Summary

Creator: Daly, Charles P. (Charles Patrick), 1816-1899

Title: Charles P. Daly papers, 1829-1897

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Creator history

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Arrangement
The Charles P. Daly papers are organized into the following series:

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   Legal Cases
   Writings
   Scrapbooks
   Diaries and Notebooks

II. Maria Lydig Daly and Lydig Family Papers
   Correspondence, 1856-1897
   Accounts, 1883-1905
   Land Papers, undated
   Diaries
   Cash Book, 1869-1871
   Estate Account Book, 1872-1883

III. Paul du Chaillu

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Irish Americans
Jews -- New York (State) -- New York
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Daly, Charles P. (Charles Patrick), 1816-1899
Daly, Maria Lydig.
Du Chaillu, Paul B. (Paul Belloni), 1835-1903
Hoyt, Henry Reese.
Lydig, Philip Mesier.

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United States -- Description and travel
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
Container list

I. Charles P. Daly
Includes correspondence, legal papers, scrapbooks, writings, and notebooks and diaries.

Correspondence
Correspondence relates to Daly's military service, land transactions, promotion of emigration, lawsuits against U.S. government for the loss of cotton during the Civil War, and the social, legal, and political mores of New York City.

b.1 1829-1843
b.2 1844-1859
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Legal Cases
Legal papers document some of Daly's more significant cases, but is not inclusive of his career.

Writings
Includes manuscripts of addresses, lectures, and writings on law, judicial history, the Jews of New York City, Irish-Americans, and numerous other subjects

b.9 box 9
b.10 box 10

Scrapbooks
Personal scrapbooks contain clippings from newspapers and magazines and include such topics as New York city events and public figures, geography, obituary notices, contemporary events, and matters of personal interest selected by Daly. Legal scrapbooks contain reviews, criticisms, speeches, clippings about the courts, judges, and lawyers.

Personal, 1839-1897

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Personal, 1839-1897 (cont.)

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Legal scrapbooks, 1855-1888

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- v.19 Volume E
- v.20 Volume F
- v.21 Volume G


Diaries and Notebooks

Diaries and notebooks detail Daly’s travels in the U.S., Ireland, France, England, and Germany

- v.22 Notebook on James Kent, 1864
- v.23 Diary of Trip to Ireland, 1874
- v.23 Diary, undated
- v.23 Notebook on England, undated
- v.24 Diary of Tour Through Europe With Maria Daly, 1881

II. Maria Lydig Daly and Lydig Family Papers

Contains material predominantly relating to Maria Daly, wife of Charles P. Daly, and her father, Philip Mesier Lydig, including correspondence, land papers, accounts, and estate documents

b.11 Correspondence, 1856-1897

Includes letters reflecting Maria Daly’s relief work during the Civil War, and other charitable activities

b.11 Accounts, 1883-1905

Includes accounts of Henry Hoyt, Daly’s law partner

b.11 Land Papers, undated

Relate to land owned by the Daly and Lydig families

Diaries

Diaries dating from the Civil War have been published as *Diary of a Union lady, 1861-1865*. This material is also available on microfilm

- v.25 1861-1862
- v.26 1862-1863
- v.27 1863-1878 (Available on microfilm)
- v.28 1878-1895
II. Maria Lydig Daly and Lydig Family Papers (cont.)

v.29  Cash Book, 1869-1871
      Belonged to Philip Mesier Lydig (1799-1872), father of Maria Lydig Daly

v.30  Estate Account Book, 1872-1883 (For the estate of Philip Mesier Lydig)

b.12  III. Paul du Chaillu
      Includes correspondence with the Dalys, Harper Bros., and Charles Scribner’s, as well as a few personal papers and royalty statements