Montgomery C. Meigs

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Montgomery C. Meigs
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Creator: Meigs, Montgomery C., 1816-1892
Extent: 11,000 items; 52 containers plus 10 oversize; 27 linear feet; 50 microfilm reels
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: Army officer, engineer, architect, and scientist. Correspondence, diaries and journals, notebooks, family papers, military papers, drawings and plans, scrapbooks, and other papers relating primarily to Meigs's work in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, his service as quartermaster general during the Civil War, and family matters.
Language: Collection material in English

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.

Names:
Meigs, Montgomery C. (Montgomery Cunningham), 1816-1892
Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887--Correspondence
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence
Bülow, Bernhard Ernst von, 1815-1879--Correspondence
Burnside, Ambrose Everett, 1824-1881--Correspondence
Cameron, Simon, 1799-1889--Correspondence
Cluss, Adolph, 1825-1905--Correspondence
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence
Floyd, John B. (John Buchanan), 1806-1863--Correspondence
Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872--Correspondence
Henry, Joseph, 1797-1878--Correspondence
Holt, Joseph, 1807-1894--Correspondence
Manning, Charles P.--Correspondence
McClellan, George Brinton, 1826-1885--Correspondence
Meigs, Charles D. (Charles Delucena), 1792-1869--Correspondence
Meigs, Emlen--Correspondence
Meigs, John Rodgers, 1842-1864
Moltke, Helmuth, 1800-1891--Correspondence
Porter, David D. (David Dixon), 1813-1891--Correspondence
Rodgers, Louisa--Correspondence
Seward, Frederick William, 1830-1915--Correspondence
Seward, William Henry, 1801-1872--Correspondence
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence
Stanton, Edwin McMasters, 1814-1869--Correspondence
Totten, Joseph Gilbert, 1788-1864--Correspondence
United States. Army. Corps of Engineers
United States. Pension Bureau--Buildings
United States. Army. Quartermaster's Dept.
United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)
Meigs, Montgomery, 1847-1931. Papers of Montgomery Meigs

Subjects:
Aqueducts--Maryland
Aqueducts--Washington (D.C.)
Architecture--Washington (D.C.)

Buildings--Washington (D.C.)
Europe--Description and travel
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Texas--Description and travel
Washington Aqueduct (Md. and Washington, D.C.)
Washington (D.C.)--Buildings, structures, etc.

Occupation:
Architects
Army officers
Engineers
Scientists

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Montgomery C. Meigs (1816-1892), army officer, engineer, architect, and scientist, were given to the Library of Congress by his descendants from 1920 to 1986. A large addition was purchased in 1982, and other items were obtained by transfer and purchase between 1976 and 2001.

Processing History:

The papers of Montgomery C. Meigs were arranged and described in 1963. Various additions were processed from 1979 to 2004. Portions of the collections were microfilmed in 1981 and 1985. When the collection was rehoused in 2000 and 2004, the organization of the material remained unchanged. Although the finding aid and container list were revised to indicate the current housing, the container numbers noted in the microfilm editions reflect the original housing. A copy of the finding aid with the original box numbers appears on the first reel of each of the two editions of microfilm. Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status:

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Biographical Note

1816, May 3	Born, Augusta, Ga.
1832	Entered United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1837	Second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers Surveyed Upper Mississippi River
1838	Survey engineering work, Delaware River

1839	Duty at army headquarters, Washington, D.C.
1841	Married Louisa Rodgers (died 1879)
1843-1852	Stationed in Detroit, Mich., until return to permanent duty in Washington, D.C.
1852	Supervised construction of the Washington aqueduct for Great Falls, Va., and various United States Capitol improvements, including a new and larger dome
1861, June	Appointed quartermaster general, United States Army
1865, Apr. 15	Present at the death of Abraham Lincoln
1867	Postwar illness and trip to Europe
1882	Retired from the United States Army Began engineering work on the Pension Office building, Washington, D.C.
1892, Jan. 2	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Montgomery Cunningham Meigs (1816-1892) span the years 1799-1971, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1849-1892. The collection consists of diaries, journals and notebooks, family papers, correspondence, drawings, maps and plans, photographs, scrapbooks, sketches and studies, and miscellaneous documents. The papers are organized in seven series: Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks; Family Papers; Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter; Miscellany; Addition I; Addition II; and Oversize.

