



Guide to the Richard L. Maury papers, 1824-1940 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Richard L. Maury papers, 1824-1940 and undated

Creator:

Maury, Richard L. (Richard Lancelot), 1840-1907

Abstract:

Confederate soldier and lawyer, of Richmond, Virginia. Collection comprises correspondence, diaries, journals, booklets, maps, bills and receipts, legal papers, genealogical material, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, and other records relating to Richard Maury's business and personal affairs, and the history of the Maury family. Includes material on his Civil War experiences, including a Civil War scrapbook, his attempt to establish a settlement of southerners in Mexico after the Civil War, life in Mexico and Nicaragua, Confederate veterans' views on prominent battles of the Civil War, and student life at the University of Virginia in the 1880s. Correspondents include his father, Matthew Fontaine Maury (1806-1873) and members of the Maury family.

Extent:

10.8 Linear Feet
Approx. 5731 Items

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

RL.00858

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection comprises the papers of Richard Lancelot Maury (1840-1907), his wife, Susan Gatewood (Crutchfield) Maury, and his son, Matthew Fontaine Maury III (b. 1863), and papers relating to many other members of the Maury family, including Richard L. Maury's father, Matthew Fontaine Maury (1806-1873). Correspondence contains letters written in 1824 by Dabney M. Herndon and his family, especially his daughter, Ann Hull Herndon, who became the wife of Matthew F. Maury (1806-1873); correspondence, 1856, 1858, 1860, of Matthew F. Maury concerning his investments in land in Minnesota; a few letters and papers of Richard L. Maury, Matthew F. Maury, and John H. Maury from the period of the Civil War, mainly concerning Richard's service with the 24th Virginia Regiment and John's experiences in Mississippi; copies of letters, 1865, of Matthew F. Maury concerning the post of "Imperial Commissioner of Colonization" which he accepted from Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico; and letters from 1865 to 1868 describing life in Mexico and Nicaragua.

Later correspondence includes letters, 1881 to 1885, from Matthew F. Maury III (b. 1863), as a student at the University of Virginia and at the Columbian University Law Department in Washington, D.C.; letters, 1886, of Matthew F. Maury III, while on a European tour, correspondence of the law firm of Richard L. Maury and Matthew F. Maury III; correspondence of Richard L. Maury with Civil War veterans concerning battles in which he fought, and letters pertaining to Confederate veterans' organizations; and letters relating to Huguenot ancestors.

Legal papers contain land deeds of various members of the Maury family; Mexican land grants and legal papers; papers related to legal cases involving the Universal Life Insurance Company of New York and Eugenia M. Horde v. Wheeling Lands; survey reports and maps; and the wills of Matthew F. Maury and Richard L. Maury. Financial papers include records of Maury and Letcher, 1869-1874; papers concerning the financial affairs of C. W. Maury and Company, New York stockbrokers Richard L. Maury, 1873-1907; and financial records of Matthew F. Maury.

Collection also contains genealogical material on the Maury family and several related families, and a history of the Maury family by Richard L. Maury; a number of Confederate bonds; school reports of Matthew F. Maury III; clippings, published speeches, and pamphlets, for the most part dealing with the Civil War, including Richard L. Maury's "In Memoriam", a tribute to Matthew F. Maury; journal from 1886 of the European tour of Matthew F. Maury III; a notebook of Matthew F. Maury III on the sermons of Dr. Charles Minnigerode of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia; the journal of Richard

L. Maury kept while on a trip to London, England, 1873; expense account for European trips taken by Richard L. Maury's family, 1890, 1892; Richard L. Maury's expense accounts, 1869-1907; diary of Richard L. Maury, 1866-1867; diary of Ann Maury, 1889; and a scrapbook of clippings, 1861-1865, mainly from the Richmond Enquirer and the Richmond Whig, concerning the Civil War.

Biographical/Historical

Richard Lancelot Maury was a white Confederate soldier originally from Fredericksburg, Va. Following the Civil War, he served as Mexican Commissioner of Immigration before settling in Richmond, Va., where he worked as a lawyer.

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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

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Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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- Maury, Matthew Fontaine, 1806-1873
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Collection Inventory

Richard L. Maury Papers, 1824-1940 and undated

Physical Description: 27 boxes

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