

# Guide to the Mary Ann Phelps Montgomery Collection

MS 801



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 801

**CREATOR:** Montgomery, Mary Ann Phelps, 1847-1943 , collector

**TITLE:** Mary Ann Phelps Montgomery collection

**DATES:** 1746-1939

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.75 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** A collection of autograph letters and manuscripts, many of leading American public figures, collected by Mary Ann Phelps Montgomery. Fifteen letters are addressed to her father, Governor John Smith Phelps (1814-1866) of Missouri, six were written by James G. Blaine (1830-1893), and five by Thomas C. Reynolds of Missouri. The collection includes items signed by four American presidents, several European heads of state, and prominent members of European nobility.

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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 Mary Ann Phelps Montgomery in 1944.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Scope and Contents

The Mary Ann Phelps Montgomery Collection contains over two hundred letters and autographs of prominent Americans and Europeans spanning the years 1762 to 1937. Mary Ann Phelps Montgomery (1847-1943) was the daughter of Governor John Smith Phelps of Missouri and the wife of James Boyce Montgomery of Portland, Oregon.

Learning of Mrs. Montgomery's autograph collection, Lieutenant Governor Thomas C. Reynolds of Missouri sent her thirty-five letters, which are among the earliest items in the collection. Also included in the collection are fifteen letters (1845-1880) which were written to Mrs. Montgomery's father, Governor Phelps. Mrs. Montgomery continued to expand her autograph collection, adding letters of some American political figures, as well as personal correspondence, through 1937.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by author. Letters by the same person are arranged chronologically within the folder.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Airlie, David Stanley William Drummond Ogilvy, 8th earl of	1880 February 4, September 1, 1881 March 1
b. 1, f. 2	Andrews, E. Bay	1895 April 12
b. 1, f. 3	Barbour, James	1838 February 19
b. 1, f. 4	Beale, Harriet S. Blaine	1884 September 30, 1917 September 17
b. 1, f. 5	Belmont, August	1878 March 27
b. 1, f. 6	Berclan, Hiram	1892 February 1
b. 1, f. 7	La Bernadine	Undated
b. 1, f. 8	Bingham, Henry Harrison	1885 June 29
b. 1, f. 9	Blaine, James Gillespie	1876 June 6, 1885 May 29-30, 1887 May 21, 1889 October 11, 1890 March 21, 1891 February 8, September 8
b. 1, f. 10	Blaine, Walker	1889 October 9
b. 1, f. 11	Blodgett, Henry Williams	1893 July 20
b. 1, f. 12	Boardman, Mabel	Undated
b. 1, f. 13	Bonaparte, Joseph, king of Spain	1808 November 20
b. 1, f. 14	Bryan, William Jennings	1897 March 25
b. 1, f. 15	Buck, Elisha	1878 November 12
b. 1, f. 16	Buck, Harry A.	1878 June 20
b. 1, f. 17	Bunsen, Georg	1883 December 27, 1886 September 4, 1891 May 28
b. 1, f. 18	Cabell, Edward Carrington	1877 September 17
b. 1, f. 19	Calhoun, John C.	1841 February 23
b. 1, f. 20	Cannon, Helen A.	1886 January 18

b. 1, f. 21	Carlton, Charles Carroll	1892 February 2
b. 1, f. 22	Carnegie, Andrew	1884 November 11
b. 1, f. 23	Carnegie, Louise	1927 April 13, undated
b. 1, f. 24	Champagny, Jean-Baptiste Nompère de, duc de Cadore	Undated
b. 1, f. 25	Chateaubriand, Francoise René, vicomte de	Undated
b. 1, f. 26	Chew, Lillian	1890 March
b. 1, f. 27	Choate, Rufus	Undated
b. 1, f. 28	Christie, A.	1917 November 3
b. 1, f. 29	Clemens, James	1845 March 24
b. 1, f. 30	Clemens, James B.	1878 January 13
	Clement XIII (Carolo della Torre di Rezzonico) See: <a href="#">box 4</a>	1762
b. 1, f. 31	Collins, William Wilkie	1877 August 16
b. 1, f. 32	Collyer, Robert	1887 November 14
b. 1, f. 33	Cooke, Jay	1881 February 7
b. 1, f. 34	Collidge, Grace	Undated
b. 1, f. 34	Corbin, Abel Rathbone	1869 March 27
b. 1, f. 35	Couldock, Charles Walter	1894 May 28
b. 1, f. 36	Cubbas, John	1887 May 7
b. 1, f. 37	Cullough, John M.	1878 November 9
b. 1, f. 38	Curtin, Andrew G.	1884 April 29
b. 1, f. 39	Curtin, Catherine	1886 Jan, March 31
b. 1, f. 40	Curtis, E. S.	1906 November 5, 1907 April 23
b. 1, f. 41	Custer, Elizabeth B.	1897 June 17
b. 1, f. 42	Damas, Ange Hyacinthe Maxence, baron de	Undated
b. 1, f. 43	Davis, Jefferson	Undated
b. 1, f. 44	DeGraw, Peter Voorhes	1892 February 2

