Collection Summary
Title: Hugh McCulloch Papers
Span Dates: 1855-1905
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1863-1869)
ID No.: MSS32011
Creator: McCulloch, Hugh, 1808-1895
Extent: 600 items ; 5 containers ; 2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: U.S. secretary of the treasury, banker, and financier. Primarily correspondence with some speeches, reports, and other material relating to McCulloch's career as a banker and financier, as U.S. comptroller of the currency, and as U.S. secretary of the treasury.

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
Atkinson, Edward, 1827-1905--Correspondence.
Blaine, James G., Mrs., 1828-1903--Correspondence.
Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893--Correspondence.
Boutwell, George S. (George Sewall), 1818-1905--Correspondence.
Chandler, William E. (William Eaton), 1835-1917--Correspondence.
Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873--Correspondence.
Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885--Correspondence.
Cox, Samuel Sullivan, 1824-1889--Correspondence.
Fessenden, William Pitt, 1806-1869--Correspondence.
Forbes, John Murray, 1813-1898--Correspondence.
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881--Death and burial.
Ketchum, Morris, active 1864--Correspondence.
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Assassination.
McCulloch, Hugh, 1808-1895.
Medill, Joseph, 1823-1899--Correspondence.
Sherman, John, 1823-1900--Correspondence.
Stewart, John Aikman, 1822-1926--Correspondence.
Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874--Correspondence.
Winthrop, Robert C. (Robert Charles), 1809-1894--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Department of the Treasury. Office of the Secretary.

Subjects
African Americans--Suffrage.
Banks and banking--United States.
Debts, Public--United States.
Finance, Public--United States.
Finance--United States.
Money--United States.
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)
Tariff--United States.

Places
United States--Politics and government--19th century.

**Occupations**
Bankers.
Cabinet officers.
Financiers.

**Administrative Information**

**Provenance**
The papers of Hugh McCulloch, U.S. secretary of the treasury, banker, and financier, were given to the Library of Congress by Louise McCulloch Yale in 1913. Additional material was received by transfer from the Smithsonian Institution in 1942 and by gift of John M. Kauffmann in 1994.

**Processing History**
The McCulloch Papers were bound by the Library in 1921. Items received after 1913 were added in 1942 and 2001. The finding aid was created in 2016.

**Copyright Status**
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The papers of Hugh McCulloch 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, Hugh McCulloch Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Biographical Note**

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<td>1825-1827</td>
<td>Attended Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine</td>
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<td>1833</td>
<td>Practiced law, Fort Wayne, Ind.</td>
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<td>1835-1856</td>
<td>Cashier and manager, Fort Wayne branch, old State Bank of Indiana</td>
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<td>1838</td>
<td>Married Susan Maria Mann</td>
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<td>1857-1863</td>
<td>President, new State Bank of Indiana</td>
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<td>1863-1865</td>
<td>Comptroller of the currency; implemented the National Bank Act of 1863 authorizing the issuance of national bank notes by national banks</td>
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<td>1865-1869</td>
<td>Secretary of the treasury under Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson</td>
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1870 Went to England as a member of the banking house of Jay Cooke, McCulloch and Co.

1884-1885 Secretary of the treasury under President Chester A. Arthur


1895, May 24 Died, Holly Hill, Prince Georges County, Md.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Hugh McCulloch (1808-1895) span the years 1855-1869, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1863-1869. The collection consists primarily of correspondence with some speeches, reports, and other material relating to McCulloch's career as a banker and financier, as comptroller of the currency, and as secretary of the treasury. The papers are organized in bound volumes with an additional folder of unbound items.


**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged in bound volumes with an additional folder of unbound items.
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