United States Finance Collection

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Collection Summary

Title: United States Finance Collection
Span Dates: 1761-1908
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1793-1873)
ID No.: MSS20545
Extent: 2,500 items; 10 containers plus 4 oversize; 5 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: Correspondence, bond payments, claims against the federal government and the Bank of the United States, French and Spanish indemnity payments, indentures, miscellaneous state and federal legal items, statements of accounts, consulate reports, United States lottery drawings, and other state and federal financial documents.

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
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Correspondence.
Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804--Correspondence.
Hayes, Rutherford Birchard, 1822-1893--Correspondence.
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849--Correspondence.

Organizations
Bank of the United States (1791-1811)
Bank of the United States (1816-1836)
New York (State). Supreme Court of Judicature.
New York (State). Supreme Court.

Subjects
Aliens--United States.
Bonds--United States.
Debts, Public--United States.
Diplomatic and consular service, American.
Finance, Public--United States.
French spoliation claims.
Law--New York (State)
Law--Wyoming.
Lotteries--United States.
Power of attorney--United States.

Places
United States--Claims vs. France.
United States--Claims vs. Spain.
United States--Claims.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The United States Finance Collection was acquired by exchange, gift, purchase, and transfer, 1910-1937.

Processing History

The United States Finance Collection was arranged and described in 1970. The collection was revised in 2008, and a new finding aid created in 2011.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, United States Finance Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The United States Finance Collection spans the period 1761-1908, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1793-1873. It consists of a broad array of miscellaneous financial and legal material including correspondence; bond payments; claims against the federal government and the Bank of the United States; French and Spanish indemnity payments; indentures; items relating to New York Supreme Court cases; proposed laws for Wyoming Territory, 1870; state marshal reports of “alien enemies who have reported themselves,” 1812-1814; state power of attorney authorizations; statements of accounts; invoices; United States consulate reports; United States lottery drawings, 1779; and other material. Included are letters signed by Ulysses S. Grant, Alexander Hamilton, Rutherford B. Hayes, and James K. Polk.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized chronologically with oversize volumes relating to United States lottery drawings, 1779, filed at the end.

Container List

Container	*Contents*
BOX 1	1761-1799 *See also Oversize*
	(17 folders)
BOX 2	1800-1812
	(15 folders)
BOX 3	1812-1813
	(6 folders)
BOX 4	1813-1817
	(7 folders)
BOX 5	1818-1835
	(18 folders)
BOX 6	1836
	(12 folders)
BOX 7	1837-1838
	(12 folders)
BOX 8	1839-1849
	(15 folders)
BOX 9	1850-1859
	(10 folders)
BOX 10	1860-1908, undated
	(19 folders)
BOX OV 1	Oversize, U. S. lottery drawings, 1779 (Container 1)
	(1 vol.)
BOX OV 2	(1 vol.)
BOX OV 3	(1 vol.)
BOX OV 4	(1 vol.)