b. 1, f. 45	Dessalles, Jean Joseph Paul Augustin, marquis de	Undated
b. 1, f. 46	Dillon, Sidney	Undated
b. 1, f. 47	Dodge, Mellisa (Mrs. William E.)	1879 July 19, 1901 February 28
b. 1, f. 48	Drayton, William	1809 July 18
b. 1, f. 49	Dromgoole, George C.	Undated
b. 1, f. 50	Duniway, Abigail S.	1883 December 11, 1909 April 2
b. 1, f. 51	Dye, Eva Emory	1924 June 11, 1939 April 20
b. 1, f. 52	Elkins, Stephen Benton	1892 February 2
b. 1, f. 53	Eno, William Phelps	1918 February 21, 1930 February 22
b. 1, f. 54	Fairbanks, Cornelia C.	Undated
b. 1, f. 55	Ferronays, comte de la	Undated
b. 1, f. 56	Field, Eugene	1876 February 14
b. 1, f. 57	Fielis, Annie	Undated
b. 1, f. 58	Florence, William Jarmyn	1878 November 9, 1882 September 9, 1891 April 10
b. 1, f. 59	Folk, Gertrude	Undated
b. 1, f. 60	Forney, John W.	1878 October 30
b. 1, f. 61	Foster, Mary Parks	Undated
b. 1, f. 62	Francis, D. R.	1903 September 21, 1904 July 16
b. 1, f. 63	Francis, Jane Perry	Undated
b. 1, f. 64	Frederick II, "The Great," king of Prussia	1746 March 10, 1766 January 8
b. 1, f. 65	Gault, Thomas J.	1880 October 21
b. 1, f. 66	Gould, Helen Miller Sheperd	1902 October 25, November 19
b. 1, f. 67	Grant, Frederick W.	1891 June 29

b. 1, f. 68	Grant, Ida Honore	1891 April 28, June 11, 12, August 25, undated
b. 1, f. 69	Grant, Ulysses S.	1879 November 29
b. 1, f. 70	Greatorex, Eliza	1875
b. 1, f. 71	Greenwood, Albert Burton	1859 May 18
b. 1, f. 72	Grenfell, Wilfred Thomasen	1931 October 26
b. 1, f. 73	Hall, A. Oakey	Undated
b. 1, f. 74	Halpine, Charles Graham	1867 February
b. 1, f. 75	Hamilton, Frank H.	1881 September 7
b. 1, f. 76	Hamilton, James	1867 March 25
b. 1, f. 78	Harrison, Benjamin	1891 September 21, 1896 April 6
b. 1, f. 79	Harrison, Caroline S.	1892 January
b. 1, f. 80	Harrison, Carrie Icote	1888 July 3
b. 2, f. 81	Harrison, Mary Scott Dimmick	1890 January 22, 1900 February 2
b. 1, f. 77	Hauk, Minnie	1886 September 27, 1893 March 27
b. 2, f. 82	Hay, John	Undated
b. 2, f. 83	Henry, Patrick	Undated
b. 2, f. 84	Hill, David J.	1908 November 11
b. 2, f. 85	Hill, Juliet	1910 November 6, 9
b. 2, f. 86	Holland, Josiah Gilbert	1867 April 1
b. 2, f. 87	Huss, John	Undated
b. 2, f. 88	Ingersoll, Robert Green	1884 September 2, 1886 July 2, 1890 September 10
b. 2, f. 89	Irving, Henry	1884 April 29
b. 2, f. 90	Jackson, Andrew	Undated