Meigs was a career army officer who graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1836. After a brief stint in an artillery unit, he was transferred to the Corps of Engineers, where he directed engineering projects for the United States Army between 1852 and 1882. Among the building programs Meigs supervised were the Washington, D.C., aqueduct and its masonry arch at Cabin John, the wings and dome of the national Capitol, an addition to the General Post Office building, a post-Civil War extension of the aqueduct, and from 1882 to 1892 after his retirement from the army, the Pension Office building. Lincoln put Meigs in charge of secret plans for the aid of Fort Pickens, Florida, immediately before the outbreak of the Civil War and in June 1861 appointed him quartermaster general of the army. Meigs supplied the Union forces throughout the war and supervised the construction of at least four major federal buildings. In 1875 he visited Europe to study the organization and command of continental armies.

The papers in this collection consist mostly of private entry books and personal correspondence. Although some material relates to the fighting during the Civil War, the bulk of the papers deals with the construction of federal buildings in Washington. Meigs's journals contain detailed notes in mid-nineteenth century shorthand on the planning for the aqueduct as well as the expansion of the Capitol and the erection of the Pension Office building. Interspersed throughout the journals and sketchbooks are clippings, photographs, and architectural drawings of major buildings under various stages of construction. The combination of written and illustrative material provides a rich source for the study of nineteenth-century Washington and its architecture.

The Family Papers contain correspondence and printed items from Meigs's immediate relatives and descendants. The major portion, however, comprises his letters to his father, Charles D. Meigs, his brother, Emlen, and his wife, Louisa Rodgers Meigs. The letters to his father, a Philadelphia surgeon and medical editor, are concentrated in the Civil War period; those to his wife and other family members are focused on Meigs's trip to Europe in 1875.

Correspondents in the Meigs Papers include Spencer Fullerton Baird, James Buchanan, Bernhard Ernst von Bülow, Adolf Cluss, Jefferson Davis, Charles P. Manning, Graf Helmuth von Moltke, David D. Porter, Frederick William Seward, William

T. Sherman, and Joseph Gilbert Totten. The letterbook, much of which is illegible or undecipherable, contains copies of outgoing letters to family members as well as friends and associates and also includes numerous drawings. The volume for April 1861-February 1862 pertains exclusively to the Civil War, while later volumes focus principally on architectural projects.

Addition I

Addition I of the Meigs Papers parallels the earlier portion in scope, arrangement, and content. There are unbound diary entries, a commonplace book from Meigs's first years in the military, and an illustrated journal which he kept during a trip to Texas, 1869-1870. The Family Papers, the dominant feature of Addition I, include letters between his wife, Louisa Rodgers Meigs, and Rodgers family members and correspondence between Montgomery Meigs, his wife and family members, and other relatives. Especially notable in the Family Papers is a sequence of personal and official communications regarding the killing of Meigs's eldest son, John Rodgers Meigs, by Confederate guerrillas in 1864. Meigs believed that his son was the victim of a cold-blooded murder, possibly because of his status as the son of the Union quartermaster general. John Rodgers Meigs had been heralded for his bravery during early battles of the Civil War, and his hand-drawn map of the First Battle of Bull Run and other Civil War documents and correspondence amplify other material in the collection from that period. Also prominent in Addition I are letters, documents, sketches, drawings, and other designs relating to Montgomery Meigs's work on construction of the Capitol, the Washington Aqueduct, and other Army Corps of Engineers projects. Noteworthy as well are correspondence and career papers pertaining specifically to the younger Montgomery Meigs (1847-1931), who followed in his father's footsteps as a public works engineer.

Correspondents include family members Charles D. Meigs and Samuel Emlen Meigs (who often used his middle rather than first name or first initial) and prominent individuals such as Ambrose Everett Burnside, Simon Cameron, Jefferson Davis, John B. Floyd, Horace Greeley, Joseph Henry, Joseph Holt, George Brinton McClellan, William Henry Seward, and Edwin MacMasters Stanton.

