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Guide to the

**James Greenleaf papers**

1788-1841

MssCol 4425

## Summary

**Creator:** Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843

**Title:** James Greenleaf papers

**Date:** 1788-1841

**Size:** .2 linear feet (2 folders)

**Abstract:** Correspondence and land papers of American land speculator James Greenleaf. Correspondence dates from 1788 to 1834, with no letters present for the period of 1800 to 1804. Letters are incoming, and almost exclusively concern Greenleaf's real property ventures, including his investments in Washington, D. C., with partners Robert Morris and John Nicholson, and his subsequent financial troubles. Predominant correspondents are Daniel Carroll of Duddington; Thomas Law; William Cranch; and Thomas Munroe. Land papers include legal material relating to District of Columbia lands (1794-1841), deeds to Robert Morris (1796-1797), and assignments to William Cranch (1797 and 1803)

**Physical Location:** MssCol 4425

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**Related Materials:**

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## Custodial History

Originally received as part of the Ford collection.

## Key Terms

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Deeds

Land grants

Legal documents

**Subjects**

Land speculation -- Washington (D.C.)

Real estate investment -- Washington (D.C.)

**Occupations**

Landowners

**Geographic Names**

Washington (D.C.) -- History

**Names**

Carroll, Daniel, 1764-1849

Cranch, William, 1769-1855

Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843

Law, Thomas, 1756-1834

Munroe, Thomas, -1852

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