

Guide to the Charles Ives (1815-1880) Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 932

CREATOR: Ives, Charles, 1815-1880

TITLE: Charles Ives papers

DATES: 1838-1897

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, poems, orations and other writings, and miscellaneous legal papers that relate to Charles Ives and his immediate family. Some of his poems appear in Chips from the Workshop (1843). The orations and addresses concern political activities and also include notes and fragments of Isles of Summer, (1880).

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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

Purchased from the Collector's Shop, 1945.

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Biographical / Historical

Lawyer; born in New Haven, CT; graduated from the Lancastrian School in 1831 and began work in a printing office; entered Yale Law School and graduated in 1846; he was admitted to the bar that year and opened a law office in New Haven; elected to the Conn. General Assembly from New Haven in 1853; represented East Haven in 1865, 1867, and 1868; Speaker of the House in his last two years of office.

Scope and Contents

The Charles Ives papers consist of correspondence, poems, orations and other writings, and miscellaneous legal and financial papers relating to Ives and his immediate family.

Personal and professional letters to Ives comprise the greater part of the correspondence; pages from Ives' letter copybook comprise the rest.

Some of the poems are manuscript versions of those appearing in his *Chips from the Workshop* (1843). A number were written during his periods of poor health and reflect that condition. The orations and addresses concern Ives' local political activities and affiliations. Notes (some in shorthand) and fragments from his *Isles of Summer* (1880) are included among the writings.

The legal and financial papers relate mainly to Ives' law practice and to his estate. A section of miscellaneous items—newspaper clippings, unidentified writings and papers to Charles Ives, Jr. (d. 1883)—follows the legal and financial papers.

The correspondence is arranged chronologically with Ives' copybook following the letters to him. The rest of the papers are arranged by type and then chronologically.

The Charles Ives papers were purchased from the Collector's Shop in 1945.

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| b. 1, f. 11 | Poems | 1834-1853 |
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| b. 1, f. 14 | Poems | undated |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Poems | undated |
| b. 1, f. 16 | <i>Chips from the Workshop</i> [partial manuscript] English | [1843?] |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Orations | 1841, 1844, undated |
| b. 1, f. 18 | Letters to the editor | 1842, 1870, 1880 |
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| b. 2, f. 21 - 22 | Miscellaneous notes | undated |
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| b. 2, f. 30 | Copy of Ives' will | 1877 |
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| b. 2, f. 32 | Receipts | 1837-1878 |
| b. 2, f. 33 | Penmanship notebook | 1835 |
| b. 2, f. 34 | Miscellaneous writings [by Ives?] | 1838, undated |
| b. 2, f. 35 | Invitations and business cards | 1868-1875, undated |
| b. 2, f. 36 | Miscellaneous printed matter | 1851-1881 |
| Charles Ives, Jr. | | |
| b. 2, f. 37 | Note to his aunt | 1853 |
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| b. 2, f. 38 | Newspaper clippings | 1833-1864, undated |
| b. 2, f. 39 | Clippings re: persons named Ives | 1889-1895, 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

Law
Lawyers
Literature -- History and criticism

Geographic Names

Connecticut -- Politics and government --
1865-1950
New Haven (Conn.)

Genres / Formats

Poetry

Occupations

Legislators
Poets

Names

Ives, Charles, 1815-1880