

Guide to the Catherine Dickey Autograph Collection

MS 1760



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1760

CREATOR: Dickey, Catherine , collector

TITLE: Catherine Dickey autograph collection

DATES: 1756-1973

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The collection is primarily in English, with some French.

SUMMARY: The collection, compiled by Catherine Colt Dickey (Mrs. Charles D. Dickey), includes autographs of United States presidents, signers of the Declaration of Independence, government officials, military figures, industrialists, educators, explorers, authors, and other well known persons in public life. Autographs appear on various mediums: letters; postcards; photographs; handwritten and printed documents; and small blank cards specifically designed to solely capture signatures.

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b. box
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Administrative Information

Custodial History

Gift of S. Whitney Dickey, 1999.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in two parts: Unbound material and bound material. The unbound material is arranged alphabetically by writer's last name. Bound material is listed alphabetically by the cover title of each volume, with contents described in the order in which they were bound.

Collection Contents

Autographs, unbound

The majority of the signed correspondence to Catherine Dickey consists of correspondents sending social pleasantries, such as thank you messages and arrangements to meet, whereas the correspondence to persons other than Dickey is often of a more substantive nature. Ephemera kept by Dickey is listed at the end of the inventory of unbound material.

Autographs are listed alphabetically by correspondent's name.

To Catherine Dickey and/or Charles D. Dickey

b. 1, f. 1	Acheson, Dean and Alice	1956 March 6, 29, 1960 January 8, 22
b. 1, f. 2	Andrews, Roy Chapman Letter by Andrews, director of the American Museum of Natural History, forwarded to Catherine Dickey regarding Robert (Bob) Bartlett and the Greenland Expedition. Included is the signature of Bob Bartlett on an autograph card, 1938 April 23.	1941 May 8
b. 1, f. 3	Berry, Martha, autograph only Martha Berry was the founder of Berry College, Georgia, in 1902.	Undated
b. 1, f. 3	Boves, Kate	Undated
b. 1, f. 4	Brewster, Kingman, Jr.	1963 October 30, 1972 July 5
b. 1, f. 5	Casey, Rick (Richard)	1967 May 23
b. 1, f. 6	Drury, S. S. S. S. Drury was the rector of St. Stephen's Church, Boston.	1931 January 3, 24
b. 1, f. 7	Eisenhower, Dwight D.	1958 April 5
b. 1, f. 7	Elizabeth, Princess	1947 November 27
b. 1, f. 8	Ford, Henry, II	1972 July 5
b. 1, f. 8	French, Daniel C.	1929 September 27
b. 1, f. 9	Gaines, Emma, autograph only A former slave, Gaines was a leader in numerous educational and social organizations for the advancement of women.	Undated
b. 1, f. 10	Gates, Thomas S., Sr.	1956 December 7, 1957 March 5
b. 1, f. 11	Griswold, A. Whitney	1959 December 7, 1961 February 19

To Catherine Dickey and/or Charles D. Dickey (continued)

b. 1, f. 12	Lindsay, John	1969 December 26
b. 1, f. 13	Marshall, G. C.	1949 September 26
b. 1, f. 13	McGovern, George D.	1970 October 3
b. 1, f. 13	Mercier, Cardinal, Archbishop of Malines	1920 June 14
b. 1, f. 14	Pendar, Kenneth Letter to Catherine Dickey includes correspondence of Mark W. Clark to Kenneth Pendar.	1943 March 3
b. 1, f. 15	Pershing, John J. Includes a letter of introduction for Pershing from unidentified correspondent.	1929 February 14, 1930 July 8
b. 1, f. 15	Roosevelt, Franklin D.	Undated
b. 1, f. 15	Roosevelt, Franklin D. A gravure photograph of Roosevelt inscribed to Mrs. Charles Dickey.	Undated
b. 1, f. 16	Sherrill, Henry K., Reverend	1964 May 17, 1970 November 7
b. 1, f. 17	Illegible signature on Commonwealth of Australia letterhead	1960
To persons other than Catherine Dickey		
b. 1, f. 18	Benjamin, _____, to Mrs. Sellar	1882 February 13
b. 1, f. 19	Booth, Edwin, autograph only	1885 April
b. 1, f. 20	Bryan, George, to Thomas Bradford, Jr. George Bryan was a delegate to the Stamp Act Congress.	1820 December 8
b. 1, f. 21	Cambreng, Stephen to Aaron Dayton	1829 April 3
b. 1, f. 21	Carroll, Charles (of Carrollton) to Robert Barry	1827
b. 1, f. 22	Chester, John, to Joseph Webb John Chester, a graduate of Yale College in 1766, was a distinguished war hero during the Revolutionary War.	1776 November 19
b. 1, f. 23	Clark, N. (?) Goodale Copyright document for Edmund March Blunt's book, "The (American) Coasting Pilot," the first book of American sailing directions published in the United States.	1796
b. 1, f. 24	Dahlgrew, John A. Autograph card with sketch of Rear Admiral Dahlgrew.	Undated

