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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Historical Collections and Labor Archives
Title: Autographs Collection, 1682-1972
Accession number: 1988-0053H
Extent: .45 cubic feet
Repository: Pennsylvania State University, University Libraries, Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Access

Unrestricted access.

Preferred Citation

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Arrangement

The collection is organized into three series: Correspondence, Documents, and Portraits.

The collection is arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Content

The collection contains engraved portraits, letters, and autographic documents by notable American, French, and European politicians, presidents, and military leaders.

Index Terms

These materials are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Pennsylvania State University. Researchers wishing to find related materials should search the catalog under these index terms.

Topical Subjects

Politicians -- United States -- 19th century

Politicians -- United States -- 20th century

Presidents -- United States -- 19th century

Geographic Subjects

United States -- Armed Forces -- Officers

Form/Genre Terms

Engravings

Letters (correspondence)

Container List

Correspondence Series

Correspondence, 1682-1972.

Box 1

Folder 01

Alfred, Duke of Saxe-Coburg (1844-1900) 1899/02/03

Duke of Saxe-Coburg.

ALS to Lady Northfield thanking her for congratulations on his wedding anniversary.

Box 1

Folder 02

Anderson, James 1856/11/15; 1865/09/05

Confederate ship captain.

ALS, 1856, to A.A. Lowe, President of the New York Chamber of Commerce, informing him that he will be unable to attend a banquet for Cyrus Field on the occasion of laying the trans-Atlantic cable; ALS to Mr. Bain, 1865, informing him that ship's business will prevent him from seeing Bain..

Box 1

Folder 03

Austin, James T. and Samuel Hoar 1826/02/27

U.S. Senators from Massachusetts.

ALS to Samuel Hoar and Hoar's ALS reply regarding a bill up for vote in the Senate.

Box 1

Folder 04

Beecher, Henry Ward (1813-1887) 1865/04/04

Abolitionist and author.

ALS from Brooklyn regarding a steamship schedule.

Box 1

Folder 05

Biddle, Nicholas (1786-1844) 1829/01/05

President, U.S. Bank.

ALS to Senator Samuel Smith regarding Smith's inquiry into bank accounts of nominees for Director of the U.S. Bank. Biddle refuses his request.

Box 1

Folder 06

Booth, Ballington (1859-1940) undated

Salvation Army Commander.

Autograph card.

Box 1

Folder 08

Calthorpe, 6th Baron Of (1829-1910) 1867/11/22

British High Sheriff.

ALS to William Ackroyd including a payment of 33.2.4.

Box 1

Folder 09

Church, Frank 1972/08/14

U.S. Senator from Idaho.

TLS to Nelson Rimensnyder.

Box 1

Folder 10

Clarke, Sir G.R. 1926/03/30

Postmaster of India.

ALS regarding a friend's illness.

Box 1

Folder 11

Clay, Henry (1777-1852) undated

Politician/Statesman.

Autograph card.

Box 1

Folder 12

Coles, Cowper Phillips (1819-1870) 1861/05/03

Engineer.

ALS explaining his invention of a shielded gun boat which sank and killed him and his crew in 1870.

Box 1

Folder 13

Coxe, Tench (1755-1824) 1788; 1814/08/10

Continental Congressman.

ALS to Dr. J. Anderson regarding unpaid taxes and agriculture in Forrest (now Bedford) County, Pa.. With typed transcription; printed pamphlet, *An Examination of the Constitution...*, 1788, by Tench Coxe.

Box 1

Folder 14

Curtis, George William (1824-1892) 1871/01/14

Author.

ALS regarding an offensive remark he made during a lecture.

Box 1

Folder 15

Dickinson, John (1732-1808) 1808/07/17

American Patriot.

ALS to Edward Thursby regarding land titles and interloping suits.

Box 1

Folder 16

Dickons, Maria (circa 1774-1833) 1821/12/24

Opera Singer.

