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Guide to the

James Greenleaf papers

1788-1841

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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)

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Custodial History

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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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