (Washington, D.C.) Board of Commissioners minutes. 1751-1789.
Georgetown and Leesburg Turnpike Company. Georgetown and Leesburg Turnpike Company daybooks. 1816-1836.

Subjects
Canals--Washington (D.C.)
Mathematics--Problems, exercises, etc.
Real property--Maryland.
Real property--Washington (D.C.)
Roads--Virginia.
Roads--Washington (D.C.)
Waterfronts--Washington (D.C.)

Places
Georgetown (Washington, D.C.)--History.
Georgetown (Washington, D.C.)--Surveys.
Maryland--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.
Maryland--History.
Maryland--Surveys.

Washington (D.C.)--History.
Washington (D.C.)--Surveys.
Washington Canal (Washington, D.C.)

Occupations
Lawyers.

Provenance

The Hugh T. Taggart Collection Relating to the District of Columbia and Maryland was purchased by the Library of Congress from Etta Louise Taggart in 1915.

Processing History

The Hugh T. Taggart Collection Relating to the District of Columbia and Maryland was arranged and described circa 1963. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Additional Guides

A description of the papers can be found in *Library of Congress Manuscripts: An Illustrated Guide*. Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1993.

Transfers

Items have been transferred to various custodial divisions of Library where they are identified as part of the Hugh T. Taggart Collection Relating to the District of Columbia and Maryland.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The Hugh T. Taggart Collection Relating to the District of Columbia and Maryland is 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.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1844, Aug. 15	Born, Baltimore County, Maryland
1869	Admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia
1874	Founder, *Washington Law Reporter*

1881	Appointed assistant United States district attorney Prepared government's case again Charles Julius Guiteau, the assassin of President James A. Garfield
1881-1906	Assistant in United States district attorney office; later United States district attorney
1886-circa 1898	Special counsel to the United States district attorney, Potomac Flats cases determining the boundary lines between government and private owners along the Potomac Park waterfront, Washington, D.C.
1914, Oct. 6	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The collection of Hugh Thomas Taggart (1844-1914) relates mainly to the survey, sale, and assessment of property in the District of Columbia, Georgetown (Washington, D.C.), and Maryland, and may have been collected during his work on the Potomac Flats case determining waterfront boundary lines. The papers span the years 1751-1889, with the bulk from 1791 to 1880.

The collection includes material on the Washington City Canal, surveys and notes by Lewis Canberry and Rt. King, minutes of the Georgetown commissioners and the Levy Court, assessments of personal property in Georgetown, surveys and sales of lots in the District of Columbia, papers relating to Daniel Carroll (1764-1849) of Duddington, and the daybooks of the Falls Bridge Turnpike Company and the Georgetown and Leesburg Turnpike Company. Included also in the collection is an account book of Charles Beatty filled with accounts, invoices, and mercantile correspondence and showing the addition to Georgetown laid out in 1796 for him and George F. Hawkins along with the courses of the lots and assessment values. The collection is rounded out with research material on Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a scrapbook containing a series of nineteenth-century newspaper articles and notes relating to the colonial history of Maryland, letterbook and daybook of Robert Cruikshank who was a book dealer in Georgetown, Robert Swan's sale catalog of books, an early nineteenth-century book of mathematical exercises in manuscript and decorated with colored drawings, legal briefs, and oversize items.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by name of person, title, or type of material.

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