To persons other than Catherine Dickey (continued)

b. 1, f. 25	Dixon, William Hepworth, to unidentified recipient Dixon, a prolific author, was the editor of <i>Athenaeum</i> and the author of <i>New America</i> .	No year, October 24
b. 1, f. 26	Ellary, _____, invoice	1847
b. 1, f. 27	Ellery, William, invoice for "horse keeping in public stables" Ellery was a member of the Continental Congress and signer of the Declaration of Independence.	1780 June 23
b. 1, f. 28	Ford, Henry, to Mrs. Sellar	No year, June 16
b. 1, f. 29	Garrison, William Lloyd, to William Rathbone, autograph only	1852 February 20
b. 1, f. 30	Graham, John, to unidentified recipient Graham was chief clerk of the State Department (1807-1817).	1811 August 9
b. 1, f. 31	Herford, Oliver, signed program for his play <i>Epilogue</i>	1915 May 1
b. 1, f. 32	Hunter, W., to B. Perry Letter re General Asboth of Missouri.	1881 February 18
b. 1, f. 33	La Fayette to [your excellency] Detailed letter re La Fayette's military efforts to aid the United States against British invasions in the spring of 1781.	1781 April 10
b. 1, f. 34	Mason, John, to General John Steele Letter regarding the petition of Captain Nathaniel Brewer for a cartel.	1813 August 23
b. 1, f. 35	Popham (?), Anne, to unidentified recipient	Undated
b. 1, f. 36	Porter, Darien (?) D., autograph only	Undated
b. 1, f. 37	Porter, J., to William Jones Letter of recommendation for Joseph Pipe for the Office of Inspector.	1827 January 23
b. 1, f. 38	Powell, J. H., to Mrs. Sellar	1884 December 30
b. 1, f. 39	Rantoul, R. (Robert), Jr., to Collector of Customs, Philadelphia Letter that accompanied list of crew of the Brig <i>Antares</i> .	1884 May
b. 1, f. 39	Roosevelt, Franklin D. Typed letter signed as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Washington, to Edward Corning, New York, expressing appreciation that "you have made this early start in the great campaign....".	1920 July 20
b. 1, f. 40	Sargent, Winthrop, to D. Appleton Company, request for books	1842 August 10
b. 1, f. 41	Sears, Joshua, brief note and clipping of obituary	1833 April 20, 1857 February
b. 1, f. 42	Silvester, _____, to John Smith, invoice	Undated
b. 1, f. 43	Wellington, Duke of	Circa 1915

To persons other than Catherine Dickey (continued)

b. 1, f. 43	Wickliffe, Robert, to unidentified recipient	1836 May 28
b. 1, f. 44	Wilde, Oscar, to Grosvenor Gallery Library	Undated
b. 1, f. 45	Winters, Elisha, to General Wayn(e)	1796 July 16
b. 1, f. 46	Unidentified, illegible	1848, 1861, undated
Ephemera, miscellany, unbound Handwritten notes are presumably by Catherine Dickey.		
b. 1, f. 47	Handwritten notes regarding opening day, presumably of a London naval conference	1930 January 21
b. 1, f. 47	Handwritten notes regarding the signers of the Declaration of Independence	Undated
b. 1, f. 47	Handwritten notes regarding World War I	Circa 1918
b. 1, f. 48	Newspaper clipping from <i>The New York Times</i> regarding the sale of autograph letters and documents	1971 December 5
b. 1, f. 49	Newspaper clipping, "Argonne Echoes," by Edward S. Van Zile	Circa 1929
b. 1, f. 50	Ships and sailing Includes facsimile of an invitation to a naval ball; handdrawn sketch of a ship; and newspaper article on "sea-going" yachts.	1814, 1930, undated
Autographs, bound Volumes are listed alphabetically by the cover title; contents listed as bound. Loose materials found in some albums were added to the list of unbound materials.		
"Autographs --Mrs. Charles D. Dickey --1920"		
The majority of signed correspondence in the two volumes is between individuals other than Dickey. Only a small number of items are addressed to Dickey family members.		
b. 1, f. 51	Volume I	1865-1949
b. 2, f. 1	Volume II	1622-1972
b. 2, f. 2	"Autographs of the American, British, French, Japanese and Belgian Delegates to the Disarmament Conference Assembled at the Request Of President Warren G. Harding in Washington November 11th (Armistice Day) 1921" English	1921
"Autographs of the Presidents of the United States 1789-1925"		
The first autograph is that of Samuel Francis Smith, patriotic song writer; the remainder are presidential autographs.		
b. 2, f. 3	Smith, Samuel Francis Handwritten lyrics of "America," aka "My Country 'Tis of Thee."	1894 November 20

