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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.
United States. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

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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Access and Restrictions

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1808, Dec. 7	Born, Kennebunk, Maine
1825-1827	Attended Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine
1833	Practiced law, Fort Wayne, Ind.
1835-1856	Cashier and manager. Fort Wayne branch, old State Bank of Indiana
1838	Married Susan Maria Mann
1857-1863	President, new State Bank of Indiana
1863-1865	Comptroller of the currency; implemented the National Bank Act of 1863 authorizing the issuance of national bank notes by national banks
1865-1869	Secretary of the treasury under Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson

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
1888	Published autobiography, <i>Men and Measures of Half a Century; Sketches and Comments</i> . New York: C. Scribner's sons
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.

Subjects include Reconstruction, enfranchisement of African Americans, currency, national debt, finance, politics, and the tariff. Included are letters concerning the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and a letter from the wife of James G. Blaine, written after a visit to the bedside of James A. Garfield shortly before his death. Correspondents include Edward Atkinson, James Gillespie Blaine, George S. Boutwell, William E. Chandler, Salmon P. Chase, Schuyler Colfax, Samuel Sullivan Cox, William Pitt Fessenden, John Murray Forbes, Morris Ketchum, Joseph Medill, John Sherman, John Aikman Stewart, Charles Sumner, and Robert C. Winthrop (1809-1894).

Arrangement of the Papers

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

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Bound volumes
BOX 1	1855, Jan. 7-1865, June 22
BOX 2	1865, June 23-1866, May 25
BOX 3	1866, May 28-1868, Aug. 10
BOX 4	1865, Aug. 21-1894, Jan. 2, undated
BOX 5	Addition, miscellaneous correspondence, 1866-1870, 1905