

# David Maydole Matteson Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** David Maydole Matteson Papers

**Span Dates:** 1876-1937

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1908-1935)

**ID No.:** MSS31658

**Creator:** Matteson, David Maydole, 1871-1949

**Extent:** 21 items ; 5 containers ; 1.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Summary:** Historian and educator. Research notes, writings, and correspondence largely concerning Matteson's research and writings on riots, frontier uprisings, labor strikes, slave revolts, and other civil disturbances in colonial and nineteenth-century America.

## 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

Bacon, Nathaniel, 1648-1676.

Brown, John, 1800-1859.

Hart, Albert Bushnell, 1854-1943.

Leisler, Jacob, -1691.

Matteson, David Maydole, 1871-1949.

Shays, Daniel, 1747-1825.

Turner, Nat, 1800?-1831.

### Subjects

Bacon's Rebellion, 1676.

Constitutional law.

Direct taxation--Law and legislation--United States.

Riots.

Shays' Rebellion, 1786-1787.

Southampton Insurrection, 1831.

### Places

China--Emigration and immigration.

Harpers Ferry (W. Va.)--History--John Brown's Raid, 1859.

United States--History--Sources.

### Occupations

Educators.

Historians.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of David Maydole Matteson, historian and educator, were given to the Library of Congress in 1950 by the American Historical Association.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of David Maydole Matteson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of David Maydole Matteson 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.

## Preferred Citation

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

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of David Maydole Matteson (1871-1949) span the years 1876-1937, with the bulk of the material dating from 1908 to 1935. The collection consists largely of research notes, writings, and correspondence documenting Matteson's career as a historian. The major portion of the papers consists of research notes and drafts from an unpublished study of riots in the United States from the colonial period to the end of the nineteenth century.

Research notes on riots and other civil disturbances document hundreds of incidents between 1641 and 1894. Included are well-known uprisings such as those led by Nathaniel Bacon, Jacob Leisler, Daniel Shays, and Nat Turner. Matteson also identified numerous lesser known impressment riots, land disputes, frontier uprisings, pre-Revolutionary crowd actions, slave revolts, nativist riots, election riots, military draft resistance, and labor strikes during the course of his research. He mined a myriad sources including newspapers, federal, state, and local records, personal papers, and some secondary sources. The *New York Tribune* is cited with particular frequency in descriptions of antebellum riots. Matteson's notes are arranged in approximate chronological order.

A card file accompanying the research notes lists the name, date, and type of riot with bibliographic information written on the reverse side. The cards are arranged chronologically. The index does not correlate exactly with Matteson's research notes.

Other items in the collection include Matteson's writings entitled "Chinese Immigration" and "Direct Taxation under the Constitution of the United States." A small group of correspondence contains letters from colleagues concerning his research. Also included are souvenirs and clippings from a dinner honoring historian Albert Bushnell Hart.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1908-1935
BOX 1	Hart, Albert Bushnell, dinner, Harvard Club of New York, New York, N.Y., 1909
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1876-1937
BOX 1	Writings
BOX 1	“Chinese Immigration,” undated
BOX 1	“Direct Taxation under the Constitution of the United States,” undated
BOX 2	Riots in the United States, undated
BOX 2	Card file
BOX 3	Research notes and drafts (6 folders)
BOX 4	(6 folders)
BOX 5	(7 folders)