Addition II

Addition II includes a *Book of Common Prayer* inscribed by Meigs and carried by him to Fort Pickens at the start of the Civil War; a handwritten letter of 1879 concerning personal matters; and photocopies of two typewritten letters, dated 1891, to his daughter, Louisa Meigs Forbes. Also in Addition II are photocopies and typed transcripts of a poem written by John Rodgers Meigs, presumably while a cadet at the United States Military Academy between 1859 and 1863, and six volumes of the translated text of Meigs's shorthand journals, 1853-1859, 1861, as well as an index to the journals.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in ten series:

- Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891
- Family Papers, 1850-1968, n.d.
- Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1853-1892, n.d.
- Miscellany, 1849-1960, n.d.
- Addition I: Diaries, Journals, and Commonplace Book, 1836-1888
- Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971, n.d..
- Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890, n.d.
- Addition I: Miscellany, 1815-1971, n.d.
- Addition II: Miscellany, 1846-1891, n.d.
- Addition II: Oversize, 1835-1885, n.d.

Description of Series

Container	*Series*
BOX 1-12 **REEL** 1-15	**Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891** Pocket diaries, bound diaries, unbound diary entry sheets, extracts of diaries, and memoranda notebooks and journals with writings, notations, photographs, and drawings. The journals are largely in shorthand. Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX 13-15 **REEL** 16-17	**Family Papers, 1850-1968, n.d.** Correspondence, diaries, clippings, printed matter, reminiscences, wills, obituaries, and related matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of family member and therein by type of material.
BOX 15-18 **REEL** 17-23	**Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1853-1892, n.d.** Correspondence sent and received, with related printed matter, army decrees, and memoranda and copies of bound outgoing correspondence by Meigs. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX 19-25 **REEL** 24-27	**Miscellany, 1849-1960, n.d.** Account books, financial matter, drawings, maps, photographs, printed matter, reminiscences, scrapbooks, miscellaneous notes and writings, and sketches. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 26 **REEL** 1	**Addition I: Diaries, Journals, and Commonplace Book, 1836-1888** Unbound diary entries, a journal of a trip to Texas, 1867, consisting of letters sent by Meigs and sketches he compiled, and a commonplace book containing what may be the key to his shorthand code. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 26-38 **REEL** 1-11	**Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971, n.d..** Correspondence between family members, with additional items such as wills, school papers, military reports, and reminiscences. Arranged alphabetically by name of person and therein by type of material. The correspondence is organized in chronological order.
BOX 38-47 **REEL** 11-20	**Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890, n.d.** Correspondence sent and received by Meigs with related printed matter, military orders and decrees, financial data, and official memoranda. The material is divided into a general file of papers sent and received and a letterbook file containing only copies of letters sent by Meigs. Arranged chronologically.

BOX 48-50
REEL 20-23

Addition I: Miscellany, 1815-1971, n.d.

Biographical data; insurance, estate, and financial matter; specifications and contract material regarding the building of the Washington Aqueduct; drawings, sketches, and watercolors; house design data collected by Meigs; and miscellaneous photographs and printed matter.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

BOX 51-52

Addition II: Miscellany, 1846-1891, n.d.

An inscribed *Book of Common Prayer*, correspondence, poetry by John Rodgers Meigs, and translated texts of shorthand journals.

Arranged alphabetically by title or type of material.

BOX OV1-OV10

Addition II: Oversize, 1835-1885, n.d.

Drawings, watercolors, plans, photographs, maps, and printed matter, some of which were removed from bound volumes.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed after filming. Some items from Addition I: Miscellany were filmed as separated oversize material rather than in their original locations.