ALS to Miss Gascoigne about seeing her when she comes to Paris.

Box 1

Folder 17

Dix, John Adams (1798-1879) 1861/01/29

U.S. Secretary of the Treasury under Abraham Lincoln.

TL to Lt. Caldwell telling him to arrest Capt. Breshwood and assume command of the "Cutter." Possibly an attempted defection to the Confederacy.

Box 1

Folder 18

Elliot, Anne, Lady circa 1860

Wife of Sir Henry Elliot, British Ambassador at Constantinople.

ALS to Mr. Hughes forwarding a memorandum [not extant] with Mr. Rattray's grievances.

Box 1

Folder 19

Frederick, Adolphus (1774-1850) 1807/07

Duke of Cambridge.

ALS. announcing his intent to visit.

Box 1

Folder 20

Frederick William III (1770-1840) 1817

King of Prussia.

ALS regarding his selection of an "Int. Librarian" for the "University."

Box 1

Folder 21

Gibbons, James Cardinal (1834-1921) undated

Founder, Catholic University.

Autograph card.

Box 1

Folder 22

Grimthorpe, 2nd Baron (1856-1917) 1915/03/02

Banker.
ALS to Clark Kennedy regarding business matters.
Box 1
Folder 23
Hamilton, Andrew 1748/10/27
Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania.
ALS to Sheriff of Philadelphia subpoenaing Robert Haisselot.
Box 1
Folder 24
Holland, Henry Thurston, Sir (1825-) 1881/03/20
M.P. for Godalming.
ALS to Mr. Fisher soliciting a contribution to a building fund.
Box 1
Folder 26
Leveson-Gower (1872-) 1934/03/27
3rd Earl of Granville/Ambassador.
ALS to Ian Malcolm thanking him for sending his condolences on the death of the Earl's wife.
Box 1
Folder 27
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth (1807-1882) undated
American Poet.
Autograph card (includes six other autographs).
Box 1
Folder 28
Malcolm, P.B. (1760-1838) 1815/08/09
British Rear Admiral.
ALS to Sir Hudson Lowe regarding journals. [1815 watermark]
Box 1
Folder 29
Martin, John G. 1838/02/05
Judge.
ALS to Senator Barclay of Pennsylvania commenting on the weather and politics.
Box 1
Folder 30
Mary, Princess n.y./04/14
Duchess of Gloucester.
ALS to Mrs. Planta.
Box 1
Folder 31
Mattei, Mario 1860/03/26
Cardinal.
ALS to Pope Pius IX requesting an audience for a friend. In Italian.
Box 1
Folder 32
McDonald, John (1815-1891) 1875/03/23
Prime Minister of Canada.
ALS to Reynolds concerning McDonald's failure to keep an engagement with his son.
Box 1

Folder 33

McKean, Joseph (1764-1826) 1791/02/06

Attorney General of Pennsylvania.

ALS to Charles Smith concerning land rights.

Box 1

Folder 34

Macnaghten, 1st Baron (1830-1913) 1902/04/27

Judge.

ALS to W. Underhill regarding various books.

Box 1

Folder 35

Moore, George Henry (1823-1892) 1876/05/06

Historian.

ALS to John B. Linn thanking him for copies of the archives intended to be distributed to various libraries, and sending him a pamphlet on the local history of New York City [not extant].

Box 1

Folder 38

Norfolk, Duke of (1847-1917) 1898/04/15

5th Duke of Norfolk.

ALS to George Manners inviting him to bring his friends to show them the Duke's house being remodeled.

Box 1

Folder 40

Peel, Robert (1822-1895) 1883/11/23

British Prime Minister.

ALS to Lord Granville containing news from Parliament.

Box 1

Folder 43

Peters, Richard Jr. (1780-1848) 1824/02/05

Politician.

ALS to Pennsylvania Congressman Williams regarding the new Lycoming Road.

Box 1

Folder 44

Pierce, Franklin (1804-1869) 1847/05/11

U.S. President.

