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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Federico Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0298
<b>Date:</b>	1789-1841.
<b>Creator:</b>	Federico, P. J.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Federico.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Office of the Director, March 17, 1988.

### Processing Information

Processed by Grace M. Angle, volunteer, 1988, supervised by Archives Center, NMAH staff.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

P.J. Federico worked at the Patent Office for many years and was also its unofficial historian and editor of the "Journal of the Patent Office Society." The papers in the two notebooks relate to the early history of the Patent Office and charges of misfinance against superintendents of the office by William Elliot and his son William Parker Elliot.

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## Scope and Contents

Two notebooks: One is marked "Patent Office" and contains materials 1789-1841, relating to the Patent Office's early years and copies of official reports to the Congress. The second notebook is marked "Elliot" and consists mainly of the Elliot controversies.

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## Arrangement

Collection is divided into two series.

Series 1: Patent Office, 1789-1841

Series 2: Elliots, 1822-1936

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Legal History, U.S.
- Patents
- Political History, U.S.

Types of Materials:

- Papers

Names:

- Elliot, William
- Elliot, William Parker
- Thornton, William, Dr.
- United States. Patent Office.