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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1844-ca. 1930

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains a ledger maintained by the United States Hotel of Frederick Town, Maryland, later used as a scrapbook documenting national and international personalities and events.

Creator

United States Hotel (Frederick Town, Maryland)

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

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Administrative History

Built before 1841, the United States Hotel stood on Market Street in Frederick Town, Maryland. The hotel had 50 rooms and during the American Civil War would serve as a hospital for wounded soldiers. The hotel continued to operate as late as 1872 but was later abandoned and had been destroyed by fire by 1919.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single ledger maintained by the United States Hotel of Frederick Town, Maryland. Only seven of the ledger's pages (documenting guests' lodging, meal, and livery charges) remain legible. The text of the remainder of the ledger is obscured by glued-in newspaper clippings, the ledger having been used as a clippings scrapbook. The clippings, dating ca. 1898-1930, do not have a central theme but instead cover a diverse range of national and international personalities and events that the unidentified clipper seems to have found interesting or amusing.

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Ledger

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