b. 2, f. 91	Jacob, [ <u>underline</u> ]	Undated
b. 2, f. 92	Johnstone, Alan	1892 January 15, 26
b. 2, f. 93	Kane, Thomas S.	1883 September 13
b. 2, f. 94	Keenan, H. F.	Undated
b. 2, f. 95	Keith, Jenie A.	Undated
b. 2, f. 96	Kidder, Kathryn	1899 March 18
b. 2, f. 97	Kipling, Rudyard	1937 June 3
b. 2, f. 98	Laws, Samuel Spahr	1880 March 9
b. 2, f. 99	Lewald, Theodor	Undated
b. 2, f. 100	Lieber, Francis	Undated
b. 2, f. 101	Limburg-Stirum, Thiery, comte de	1904 August 2
b. 2, f. 102	Lippe-Weissenfeld, Ferdinand	1883 December 17, undated
b. 2, f. 103	Logan, Mrs. John A.	1907 December 20
b. 2, f. 104	Longfellow, Henry W.	1864 April 12
b. 2, f. 105	McBride, George Wickliffe	1902 February 11
b. 2, f. 106	McClure, A. K.	Undated
b. 2, f. 107	McCormick, Bessie Chapman	1922 September 21
b. 2, f. 108	McGee, Anita Newcomb	1905 May 24
b. 2, f. 109	McKee, Mary Harrison	1891 December 17
b. 2, f. 110	McLean, George Payne	1901 December 26, 1912 December 5
b. 2, f. 111	McLoren, bishop	1894 July 12
b. 2, f. 112	McPherson, Edla	Undated
b. 2, f. 113	Madison, Dorothy Payne	Undated
b. 2, f. 114	Maret, Hugues Bernard, duc de Bassano	1812 January 27
b. 2, f. 115	Maria Theresia, empress of Austria	1779 July 21
b. 2, f. 116	Marmaduke, John S.	1879 July 15

b. 2, f. 117	Marmont, Auguste Frédéric Louis Viesse de, duc de Raguse	Undated
b. 2, f. 118	Marshall, Katherine	Undated
b. 2, f. 119	Martin, C. H.	1930 February 10
b. 2, f. 120	Maynell, Wilfred	Undated
b. 2, f. 121	Miles, Mary S.	1892 Jan, 1901 September 17
b. 2, f. 122	Miller, Samuel	1886 May 19
b. 2, f. 123	Milton, Hay John	1864 March 20
b. 2, f. 124	Mirabeau, Honoré Gabriel Riquetti, comte de	1786 April 24
b. 2, f. 125	Molé, Louis Matthiew, comte de	1838 June 10
b. 2, f. 126	Moulton, Louise Chandler	Undated
b. 2, f. 127	Ohlendorff, baron von	1884 July 7
b. 2, f. 128	O'Rell, Max	1895 February 28
b. 2, f. 129	Owen, Ruth Bryan	1929 April 16
b. 2, f. 130	Perry, Edith Weir	Undated
b. 2, f. 131	Pinchot, Gifford	1929 December 17
b. 2, f. 132	Polk, Trusten	1870 July 1
b. 2, f. 133	Raymond, John T.	Undated
b. 2, f. 134	Read, Thomas Buchanan	1864 August 12
b. 2, f. 135	Reed, Thomas B.	1896 November 25
b. 2, f. 136-137	Reynolds, Thomas C.	1872 February 24, 1877 January 24, 1878 July 25, 1879 January 13, January 28, 1884 August 7, September 9
b. 2, f. 138	Richardson, Locke	1890 July 18
b. 2, f. 139	Richelieu, Armand Jean du Plessis, cardinal duc de	Undated
b. 2, f. 140	Rigny, Henri-Daniel, comte de	1829 May 1
b. 2, f. 141	Robertson, William	1877 April 26
b. 2, f. 142	Romero, Matias	1896 March 10

