

# Guide to the Annie Burr Jennings Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 687

**CREATOR:** Jennings, Annie Burr, 1855-1939 , collector

**TITLE:** Annie Burr Jennings collection

**DATES:** 1775-1930

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** An autograph collection of approximately forty letters and documents, chiefly dating from the Revolutionary War era. Prominent in the collection are Ashbel Green, James Wadsworth, and George Washington. Among the later writers are Albert Bierstadt, Richard Wagner and correspondents of Annie Burr Jennings.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. W. S. Lewis, 1940.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Scope and Contents

In 1940 Mrs. Wilmarth S. Lewis gave to Yale University in memory of her aunt, Annie Burr Jennings, a collection of letters and other papers dealing with Aaron Burr and members of his family and related families. These papers were subsequently divided into the Burr Family papers (Manuscript Group Number 303) and the Reeve Family papers (Manuscript Group Number 686). The Annie Burr Jennings Collection is composed of materials which do not pertain directly to either of the other two collections.

Contained here are approximately forty autograph letters and documents, dating for the most part from the Revolutionary War era, and three letters written to Annie Burr Jennings by friends. Among the items of historical interest are a letter of Richard Wagner, one from Samuel Adams to William and Thomas Bradford, a letter from George Washington to his nephew Bushrod Washington, and a letter to George Washington from the architect William Thornton discussing some houses being built by Washington and plans for the capitol.

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## Collection Contents

### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Adams, Samuel to William and Thomas Bradford	1775
b. 1, f. 2	Bierstadt, Albert to unidentified [autograph fragment]	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Blennerhassett, Herman to David Wallace	1805
b. 1, f. 4	Call, Daniel to Overton Corley	1805
b. 1, f. 5	Colden, Cadwallader [David] to unidentified	1795
b. 1, f. 6	Committee of Correspondence of Mechanics and Manufacturers of Providence to mechanics and manufacturers of New London	1789
b. 1, f. 7	Green, Ashbel to unidentified	1803
b. 1, f. 8	Green, E. K. to Ashbel Green	1794, 1801-1802, 1804, undated
b. 1, f. 9	[Green, Jacob] to Ashbel Green English	1785
b. 1, f. 10	Marie Amélie [queen consort of Louis Phillippe] to Leon Laya	1853, 1860
b. 1, f. 11	Martin, Luther to unidentified	1795
b. 1, f. 12	d'Orleans, Antonio to Leon Laya	1860
b. 1, f. 13	d'Orleans, J. C. to Leon Laya	1860
b. 1, f. 14	Sands, Comfort, to the militia companies of Connecticut	1775
b. 1, f. 15	Silliman, Gold Selleck, David Wooster, James Wadsworth, and Dyer Throop to the militia companies of Connecticut	1777
b. 1, f. 16	Thornton, William to George Washington	1798
b. 1, f. 17	Wadsworth, James to militia companies of Durham, officers	1779
b. 1, f. 18	Wagner, Richard, to unidentified	1875
b. 1, f. 17	Ward, Andrew, to James Wadsworth, see: James Wadsworth, folder 17	
b. 1, f. 19	Washington, George, to Bushrod Washington	1796
b. 1, f. 20	Wickham, John, to Samuel Greenhow and James Kennedy	1802-1808
Special files		
b. 1, f. 21	Poquannock, Connecticut: petition of inhabitants for independent status [photocopy]	1690
b. 1, f. 22	Unidentified militia company muster roll	1781
b. 1, f. 23	Goodsell, Serviss: commission as captain of 8th company and trainband in the 4th regiment of the State of Connecticut [photocopy]	1782



## 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.

### Geographic Names

United States -- History -- Revolution,  
1775-1783

### Genres / Formats

Autographs

### Names

Adams, Samuel, 1722-1803  
Bierstadt, Albert, 1830-1902  
Blennerhassett, Harman, 1764-1831  
Call, Daniel, approximately 1765-1840  
Colden, Cadwallader D. (Cadwallader David),  
1769-1834  
Green, Ashbel, 1762-1848  
Green, E. K.  
Green, Jacob, 1722-1790  
Jennings, Annie Burr, 1855-1939  
Marie-Amélie, Queen, consort of Louis-Philippe,  
King of the French, 1782-1866  
Martin, Luther, 1748-1826  
Orleans, Antonio d'  
Orleans, J. C. d'  
Sands, Comfort, 1748-1834  
Silliman, Gold Selleck, 1777-1868  
Thornton, William, 1759-1828  
Wadsworth, James, 1730-1817  
Wagner, Richard, 1813-1883  
Washington, George, 1732-1799  
Wickham, John, 1763-1839