

Guide to the W. Cameron Caswell and John Marshall Holcombe, Jr. Collection

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Collection Overview

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TITLE: W. Cameron Caswell and John Marshall Holcombe, Jr. collection

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of correspondence and legal documents bearing the signatures of United States presidents, vice-presidents, cabinet members, and other historical figures. Portraits and photographs of the presidents complete the collection.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

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