Container List

Container	*Contents*
BOX 1-12 **REEL** 1-15	**Diaries, Journals, and Notebooks, 1850-1891**
	Pocket diaries, bound diaries, unbound diary entry sheets, extracts of diaries, and memoranda notebooks and journals with writings, notations, photographs, and drawings. The journals are largely in shorthand.
	Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX 1 **REEL** 1-2*	Diaries
	Pocket
	1850-1864
	(12 vols.)
BOX 2 **REEL** 3-4*	1865-1872
	(9 vols.)
BOX 3 **REEL** 5-8*	Bound
	1867-1875
	(4 vols.)
BOX 4 **REEL** 9-11*	1875-1879
	(3 vols.)
BOX 5 **REEL** 12*	1879-1881
	(2 vols.)
BOX 6	1882-1884
	(2 vols.)
BOX 7	1884-1886
	(2 vols.)
BOX 8	Unbound
	1890-1891
	1874 (typed by Meigs; includes copies of letters sent)
	Extracts, 1860-1865
	Notebooks, 1863-1866
	(6 folders)
BOX 9 **REEL** 13*	Journals
	1852-1855
BOX 10	1856-1857 *See also Oversize*
BOX 11 **REEL** 14*	1857-1860
BOX 12 **REEL** 15*	1860-1872 *See also Oversize*
BOX 13-15	**Family Papers, 1850-1968, n.d.**

Container	*Contents*
REEL 16-17	
	Correspondence, diaries, clippings, printed matter, reminiscences, wills, obituaries, and related matter.
	Arranged alphabetically by name of family member and therein by type of material.
BOX 13	Alger, Mrs. Philip Rounseville (granddaughter), 1934-1963
REEL 16-17*	
	Meigs, John Rodgers (son), 1858-1895
	Meigs, Montgomery C. (1816-1892)
	Correspondence
	Meigs, Charles Delucena (father), 1863-1866
	(5 folders)
	Others, 1863-1888, n.d.
	(3 folders)
BOX 14	Will and obituaries, 1885-1892
	Meigs, Louisa Rodgers (wife), travel diary, 1875
	Rodgers, John (brother-in-law), 1864-1882
	Taylor, John R. M., 1920
	Taylor, Joseph Hancock (son-in-law), 1850-1887
	Taylor, Mary Meigs (daughter), 1886-1968
BOX 15	Miscellaneous, 1883-1911
BOX 15-18	**Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1853-1892, n.d.**
REEL 17-23	
	Correspondence sent and received, with related printed matter, army decrees, and memoranda and copies of bound outgoing correspondence by Meigs.
	Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX 15	General, 1853-1892, n.d. *See also Oversize*
REEL 16*	
	(4 folders)
REEL 17*	Letterbooks
	1857, May-1858, Sept.
BOX 16	1860, Mar.-1861, Mar.
REEL 18*	
REEL 19*	1858, Sept.-1859, Aug.
	1859, Aug.-1860, Mar.
BOX 17	1861, Apr.-1862, Feb.
REEL 20*	
	1864, Apr.
	1879, May-Oct.
BOX 18	1882, Mar.-Oct.
REEL 21*	
REEL 22*	1882, Oct.-1883, Mar.
REEL 23*	1885-1887
BOX 19-25	**Miscellany, 1849-1960, n.d.**
REEL 24-27	
	Account books, financial matter, drawings, maps, photographs, printed matter, reminiscences, scrapbooks, miscellaneous notes and writings, and sketches.
	Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container	*Contents*
BOX 19 **REEL** 24*	Account books
	1849-1880 *See also Oversize*
	(3 folders)
	1886-1908
	(4 folders)
BOX 20	Drawings
	1850-1868
	(6 folders)
BOX 21 **REEL** 25*	1872-1892 *See also Oversize*
	(4 folders)
BOX 22	Maps, 1864, 1882, 1889, n.d. *See Oversize*
	Photographs
	Albums
	Public buildings, 1859-1861, n.d.
	Washington Aqueduct, Washington, D.C., 1859-1864
BOX 23	Miscellany, 1859-1860, n.d.
	Loose items, family, 1859-1864, 1924, n.d.
REEL 26*	Printed matter
	Cards and passes, 1856-1867, n.d.
BOX 24	Clippings
	Miscellaneous, 1856-1926, n.d.
	(2 folders)
	Taylor family, 1926, 1949, n.d.
	Pamphlets, 1866-1896, 1960, n.d.
	Reminiscences and outlines, 1861-1888
	Scrapbooks
	Pension Office building, Washington, D.C., 1882-1891 *See also Oversize*
	War miscellany, 1861-1862, n.d. *See also Oversize*
	Scraps and notes, 1864-1889, 1914, n.d.
BOX 25 **REEL** 27*	Sketches, 1856-1882 *See also Oversize*
BOX 26 **REEL** 1	**Addition I: Diaries, Journals, and Commonplace Book, 1836-1888**
	Unbound diary entries, a journal of a trip to Texas, 1867, consisting of letters sent by Meigs and sketches he compiled, and a commonplace book containing what may be the key to his shorthand code.
	Arranged by type of material.
BOX 26 **REEL** 1**	Commonplace book, 1836-1844
	(2 folders)
	Diaries, unbound, 1888
	Journal, trip to Texas and back, 1869-1870
	(2 folders)
BOX 26-38	**Addition I: Family Papers, 1799-1971, n.d..**

