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Guide to the

George Chalmers papers

1773-1812

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Summary

Creator: Chalmers, George, 1742-1825

Title: George Chalmers papers

Date: 1773-1812

Size: .2 linear feet (1 oversized folder, 1 folder)

Source: Various gifts and purchases.

Abstract: George Chalmers (1742-1825) was a Scottish antiquarian and political writer. The papers include a notebook kept by Chalmers in the 1770s with notes on the American Colonies; several letters from Chalmers to various parties; a fragmentary manuscript draft of "Reflections on the Sinking Fund," and a treatise titled A Remedy Proposed for the Evil of Emigration, with related research notes and drafts.

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Creator History

George Chalmers (1742-1825) was a Scottish antiquarian and political writer. He resided briefly in America, but his Royalist sentiments prompted his return to Scotland, where he was appointed chief clerk to the committee of the Privy Council. His works include histories of the American Colonies and of Scotland, an examination of the contested authorship of Shakespeare's plays, a commissioned biographies of Thomas Paine and Daniel Defoe, and various political works.

Custodial History

Some material originally from the Ford collection.

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

Emigration and immigration -- Great Britain

Geographic Names

Great Britain -- Politics and government -- 1760-1789

United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775

Occupations

Historians

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Notebooks