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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 549

CREATOR: Higginson, Thomas Wentworth, 1823-1911

TITLE: Thomas Wentworth Higginson collection

DATES: 1852-1907

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection contains correspondence and writings of Thomas Wentworth Higginson. Correspondence consists of autograph letters, signed to various individuals. Writings consist of manuscript writings drafts and notes.

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Requesting Instructions

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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

Acquired from various sources. Provenance information was transcribed from catalog cards and is listed at the folder level. Unless otherwise noted, material was a gift of Owen F. Aldis, 1911.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Thomas Wentworth Higginson Collection. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

Former call number: Za Higginson.

The following material was not found among the collection during processing in 2012 although catalog cards exist: 1) autograph letter signed to "Dear Sir" [unidentified], Worcester [Mass.] February 17, 1861. 2 pages; 2) autograph letter signed to George D. Wells, 1852 February 29, Newburyport, Mass. 4 pages; 3) autograph letter signed to an unidentified correspondent, 1898 September 14, Dublin, NH. 1 page. Agreeing to write an article; 4) one page of his manuscript in the Aldis copy of his *Sympathy of Religions*, Chicago 1893.

Thomas Wentworth Higginson (1823-1911)

Thomas Wentworth Higginson, American Unitarian minister, author, abolitionist, and soldier.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Correspondence, 1852-1907. II. Writings, 1864-1906.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1852-1907

53 Folders

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

b. 1, f. 1	Aldis, "Judge"	1878-1879
b. 1, f. 2	Alger, Abby	1876
b. 1, f. 3	Barstow, Eliza Willis	1884
b. 1, f. 4	Best, "Mr."	1896 July 5
b. 1, f. 5	Booth, "Miss"	1884 December 19
b. 1, f. 6	Botta, Mrs. Vincenzo	1876 October 11
b. 1, f. 7	Buck, Mrs. Gift of Reverend K. W. Cameron, 1961	1877 January 23
b. 1, f. 8	Coe, "Miss" Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1894 December 21
b. 1, f. 9	Drake, "Mr." Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1887 January 9
b. 1, f. 10	Dwight, "Mr."	1884 January 15
b. 1, f. 11	Eliot, Samuel Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1871 April 12
b. 1, f. 12	Fields, Osgood & C. Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1869 June 26
b. 1, f. 13	Foley, P. K.	1905, 1907
b. 1, f. 14	Goss, F. M.	1884 July 31
b. 1, f. 15	Hames, E. H. & Co.	1879 September 10
b. 1, f. 16	Harris, T. W.	1878 October 4
b. 1, f. 17	Howland, "Mrs." Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1871 October 12
b. 1, f. 18	Larcom, Lucy	1889 August 14
b. 1, f. 19	Lee & Shepard Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1874 February 2

b. 1, f. 20	Livermore, "Mr." Gift of C. B. Tinker, 1934	1894 January 4
b. 1, f. 21	"Mead"	1907 June 9
b. 1, f. 22	Miller, "Mr." Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1885 April 23
b. 1, f. 23	Niles, J., Jr. Gift of C. B. Tinker, 1934	1890 December 4
b. 1, f. 24	Norton, Charles Eliot Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1887 June 3
b. 1, f. 25	Parsons, "Professor" Gift of C. B. Tinker, 1939	1872 August 17
b. 1, f. 26	Parsons, "Miss" Gift of James T. Babb, 1959 and Sidney W. Davidson, 1957	1886, 1893
b. 1, f. 27	Peabody, "Dr." Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1886 August 18
b. 1, f. 28	Pierce, John Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1885 June 25
b. 1, f. 29	Poole, "Mr."	1884 January 25
b. 1, f. 30	Porter, "Miss"	1889 April 3
b. 1, f. 31	Rideing, "Mr." Gift of James T. Babb	1887 February 11
b. 1, f. 32	Roberts Brothers Gift of William H. McCarthy, Jr., 1932	1890 December 22
b. 1, f. 33	Stoddard, Charles Warren Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1869 August 23
b. 1, f. 34	Taylor, Mr.	1898, 1900
b. 1, f. 35	Thompson, Edwin	1852 October 16
b. 1, f. 36	Ward, "Mrs." Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1897 October 13
b. 1, f. 36a	Willis, George	1852 February 29
b. 1, f. 37	Wilson, "Gen." Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1886 July 9
b. 1, f. 38	Young, "Mr." Purchased on the Alvord Fund.	undated

b. 1, f. 39	To "booksellers"	1880 September 28
b. 1, f. 40	"Miss Ellen"	1876 January 20
b. 1, f. 41	"Dear Professor" Purchased on the Alvord Fund, 1959	undated
b. 1, f. 42	"Dear Sir" Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1856 August 24
b. 1, f. 43	"Dear Sir"	1859 May 21
b. 1, f. 44	"Dear Sir"	1860 June 22
b. 1, f. 45	"Dear Sir"	1865 June 20
b. 1, f. 46	"Dear Sir" Purchased on the Alvord Fund, 1959	1866 May 25
b. 1, f. 47	"Dear Sir" Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1881 March 10
b. 1, f. 48	"Dear Sir" Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	1887 December 17
b. 1, f. 49	"Dear Sir"	undated
b. 1, f. 50	Unidentified	1861 February 17
b. 1, f. 51	Unidentified Gift of C. B. Tinker, 1934	1875 June 23
b. 1, f. 52	Unidentified Gift of C. B. Tinker, 1934	1887 September 21

Series II: Writings, 1864-1906*10 Folders*

All writings are autograph manuscript drafts.

Arranged alphabetically by title.

b. 1, f. 53	"Boston" Purchased on the Alvord Fund, 1959	1893
b. 1, f. 54	"Childhood's Fancies" Purchased on the Alvord Fund, 1959	undated
b. 1, f. 55	"Decoration" Gift of Philip M. Neufeld, 1961	1873 May 30
b. 1, f. 56	"Forward: from the German of Hoffman von Fallersleben" Gift of James T. Babb, 1959	undated
b. 1, f. 57	Introduction to <i>The Book of Elizabethan Verse</i>	circa 1906
b. 1, f. 58	Quotation of a paragraph from <i>The Procession of the Flowers</i>	1871 April 16
b. 1, f. 59	"The Romance of a Poor Young Man"	1878
b. 1, f. 60	"Ultra-Marine" Purchased from Morton on the Alvord and GBF funds, 1960	1875 August
b. 1, f. 61	Autograph quotation signed Gift of James T. Babb, 1962	1865 January 1
b. 1, f. 62	Autograph note signed concerning James Russell Lowell's <i>Fireside Travels</i>	1864

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

American literature -- 19th century
American literature -- 20th Century
Authors, American -- 19th century -- Archives
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives

Occupations

Authors -- United States -- 19th century
Authors -- United States -- 20th Century

Names

Higginson, Thomas Wentworth, 1823-1911