Container	*Contents*
REEL 1-11	
	Correspondence between family members, with additional items such as wills, school papers, military reports, and reminiscences.
	Arranged alphabetically by name of person and therein by type of material. The correspondence is organized in chronological order.
BOX 26	Forbes, Louisa Meigs (daughter)
REEL 1**	
	Correspondence, 1876
	School papers, 1862-1863
	Macomb, J. N. (brother-in-law), 1862, 1870
	Meigs, Charles Delucena
	Correspondence
	Biddle, Emily Meigs (sister), 1835
	Meigs, Henry (brother), 1860-1866
	Meigs, John Rodgers, 1850-1863
	Meigs, Mary Montgomery (mother), 1817-1842
BOX 27	Meigs, Montgomery (son) (1847-1931), 1867-1868
REEL 1-2**	
	Meigs, Samuel Emlen (brother), 1855
	Others, 1861-1867
	Funeral, 1869
	Meigs, Clara (grandmother), 1836
	Meigs, Cornelia (granddaughter), 1957-1967
	Meigs, John Rodgers (son)
	Correspondence
	Forbes, Louisa Meigs, 1862, n.d.
	Hart, Mary Meigs (sister), 1859-1861, n.d.
	Macomb, Nannie Rodgers (sister-in-law), 1859, n.d.
	Meigs, Frank B. (brother), 1860-1861
	Meigs, Mary Montgomery, 1861
	Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931), 1859-1862, n.d.
	(3 folders)
	Taylor, Mary Meigs, 1859-1862
	(3 folders)
	Others, 1859-1864, n.d.
	Other papers
	In memory of John Rogers Meigs by Louisa R. Meigs, 1864
	Military record and biographical data
	Report on First Battle of Bull Run, Va., 1861 *See also Oversize*
	United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 1860-1863
	Meigs, Louisa Rodgers
	Correspondence
	Biddle, Emily Meigs, 1853-1870
	Forbes, Louisa Meigs, 1866, 1876
	Hart, Mary Meigs, 1863-1877
BOX 28	Macomb, Nannie Rodgers, 1851-1877
REEL 2-3**	

Container	*Contents*
	Meigs, Charles D. and Mary Montgomery, 1859-1868, n.d.
	Meigs, John Forsyth and Anne Ingersoll (brother and sister-in-law), 1852-1859
	Meigs, John Rodgers, 1859-1864, n.d.
	(2 folders)
	Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931), 1860-1874, n.d.
	(3 folders)
	Rodgers, Minerva, 1850-1874, n.d.
	Rodgers, Robert Smith and Sara (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), 1853-1870
BOX 29	Taylor, Mary Meigs, 1858-1877
REEL 3-4**	
	(3 folders)
	Others
	Family, 1828-1876
	Non-family, 1852-1876, n.d.
	Will, 1851, 1870-1880
	Meigs, Mary Montgomery, correspondence
	Meigs, Henry, 1861
	Meigs, William M. (brother), 1854
	Meigs, Montgomery C. (1816-1892)
	Correspondence
	Biddle, Emily Meigs, 1853-1869
	Forbes, Louisa Meigs, 1860-1891
	Hart, Mary Meigs, 1861-1869
	Macomb, Nannie Rodgers and John Navarre, 1850-1888
	Meigs, Anne Ingersoll (sister-in-law), 1853-1855
	Meigs, Charles D. (brother), 1837-1871
	Meigs, Charles Delucena
	1840-1853
	(2 folders)
BOX 30	1854-1860
REEL 4-5**	
	(6 folders)
BOX 31	1861-1865 *See also Oversize*
REEL 5-6**	
	(6 folders)
BOX 32	1866-1869, n.d.
REEL 6-7**	
	(4 folders)
	Meigs, Frank B., 1849-1869
	Meigs, Henry, 1850-1867
	Meigs, John Forsyth, 1839-1876, n.d.
	(2 folders)
BOX 33	Meigs, John Rodgers
REEL 7-8**	
	In code, 1855-1863 (organized by year only)
	In longhand, 1859-1864
	Meigs, Louisa Rodgers

