

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: MONTGOMERY, Robert Hiester (1872-1953)-- Accountancy Manuscripts

SOURCE: Gift - Colonel Robert H. Montgomery, 1924

SUBJECT: account books and other business records

DATES COVERED: ca. 1300 - 1941 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 1175 vols.

STATUS: (check appropriate description)

Cataloged: X Listed: Arranged: Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)

Bound: 1154 v. Boxed: Stored: Vault (Stack 14)

LOCATION: (Library) Rare Book and Manuscript CALL-NUMBER Montgomery Ms.

RESTRICTIONS ON USE

DESCRIPTION:

A collection of manuscript account books and documents which illustrates and documents the history of accounting and business procedures from the 14th into the 20th century. There are well over 1000 volumes and documents in this collection, arranged in chronological order. The earliest item is Ms. 12, a Papal bull relating to notaries and appointing Julius de Santilibus as a notary; the latest is an invoice book from 1941. The types of volumes contained in this collection include instruction books, ledgers, waste books, journals, bank books, ledgers, receipt books, storage books, invoice books, registers, ships' logs, letterbooks, diaries, town books, tax roll books, articles of agreement, bills of sale, deeds, wills, and many other significant items. The material originated in many countries around the globe, and represents a range of business and occupations from household to trading company (e.g., English and French East India Company volumes), and from itinerant laborer to lawyer and physician. The majority of the Manuscripts are English and American, of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The earliest American account is Ms. 75, 1690-1720, Josiah Winslow, Plymouth, Mass. Also in the collection are the household accounts of Edward III, King of England, an account of the expenses of Louis XIV of France for maintaining his armies in southern France and northern Italy during the period 1691-1697, and the accounts of the von Moscha banking family of Pisa, beginning in 1322. There are several multivolume manuscripts, such as Ms. 1, the Belasuse family, 1577-1740 (23v.); Ms. 239, the accounts of the John H. ... coal mining firm, 1795-1850 (71v.); and the Heilner coal company, 1874-1911 (Ms. 682, 46v.). Other accounts include those of John

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Waxson, 1800, in which are detailed his dealings with leading artists and architects, the Villiers manuscript (Ms. 65) which relates to the second Duke of Buckingham, and a number of manuscripts pertaining to the British Chequer. A majority of the American Manuscripts are from New England and New York State and concern general stores, thus giving a significant insight into everyday life in the area and period; other accounts relate to places as far away as Alabama and California. Many of the manuscripts have a bearing on the social and political history of Europe and the Americas.

There is a separate ^{dictionary} card catalog in the ~~Rare Book~~ Room ⁶⁵⁴ for this collection. The manuscripts are cataloged by personal or corporate name. Where no individual governmental unit, firm etc. could be identified, the manuscripts were cataloged by place name. For a chronological approach to the collection, please use the shelflist which, with few exceptions, is arranged in chronological order.

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