

Guide to the William Smith Mason Collection

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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Manuscripts and Archives
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CALL NUMBER: MS 344

CREATOR: Mason, William Smith, 1866- , collector

TITLE: William Smith Mason autograph collection

DATES: 1800-1929

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of autograph manuscripts, documents and correspondence of people in public life. The collection contains correspondence of Theodore Roosevelt with Francis J. Heney and others and copies of letters of the Jonathan Knight family.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Other Finding Aids

For an index of autograph letters in the William S. Mason collection, please consult the [Autograph Index](#).

Biographical / Historical

William Smith Mason was born in Millburn, Illinois in December, 1866. He received his Ph.B. from Yale in 1888 and his M.A. in 1924. Mason was active in the real estate and insurance business. He was the owner of a large collection of materials relating to Benjamin Franklin and a library of Revolutionary literature. Mason died in January, 1961.

Scope and Contents

The William Smith Mason Collection consists of manuscripts, documents, and correspondence of persons in public life, collected by William Smith Mason. Presidents, Cabinet members, Ministers to foreign countries, members of Congress, Generals, and other well-known persons during the years 1800-1924 are included. There are also copies of the papers of the Abel Knight Family of Eastbethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The William S. Mason Collection was a gift of the Kingsley Trust Association

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b. 1, f. 1	1910 English William Smith Mason autograph collection, 1910	1910
b. 1, f. 2	Theodore Roosevelt: correspondence with Francis J. Heney and others	1906-08
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b. 1, f. 4	Theodore Roosevelt: correspondence with Francis J. Heney and others	1913-18
b. 1, f. 5	Jonathan Knight family: letters (copies) A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1820-91
b. 1, f. 6	Other autograph letters (*)	
b. 1, f. 7	1800-10	
b. 1, f. 8	1811, 1819	
b. 1, f. 9	1824-28	
b. 1, f. 10	1830-36	
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b. 1, f. 12	1852-59	
b. 1, f. 13	1864-69	
b. 1, f. 14	1874-89	
b. 1, f. 15	1895-1901, 1914	
b. 1, f. 16	1924-29	
b. 1, f. 17	Miscellaneous letters and papers	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

Engineering
Politicians -- Autographs

Geographic Names

United States -- Politics and government

Genres / Formats

Autographs

Names

Biddle, Nicholas, 1786-1844
Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850
Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866
Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873
Clay, Henry, 1777-1852
Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908
Douglas, Stephen A. (Stephen Arnold),
1813-1861
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885
Heney, Francis Joseph, 1859-1937
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
Knight, J. (Jonathan), 1787-1858
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
Mason, William Smith, 1866-
McKinley, William, 1843-1901
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919
Seward, William H. (William Henry), 1801-1872
Sherman, John, 1823-1900
Stevens, Thaddeus, 1792-1868
Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852
Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878