Container	*Contents*
	1852-1857
	(2 folders)
	1858-1862
	(3 folders)
BOX 34	1863-1876, n.d.
REEL 8-9**	
	(7 folders)
	Meigs, Mary Montgomery, 1849-1867
	Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931)
	In code, 1866-1867 (organized by year only)
	In longhand, 1854-1891, n.d.
	(2 folders)
BOX 35	Meigs, Samuel Emlen, 1856-1888, n.d.
REEL 9**	
	Rodgers, Augustus F. (brother-in-law), 1855-1856
	Rodgers, Christopher R. Perry (cousin), 1860-1876
	Rodgers, John, 1861-1869
	Rodgers, John F. (son of Christopher R. P. Rogers), 1862-1867
	Rodgers, Minerva Denison, 1855, 1867
	Rodgers, Robert Smith (brother-in-law), 1853-1867
	Rodgers, William Pinkney (brother-in-law), 1855-1876
	Taylor, Mary Meigs and Joseph Hancock, 1852-1876, n.d.
	Other relatives, 1854-1857
	Will, 1867-1892
	Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931)
	Correspondence
	Biddle, Christine, 1867-1868, n.d.
	Forbes, Louisa Meigs, 1863-1873, n.d.
	Hart, Mary Meigs, 1867-1868
	Macomb, Nannie Rodgers, 1865-1876
	Meigs, Cornelia, 1927
	Taylor, Mary Meigs, 1867-1868
	Other
	Family, 1868-1900
BOX 36	Letterbook, 1876, Nov.-1896, Aug.
REEL 10**	
BOX 37	Non-family, 1866-1890, n.d.
REEL 10-11**	
	(2 folders)
	Other papers
	Confirmation certificate, 1864
	Lecture book from Stuttgart Polytechnic, Stuttgart, Germany
	1867-1868
	1871
BOX 38	Notebook/scrapbook, 1867-1879
REEL 11**	
	Paper on mathematics, 1864

Container	*Contents*
	School papers, 1861-1863, n.d.
	Miscellaneous printed matter, 1879, n.d.
	Meigs, Samuel Emlen, personal recollections, 1900
	Taylor, Mary Meigs, correspondence
	Macomb, Nannie Rodgers, 1867
	Others, 1861, n.d.
	Rodgers, John (father-in-law), 1799-1834
	Rodgers, Minerva Denison, will and real estate, 1875, 1883
	Miscellany
	Fragments and unidentified, 1861, 1873, n.d.
	Genealogical lists and data, 1959, n.d.
BOX 38-47 **REEL** 11-20	**Addition I: Correspondence, Military Orders, and Related Matter, 1836-1890, n.d.**
	Correspondence sent and received by Meigs with related printed matter, military orders and decrees, financial data, and official memoranda. The material is divided into a general file of papers sent and received and a letterbook file containing only copies of letters sent by Meigs.
	Arranged chronologically.
BOX 38 **REEL** 11**	General
	1836-1856
	(2 folders)
BOX 39 **REEL** 11-12**	1857-1861
	(10 folders)
BOX 40 **REEL** 12-13**	1862-1864
	(8 folders)
BOX 41 **REEL** 13**	1865-1868
	(7 folders)
BOX 42 **REEL** 13-14**	1869-1890, n.d.
	(7 folders)
	Letterbooks
	1867, letters from Europe
BOX 43	1879, Oct.-1881, June
BOX 44 **REEL** 15**	1881, June-1882, Mar.
BOX 45 **REEL** 16**	1883, Apr.-1884, Feb.
BOX 46 **REEL** 17**	1884
	Mar.-June
REEL 18**	June-Dec.
BOX 47	1884, Dec.-1885, June
REEL 19**	1885, June-Dec.