ALS to J.Y. Mason, Secretary of the Navy, appointing a T.W. Hatch as Assistant Surgeon in the Navy.

Box 1

Folder 45

Pinchot, Gifford (1865-1946) 1924/01/28

Governor of Pennsylvania.

TLS to H.O. Bishop regarding an article on Abraham Lincoln.

Box 1

Folder 46

Ramsey, Sir George (1800-1871) 1838/03/20

Philosopher.

ALS to Mr. Wilson concerning a book by John Gelerdale.

Box 1

Folder 47

Reed, Thomas B. (1839-1902) 1890/06/27

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

ALS to General Lloyd Bryce thanking him for notifying him of a critical article to be printed.

Box 1

Folder 48

Roosevelt, Franklin Jr. 1961/11/08

U.S. Congressman from New York.

Autograph on Pennsylvania Livestock Exhibition card.

Box 1

Folder 49

Rush, Benjamin (1745-1813) 1799/11/22

American Patriot.

ALS to Dr. Anderson regarding land Rush owns in Bedford County, Pa.

Box 1

Folder 50

Russell, Lord John (1792-1878) 1861/06/18

British Prime Minister.

ALS to Joseph Parker regarding his amusement that an unidentified Confederate States of America high official believes that the English have recognized the Confederacy and are going to blockard the Union ports.

Box 1

Folder 51

Smith, Charles Emory (1842-1908) 1864/04/30

Minister to Russia.

ALS to Charley recommending a college for his son.

Box 1

Folder 52

Smyth, H. Warington (1867-1943) 1907/06/21

Secretary of Mines, South Africa

ALS to Adams directing him to R.J. Mure to answer his question about the Rutherford Memorial.

Box 1

Folder 53

Spencer, Ambrose (1765-1848) 1826/06/07

Judge/U.S. Congressman.

ALS to Hon. Daniel Jones regarding a trial.

Box 1

Folder 54

Stefansson, Vihjalmur (1879-1962) 1956/06/10

Arctic Explorer.

Autograph card.

Box 1

Folder 55

Stevens, Thaddeus (1792-1868) 1837/10/30; 1859/11

U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania/Abolitionist.

ALS to S.M. Barclay, 1837, asking for support of appointment of David Middlecoff as Clerk to the Senate; ALS to S. Calvin concerning the upcoming Republican Convention.

Box 1
Folder 59
Tilgham, William (1756-827) 1806/07/17
U.S. Supreme Court Justice.
ALS to Jasper Yeates concerning a court recess schedule.

Box 1
Folder 61
Victoria Mary 1893/07/20
Daughter of Victoria II.
ALS to Lady Harrowly thanking her for a gift from the Society for Promoting Female Welfare.

Box 1
Folder 62
Washington, Lawrence Augustine (1776-1824) 1813/03/17
Nephew of George Washington.
ALS to the cashier of the Bank of Pennsylvania authorizing Henry St. George Tucker to deposit \$265 to Washington's credit.

Box 1
Folder 63
Welles, Gideon (1802-1878) 1860-1865
U.S. Secretary of the Navy under Abraham Lincoln.
Three letters: ALS, 12 August 1860, to his brother telling him of his vacation; ALS to John P. Hale, 2 February 1863, informing him to purchase Seavey Island [York County, Maine, site of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard]; ALS to Brigadier General L.C. Baker, Chief of Secret Service, 20 October 1865, concerning the trial of Captain Henry H. Scheetz.

Box 1
Folder 64
Wellesley, Arthur (1769-1853) 1835/09/14
Duke of Wellington/British Commander in Chief at Waterloo.
ALS to Vice Admiral Page regarding a meeting.

Box 1
Folder 65
Wilmot, David (1814-1868) 1847-1858
U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania.
Eight letters, one envelope, seven typed transcriptions: seven ALS to U. Mercer, 1847-1851, concerning politics; one ALS, 10 June 1858, to Charles Lanman giving him biographical information.