"Autographs of the Presidents of the United States 1789-1925" (continued)

b. 2, f. 3	Washington, George Letter signed, folio, Head Quarters, Middle Brook [New Jersey], to Thomas Burke, delegate to the Continental Congress from North Carolina, relating to the sending of troops to the southern states.	1779 March 28
b. 2, f. 3	Adams, John Autograph letter signed (with integral address leaf), Auteuil, to Charles William Frederic Dumas at The Hague regarding the "Dutch Nation" and wishing success in forming a "Solid Coalition".	1784 October 4
b. 2, f. 3	Jefferson, Thomas Autograph letter signed (with integral address leaf), Philadelphia, to Mr. Church, United States Consul at Lisbon confirming Church's appointment.	1792 November 14
b. 2, f. 3	Madison, James Autograph note signed to an unnamed recipient expressing regret that the writer's query arrived too late to consult the necessary persons.	1803 January 3
b. 2, f. 3	Monroe, James Autograph letter signed, Washington, to Thomas Swan congratulating him on his appointment as a commissioner to settle the Yazoo claims.	1815 January 29
b. 2, f. 3	Adams, John Quincy Autograph letter signed, Washington, to William Whiting of Roxbury, Massachusetts, regarding Congressional action on pensions.	1845 March 11
b. 2, f. 3	Jackson, Andrew Autograph letter signed, Hermitage, to Mrs. Miriam Ayres concerning his attention to business and court records which she asked him to investigate on her behalf.	1827 February 5
b. 2, f. 3	Van Buren, Martin Autograph letter signed, oblong, no place, to his brother regarding a real estate transaction.	Undated
b. 2, f. 3	Harrison, William Henry Autograph letter signed, Head Quarters, Franklin, to John H. Pratt regarding the securing of supplies and drivers.	1812 November 19
b. 2, f. 3	Tyler, John Autograph letter signed to Mr. Webster enclosing some letters relating to the Princess Metternich and others which he wants returned.	1843 March 23
b. 2, f. 3	Polk, James K. Autograph letter signed, as President, Washington, to Secretary of the Treasury Robert J. Walker asking Walker to see "an old lady who will hand you this note" and who is "in great distress".	1845 August 3
b. 2, f. 3	Taylor, Zachary Autograph letter signed, Louisville, Kentucky, to Colonel R. Jones discussing methods of securing recruits.	1825 August 20

"Autographs of the Presidents of the United States 1789-1925" (continued)