Container	*Contents*
REEL 20**	1889, June-1890
BOX 48-50 **REEL** 20-23	**Addition I: Miscellany, 1815-1971, n.d.**
	Biographical data; insurance, estate, and financial matter; specifications and contract material regarding the building of the Washington Aqueduct; drawings, sketches, and watercolors; house design data collected by Meigs; and miscellaneous photographs and printed matter.
	Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 48 **REEL** 20**	Biographical sketch and memorial record, 1892, n.d.
	Check stubs, 1854-1856
	Design for houses, 1867 *See Oversize*
	Drawings and sketches, 1835-1876, n.d. *See Oversize*
	Drawings and watercolors, 1835-1876, n.d. *See Oversize*
	(4 folders)
	Estate account book, 1892
	Estate of G. L. Meigs, 1894-1895, n.d.
	Insurance papers, 1846-1869, 1891-1901, n.d.
	Li cinque ordini di Architettura del Vignola (Milano, 1863)
	Military pay vouchers, 1867-1868
	Photographs, 1866-1870, n.d. *See also Oversize*
REEL 21**	Printed matter, 1815-1971 *See also Oversize*
BOX 49	Real estate, 1867-1886 *See also Oversize*
	(2 folders)
	Receipts from European trip, 1868
REEL 22**	Washington Aqueduct, Washington, D.C., specifications and contracts
	1857
BOX 50	1858
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	Oddments and fragments, 1855-1861, 1873, n.d.
BOX 51-52	**Addition II: Miscellany, 1846-1891, n.d.**
	An inscribed *Book of Common Prayer*, correspondence, poetry by John Rodgers Meigs, and translated texts of shorthand journals.
	Arranged alphabetically by title or type of material.
BOX 51	*Book of Common Prayer*, inscribed, 1845, 1861
	Correspondence, 1879, 1891
	Poem by John Rodgers Meigs, photocopy and typewritten transcript, ca. 1859-ca. 1863, n.d.
	Transcripts of shorthand journals, n.d.
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BOX OV1-OV10	**Addition II: Oversize, 1835-1885, n.d.**
	Drawings, watercolors, plans, photographs, maps, and printed matter, some of which were removed from bound volumes.
	Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed after filming. Some items from Addition I: Miscellany were filmed as separated oversize material rather than in their original locations.
BOX OV 1	Diaries, journals and notebooks
	Journals
	1857 (Container 10, Reel 13*)
	1860 (Container 12, Reel 15*)
	Correspondence, military orders, and related matter
	General, 1867, 1875 (Container 15, Reel 17*)
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	Account books, 1879 (Container 19, Reel 24*)
	Drawings, 1876-1879 (Container 21, Reel 25*)
BOX OV 2	Maps, 1864, 1882, 1889, n.d. (Container 22, Reel 25*)
	Printed matter
	Pamphlets, 1867, 1885, n.d. (Container 24, Reel 26*)
	Scrapbooks
	Pension Office building, Washington, D.C., 1882-1883 (Container 24, Reel 26*)
	War miscellany, 1861, n.d. (Container 24, Reel 26*)
BOX OV 3	Sketches, 1856-1860, n.d. (Container 25, Reel 27*)
	Addition I: Family papers
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	Other papers
	Report on First Battle of Bull Run, Va., 1861 (Container 27, Reel 2**)
	Meigs, Montgomery C. (1816-1892)
	Correspondence
	Meigs, Charles Delucena, 1861 (Container 31, Reel 5**)
	Meigs, Montgomery (1847-1931)
	Other papers
	Lecture book from Stuttgart Polytechnic, Stuttgart, Germany, 1867-1868 (Container 37, Reel 11**)
BOX OV 4-OV 6	Addition I: Miscellany
	Design for houses, 1867 (Container 48, Reel 23**)
BOX OV 7-OV 9	Drawings and sketches, 1835-1876, n.d. (Container 48, Reel 20 **)
	Drawings and watercolors, 1835-1876, n.d. (Container 48, Reels 20** and 23**)
BOX OV 10	Photographs, 1866-1870, n.d. (Container 48, Reels 20** and 23**)
	Printed matter, 1865 (Container 48, Reel 21**)
	Real estate, 1867, 1879 (Container 49, Reel 21**)