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Scope and Content

31 manuscript volumes and ca. 1400 manuscripts of the Nourse family of Weston, Herfordshire, England; Berkeley County, W. Va.; Washington, D.C.; and Weston, Fauquier County, Va.; and of related Bull and Morris families.

The collection includes: letters, account books, commonplace books, day books, notebooks, ledgers, maps, music, newspaper clippings, sermons, recipe book, journals, and other family records.

The diary, 1846, 1850-1851, of James Burn Nourse describes an overland journey west, voyage around Cape Horn on the U.S. sloop of war "Preble", and his experiences in the California gold rush.

Ledgers, 1844-1848, record operations of a foundry, possibly the West Point Foundry, West Point, N.Y.

Ledgers of Joseph Nourse and letters to his wife, Maria Bull Nourse and his son, Charles Josephus Nourse chiefly relate to American finance during the Revolutionary and Confederation periods, his work as Register of the Treasury, campaigns in the War of 1812, the administration of the U.S. Army, 1819-1829, the effect of Jackson's spoils system; and to the Washington political and social scene and include mentions of James and Dolley Madison.

Letters of Charles Josephus Nourse to his wife, Rebecca Morris Nourse and others, describe life in London where he had been sent by Madison, the War of 1812, military actions, and Indian removals.

Letters from Anthony Morris to his children describe his life as an unofficial diplomat in Spanish society, his travels in Spain and personal matters.

In addition the papers contain correspondence of other family members.

Individual items of interest include a 1780 broadside regarding General Lafayette's orders regarding the proposed invasion of Canada, a note regarding entertainment for General Lafayette, and James Barbour's map of Washington, D.C.; a dinner invitation from George Washington; two dinner invitations from James Madison; three pieces of colonial Maryland currency, 1775-1776.

Correspondents include Nicholas Biddle, John C. Calhoun, Sir Augustus John Foster, Sam Houston, Joel Poinsett, Richard Rush, and Winfield Scott.

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