

Richard Sharpe Patterson Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Richard Sharpe Patterson Papers

Span Dates: 1776-1979

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1857-1976)

ID No.: MSS57612

Creator: Patterson, Richard Sharpe, 1908-1976

Extent: 8,000 items ; 44 containers plus 1 oversize ; 18 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Historian and author. Correspondence, writings, notes, research material, printed matter, photographs, wax impressions of seals, and other papers relating primarily to Patterson's research and writing on the Great Seal of the United States. Also contains material concerning treaties of the United States, buildings of the State Department, and portraits of secretaries of state.

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

Dougall, Richardson, 1917- Eagle and the shield : a history of the great seal of the United States (1976)

Patterson, Richard Sharpe, 1908-1976.

Patterson, Richard Sharpe, 1908-1976. Eagle and the shield : a history of the great seal of the United States (1976)

Organizations

United States. Department of State.

Subjects

Emblems, National--United States.

Places

United States--Seal.

Occupations

Authors.

Historians.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Richard Sharpe Patterson, historian and author, were given to the Library of Congress by G. M. Richardson Dougall in 1977. Additional material was transferred from the Office of the Historian, Bureau of Public Affairs, Department of State, via Frederick Aandahl, in 1978.

Processing History

The papers of Richard Sharpe Patterson were organized in 1978. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Richard Sharpe Patterson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Richard Sharpe Patterson 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, Richard Sharpe Patterson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Richard Sharpe Patterson (1908-1976) span the years 1776-1976, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1857-1976. The collection consists of correspondence, writings, notes, research material, printed matter, photographs, wax impressions of seals, and other papers relating primarily to Patterson's research and writing on the Great Seal of the United States. Included is material pertaining to *The Eagle and the Shield : A History of the Great Seal of the United States* (1976) written by Patterson and Richardson Dougall. Also in the collection is documentation concerning treaties of the United States, buildings of the State Department, portraits of secretaries of state, and Department of State statistical material.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material.

Container List

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BOX 22	The Great Seal
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