Large-Scale Manuscript Digitization in a Medium-Sized Institution

For an LSTA-funded project, UNC Charlotte is digitizing several manuscript collections nearly in their entirety, creating folder-level digital objects and repurposing finding-aid descriptive data rather than creating new object-level metadata. Because these hierarchically-organized collections are being accessed in discovery systems designed for more flat structures, we strategically configured and placed metadata fields to maximize the extent to which the object-level metadata reflects the structure of the collection. The collection illustrated here included a large number of legal documents.

Digital Public Library of America display (detail): Description that includes both series-level and collection-level scope and content notes provides needed context for the document.

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