

Summary Information

Repository	Library Company of Philadelphia
Creator	Read, John Meredith, 1797-1874
Creator	Read, John Meredith, 1837-1896
Creator	Read, John, 1769-1854
Creator	Read
Title	Read family papers
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1792-1896
Date [inclusive]	1736-1896
Extent	70.0 Linear feet
General Physical Description note	
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Read family consistently played an important role in American government and politics from the time that George Read, a Delaware resident, signed the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Throughout the 17th to 19th centuries, the Reads served as lawyers, judges, politicians, generals, consul-generals and foreign ministers. This collection contains the papers of four generations of the Read family of Philadelphia, consisting of John Read, Judge John Meredith Read, General John Meredith Read, and Harmon Pumpelly Read. The materials date from 1736 to 1896, with the bulk dating from 1792 to 1896, and include</p>