

Guide to the Charles William Bradley Papers

GEN MSS 325



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 325

CREATOR: Bradley, Charles William, 1809-1865

TITLE: Charles William Bradley Papers

DATES: circa 1841-1860

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.50 linear feet (6 boxes)

LANGUAGE: Materials in English, German, French, and Chinese.

SUMMARY: Notes and correspondence kept by Charles William Bradley, circa 1841-1860. Notes chiefly pertain to Bradley's study of the forenames and surnames in various nations. The remaining notes and correspondence pertain to his time in China (primarily Singapore) while an American consul--these notes relate to Chinese history, language, and climate.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source unknown.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

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These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Beinecke Manuscript Unit Processing Manual.

Finding aid reflects arrangement of collection established prior to April 2022, when finding aid was created and additional materials (Box 6) were added.

Former call numbers: MS Vault Bradley, Z36 038, Z36 039.

Biographical / Historical

Charles William Bradley (1809-1865) (Yale MA 1846), American diplomat and Sinologist. He was a rector of Episcopal parishes in North Haven, East Haddam, Sharon, and Derby, Connecticut, for ten years prior to serving as Secretary of State for Connecticut from 1846 to 1847.

Bradley later served in China as an American consul at Amoy (also known as Xiamen) (1849-1854), Singapore (1854-1857), and Ningbo (1857-1860). In 1859 he was the senior member of the Commission on American Claims against the Chinese Government. Bradley resigned from his service with the United States Government in 1860 and became an assistant in the Imperial Chinese Customs in Hankou until 1863.

Scope and Contents

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b. 1, f. 1-5	Philosophy of names among various nations	undated
b. 1, f. 5-8b. 2, f. 9-15	Forenames	undated
b. 2, f. 16	Proper names	undated
b. 2, f. 17-18	Forenames	undated
b. 3, f. 19-30b. 4, f. 31-43b. 5, f. 44	Surnames	undated
b. 5, f. 45	Forenames	undated
b. 5, f. 46-52	Miscellaneous notes	undated
b. 5, f. 53	Extracts and original thoughts, etymologies, history, etc. of the English language literature	undated
b. 5, f. 54	Notes on Chinese subjects	undated
b. 6, f. 55-63	Notes on the history, language, and environment of China	1854-1857 and undated
b. 6, f. 64	Chinese dictionaries	undated
b. 6, f. 65	Diary	1857
b. 6, f. 66-74	Correspondence	1841-1858 and undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Language and languages
Names, Personal
Onomastics
Sinologists

Occupations

Consuls -- China -- 19th century

Geographic Names

China -- History
Singapore