b. 2, f. 143	Roosevelt, Edith K.	1920 September 23
b. 2, f. 144	Roosevelt, Theodore	Undated
b. 2, f. 145	Root, Elihu	1907 December 21
b. 2, f. 146	Ryan, H. J.	1877 January 28, October 23, 1892 April 12
b. 2, f. 147	St. Albans, William Amelius Aubrey-de-Vere Beauclerk, 10th duke of	1891 February 5
b. 2, f. 148	Saxe, John Godfey	1855 February 22
b. 2, f. 149	Seckendorff, Max	1892 February 2
b. 2, f. 150	Sheridan, Philip Henry	1856 September 2, November 13
b. 2, f. 151	Sherman, Rachel Ewing	Undated
b. 2, f. 152	Sherman, Thomas Ewing	1919 July 17
b. 2, f. 153	Sherman, William Tecumseh	1887 June 30, 1890 March 14
b. 2, f. 154	Shiras, George, Jr.	1899 March 8
b. 2, f. 155	Shiras, Lillian E.	1899 February 27
b. 2, f. 156	Sickles, Daniel E.	Undated
b. 2, f. 157	Smith, Charles Emory	1894 July 16
b. 2, f. 158	Sothorn, Neo	Undated
b. 2, f. 159	Spencer, J. C.	Undated
b. 3, f. 160	Stanley-Brown, Mary Garfield	1893 April 24
b. 3, f. 161	Sternberg, Lillian May	Undated
b. 3, f. 162	Sully, Maximillian	Undated
b. 3, f. 163	Sumner, Walter Taylor	1924 December 28
b. 3, f. 164	Sumter, Thomas	1827 September 3
b. 3, f. 165	Sunday, William	Undated
b. 3, f. 166	Talleyrand-Périgord, Charles Maurice de, prince de Bénévnt	Undated
b. 3, f. 167	Tecklenberg, N. Harte van	1904 September 19

b. 3, f. 168	Thackera, Eleanor S.	1908 January 17, 24
b. 3, f. 169	Tillard, Henry	1880 September 2
b. 3, f. 170	Townsend, George Albert	1888 January 6, undated
b. 3, f. 171	Tower, Charlemagne	1908 January 18
b. 3, f. 172	Usher, J. P.	Undated
b. 3, f. 173	Vanderbilt, William Henry	1878 October 29
b. 3, f. 174	Vedder, Elihu	Undated
b. 3, f. 175	Versen, Alice von	Undated
b. 3, f. 176	Versen, Max von	1892 April 19
b. 3, f. 177	Vest, George Graham	1879 December 11, 1886 January 9, 1901 January 29
	Victoria, queen of Great Britain See: <a href="#">box 4</a>	1885 October 29
b. 3, f. 178	Villard, Frances G.	1899 August 23
b. 3, f. 179	Villard, Henry	1900 February 6
b. 3, f. 180	Waldersee, Mary Ester Lee, princess von Noer, countess von	1890 August 14
b. 3, f. 181	Walker, Francis A.	1896 May 30, August 8, September 8
b. 3, f. 182	Walker, Robert J.	Undated
	Wartegg, Mme de See: <a href="#">box 1, folder 77</a>	
b. 3, f. 183	Washburne, Elihu Benjamin	1878 February 15
b. 3, f. 184	Washburne, William Drew	1892 April 7
b. 3, f. 185	Watson, Genevieve	1904 July 14
b. 3, f. 186	Webster, Daniel	Undated
b. 3, f. 187	Wells, Gideon	1862 December 18
b. 3, f. 188	Wheaton, Henry	Undated
b. 3, f. 189	Wilson, John M.	1898 July 3

b. 3, f. 190	Wolcott, Edward Oliver	1897 November 15
b. 3, f. 191	Zeggio, Jerome	1905 November 21
b. 3, f. 192	Unidentified	Undated
b. 3, f. 193	Mary Ann Phelps Montgomery's lists of her collection.	
b. 4	Folio Contains oversize material from Clement XIII (Carolo della Torre di Rezzonico) and Victoria, queen of Great Britain.	

## **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**

Europe  
United States -- Politics and government

### **Genres / Formats**

Autographs

### **Names**

Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893  
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850  
Carnegie, Andrew, 1835-1919  
Clement, Pope, XIII, 1693-1769  
Frederick, King of Prussia, II, 1712-1786  
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885  
Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901  
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845  
Joseph Bonaparte, King of Spain, 1768-1844  
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882  
Maria Theresa, Empress of Austria, 1717-1780  
Phelps, John S. (John Smith), 1814-1886  
Reynolds, Thomas C. (Thomas Caute),  
1821-1887  
Richelieu, Armand Jean du Plessis, duc de,  
1585-1642  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919  
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh),  
1820-1891  
Talleyrand-Périgord, Charles Maurice de, prince  
de Bénévent, 1754-1838  
Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901  
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852  
Wells, Gideon, 1835-1898