Box 1
Folder 66
Miscellaneous autograph fragments 1682-1902, undated

Box 1
Folder 67
Miscellaneous letters 1854-1899, undated

Documents Series

Documents, 1689-1914.
Box 1
Folder 07

Borie, Adolph Edward (1809-1880) 1860s
U.S. Secretary of the Navy under Abraham Lincoln.
DS contribution of \$200 to the Republican Party of Virginia.
Box 1
Folder 15
Dickinson, John (1732-1808) 1785/05/17
American Patriot.
ADS land survey, Philadelphia.
Box 1
Folder 17
Fox, Charles 1705/05/01
Reformer.
ADS to Henry Furness assigning Furness a parcel of land.
Box 1
Folder 25
Jefferson, Thomas (1743-1826) undated
ADS petition received from Northampton County, Pa.
Box 1
Folder 36
Napoleon I (1769-1821) 1815/06/06
Emperor of France.
Transcript of a conversation Napoleon had with the mayor of Gap shortly after Napoleon returned from Elba to reclaim the throne. Napoleon asks for public reaction to his return and discusses his plans upon his impending arrival in Paris.
Box 1
Folder 37
Nicholson, John (1757-1800) 1796/04/07
Pennsylvania Assemblyman.
DS expense account receipt for Jonathan Hoges.
Box 1
Folder 63 [Welles]
Parker, Isaac Brown (1783-1865) 1865/09/14
Bookseller at Carlisle, Pa.
AD final settlement of accounts against the estate of R.C. Hale include the Gideon Welles mortgage, Snow Shoe mortgage, Alexander mortgage, and E.W. Hale's bond.
Box 1
Folder 39
Pasha, Omer (1806-1871) 1854
Turkish Army Commander.
ADS detailing Russian occupation of Wallachia during the Crimean War. In German.
Box 1
Folder 41
Penn, John (1729-1795) 1770/05/24
Governor of Pennsylvania.
ADS land patent to Thomas Biche.
Box 1
Folder 42
Penn, Richard and Thomas 1689-1773
Co-Governors of Pennsylvania.

Six ADS: Sylvester Penn bond, 1 April 1689; Thomas Penn bank draft, 16 January 1737; John Penn, Thomas Penn, and Richard Penn land patent to Martin Funk 175 acres in Lancaster County, 6 June 1739 (with partial clay seal attached by ribbon); survey request from Joseph Stanly, Newcastle County, 12 January 1758 (with seal of Thomas and Richard Penn); Richard Penn appointing Peter Hachlein as sheriff and Peter Seip as coroner of Northampton County, 5 October 1772; Richard Penn land deed to Daniel Trimble of Chester County for 300 acres in Bedford County, 23 July 1773.

Box 1

Folder 56

Stuart, Charles 1825/05/26

Lord deRothesay.

DS passport for Henrietta Tayard to reside in Paris.

Box 1

Folder 57

Taft, William Howard (1857-1930) circa 1914

U.S. President.

Mss., "The League of Peace," pp. 21-27. An idea similar to Woodrow Wilson's League of Nations. Corrections in black and the title and signature on p. 21 are by Taft.

Probably written shortly before or after the outbreak of World War I.

Box 1

Folder 58

Taylor, Zachary (1784-1850) undated

U.S. President.

Forged promissory note to Martin Van Buren, probably a political practical joke. Also includes a photocopy of an authentic ALS of Taylor's during the same time period; note that they are substantially different.

Box 1

Folder 60

Victoria II (1819-1901) undated

Queen of England.

DS with royal seal appointing Edward St. John Neale ambassador to Japan. The document was authorized and signed by Lord Russell, the British Prime Minister.

Portraits Series

Portraits, undated

Box 1

Folder 41

Penn, John (1729-1795)

Governor of Pennsylvania.

Signed lithograph portrait.