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Guide to the

Callister family papers

approximately 1741-1788

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Summary

Creator: Callister family

Title: Callister family papers

Date: approximately 1741-1788

Size: 5 volumes (in one carton)

Abstract: Correspondence, business records, and miscellaneous manuscripts of members of the Callister family, chiefly Henry Callister, merchant (ca. 1716-ca. 1768) and his wife, Sarah Trippe Callister (1731-1805), including items about Mrs. Callister's schools for girls in Chestertown and Baltimore (1783-1788). Henry Callister came to Maryland as factor for Foster Cunliffe Sons, of Liverpool, England, and was resident at Oxford, Talbot County, and "Townside", an estate in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, Md. Original manuscripts have not been counted, but photostatic reproductions fill 869 pages, plus an index volume. They contain a wealth of information concerning economic, mercantile, political, social, and cultural conditions on the Eastern Shore during the period, and include correspondence with persons in Great Britain; with Rev. Thomas Bacon (came to Maryland, 1745, d. 1768), compiler of The Laws of Maryland, organizer of the first charity school in the British colonies, and a pioneer in relations with the African American population; with Robert Morris, merchant of Talbot County, and his son, Robert Morris, Jr. (1734-1806), financier of the American Revolution; and with members of the Bolton, Bordley, Comegys, Earle, Eccleston, Goldsborough, Ridout, Gordon, Hesselius, Hollyday, Lloyd, Ringgold, Wright, and many other Maryland families.

Access: Advance notice required.

Location of Originals: Originals held by the Archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, Episcopal Diocesan Center, Baltimore, Md.

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Language of the Material: Materials in English

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

Agriculture -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)
Girls -- Education -- Maryland -- Baltimore
Girls -- Education -- Maryland -- Chestertown
Merchants -- Great Britain -- Correspondence
Merchants -- Maryland -- Correspondence
Schools -- Maryland -- Baltimore
Schools -- Maryland -- Chestertown

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Business records -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)
Family papers -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)

Occupations

Commission merchants -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)
Plantation owners -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)

Geographic Names

Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- Commerce -- Great Britain
Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- History -- 18th century
Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- Politics and government -- 18th century
Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.) -- Social life and customs -- 18th century
Great Britain -- Commerce -- Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)

Names

Bacon, Thomas, approximately 1700-1768
Callister, Henry, approximately 1716-approximately 1768
Callister, Sarah Trippe, 1731-1805
Morris, Robert, 1710 or 1711-1750
Morris, Robert, 1734-1806
Bolton family
Bordley family
Callister family

Comegys family
Earle family
Eccleston family
Eggleston family
Goldsborough family
Gordon family
Hesselius family
Holliday family
Hollyday family
Lloyd family
Ridout family
Ringgold family
Wright family
Foster Cunliffe & Sons (Liverpool, England)