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Guide to the
Charles P. Daly papers
1829-1897
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Summary

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

Title: Charles P. Daly papers, 1829-1897

Size: 17.66 linear feet (12 boxes, 32 volumes)

Source: Donated by Mrs. Henry E. Hoyt, 1938, 1939, and 1952; and by the Oregon Historical Society, 1975.

Abstract: Charles Patrick Daly (1816-1899) was an American jurist, lecturer and writer who served as a judge of the New York City Court of Common Pleas for over forty years, the last twenty-seven as chief justice. Maria Lydig Daly, his wife, was active in the Democratic Party and various welfare organizations of the Civil War period. Her diaries of this period were published in 1962 under the title: *Diary of a Union Lady, 1861-1865*. Papers include correspondence; legal papers; writings and lectures; personal and legal scrapbooks; and diaries and notebooks. Also included are papers belonging to Maria Daly, wife of Charles P. Daly; of her father, Philip Mesier Lydig; and some letters and accounts of the French-born author and explorer Paul du Chaillu

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Creator history

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Scope and content note

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Arrangement

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

- I. Charles P. Daly
 - Correspondence
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 - Diaries and Notebooks
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 - Correspondence, 1856-1897
 - Accounts, 1883-1905
 - Land Papers, undated
 - Diaries
 - Cash Book, 1869-1871
 - Estate Account Book, 1872-1883
- III. Paul du Chaillu

Key terms

Subjects

Charities -- United States
Courts -- New York (State) -- New York
Irish Americans
Jews -- New York (State) -- New York
Law -- History

Names

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

Special formats

Diaries
Scrapbooks

Occupations

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Places

Europe -- Description and travel
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New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government -- To 1898
New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs
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
- b.3 1860-1863
- b.4 1864-1871
- b.5 1872-1881
- b.6 1882-1893
- b.7 1894-1897

b.8 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

- v.1 1839-1861
- v.2 1847-1862
- v.3 1862-1864
- v.4 1863-1866
- v.4a 1864-1892
- v.5 1866-1873
- v.6 1872-1876
- v.7 1877-1879
- v.7a 1879-1883
- v.8 1880-1884
- v.9 1880-1884
- v.10 1884-1885
- v.11 1885-1887
- v.12 1887-1891

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Scrapbooks (cont.)

Personal , 1839-1897 (cont.)

v.13 1891-1894

v.14 1892-1897

Legal scrapbooks, 1855-1888

v.15 Volume A

v.16 Volume B

v.17 Volume C

v.18 Volume D

v.19 Volume E

v.20 Volume F

v.21 Volume G

Trial of the Astor Place Rioters, N. Y. Sessions. 12-28 September, 1849, with the charge to the Grand Jury, Sept. 3rd, 1849. Includes contemporaneous newspaper criticism, "secret history of the riot," and miscellaneous related clippings.

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