b. 2, f. 3	Fillmore, Millard Autograph letter signed (marked private), Buffalo, to ...Pruyn? declining an invitation to attend the opening of a railway to Brantford and an evening ball.	1854 January 11
b. 2, f. 3	Pierce, Franklin Autograph letter signed as President, Washington, with autograph envelope, to Postmaster General James Campbell introducing Judge T. O. Wilson of Dubuque, Iowa, who has helpful information on the mails.	1856 March 12
b. 2, f. 3	Buchanan, James Autograph note signed, as President (with wax seal), Washington, to John I McConn? sending his autograph for the writer's son.	1860 October 11
b. 2, f. 3	Lincoln, Abraham A clemency order signed, as President, Executive Mansion, Washington, to Major General George G. Meade, Army of the Potomac, to suspend the execution of Benjamin Van Horn, of First Pennsylvania Artillery until further orders.	1864 February 22
b. 2, f. 3	Johnson, Andrew Grant of Clemency signed, as President (with seal), folio, for Samuel Tate of Shelby County, Tennessee, who has voluntarily taken an oath of allegiance to the United States.	1865 May 31
b. 2, f. 3	Grant, Ulysses S. Autograph letter signed to L. P. Hubbard, secretary of the New England Society of the City of New York expressing regrets that he cannot attend the Society's annual dinner.	1884 December 16
b. 2, f. 3	Hayes, Rutherford B. Autograph letter signed, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, Ohio, with autograph envelope, to J. L. Hillard, clerk of Committees, City of Boston, expressing regret that he cannot attend memorial service honoring General Sherman.	1891 March 9
b. 2, f. 3	Garfield, James A. Autograph letter signed, Mentor, Ohio, to Honorable Wirt Sikes of Cardiff, Wales, thanking him for sending "English Goblins".	1880 July 29
b. 2, f. 3	Arthur, Chester A. Letter signed (LS), as President, Executive Mansion, Washington, to William B. Brokaw thanking him for the presentation of the Newburgh Centennial Medal. Autograph signature on engraved White House card.	1883 November 6
b. 2, f. 3	Cleveland, Grover Autograph letter signed, Princeton, to J. B. Gilder, New York, discussing the return of proofs with maps and book dedication.	1904 June 25
b. 2, f. 3	Harrison, Benjamin Autograph letter signed, to Senate Chamber, Washington, to Honorable Warren G. Sayre, State Senate, Indianapolis relating to Harrison's Senate activities.	1881 March 24

"Autographs of the Presidents of the United States 1789-1925" (continued)

b. 2, f. 3	McKinley, William Autograph letter signed, House of Representatives, Washington, to T. C. Prince, Canton, Ohio, introducing Price to Captain Wills of the Naval Academy library.	1878 June 15
b. 2, f. 3	Roosevelt, Theodore Autograph letter signed, Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay [New York] to "Dear Sir" indicating that he will be out of town for the summer.	No year May 12
b. 2, f. 3	Taft, William Howard Autograph letter signed, on Supreme Court stationery, Canada, to Abraham Kunkel regarding the size and hanging of a picture.	1928 June 22
b. 2, f. 3	Wilson, Woodrow Autograph letter signed to Mr. Williams regarding a meeting in Philadelphia, with a steel-engraved portrait of Wilson signed in pencil .	1895 June 28
b. 2, f. 3	Harding, Warren G. Autograph letter signed oblong, to McMillan & Kayne regarding an order for cards. Broken at fold.	[1914] July 31
b. 2, f. 3	Coolidge, Calvin Typed letter signed, as President, The White House, Washington, to Earle P. Charlton regarding the Clarke School for the Deaf.	1928 November 14
b. 2, f. 3	Hoover, Herbert Autograph manuscript signed, on "Herbert Hoover" letterhead, regarding the "ever growing appreciation of Abraham Lincoln's character and of his immortal service....".	Undated
<p>"Autographs of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence"</p> <p>The volume does not contain autographs of all the signers. Engraved portraits of the signers are present, even though there may not be accompanying autographed material.</p>		
b. 3, f. 1	Adams, John, facsimile from a painting	Undated
b. 3, f. 1	Adams, Samuel Document signed as governor of Massachusetts, folio, commissioning James Sprout as a major in the State Militia.	1795 October 1
b. 3, f. 1	Bartlett, Josia Document signed, folio, an arrest warrant for Reuben Peasley, New Hampshire.	1773 August 30
b. 3, f. 1	Carroll, Charles Autograph letter signed to John H. Latrobe asking for a meeting.	1829 January 9
b. 3, f. 1	Chase, Samuel Autograph endorsement on a petition signed by Charles Cole to the Governor of Maryland, folio, Baltimore.	1973 January 23

"Autographs of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence" (continued)

b. 3, f. 1	Clymer, George Document signed as supervisor of the Revenue, Philadelphia, certifying that duties have been paid on a shipment of gin.	Undated
b. 3, f. 1	Ellery, William Ship's passport, Newport, Rhode Island.	1815 July 10
b. 3, f. 1	Floyd, William Document signed, indenture for sale of land in Onedia County, New York, folio.	1817 May 3
b. 4	Franklin, Benjamin Document signed on vellum with seal, oblong folio. Proprietary deed of land to Thomas Gilpin, issued by the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Item was removed from the album for preservation treatment and rehoused separately.	1787 June 9
b. 3, f. 1	Gerry, Eldridge Document signed as Governor of Massachusetts with seal, folio, appointing Jonathan Wild as Justice of the Peace.	1811 October 9
b. 3, f. 1	Hall, Lyman Autograph note signed, seeking a favor.	1787 December 12
b. 3, f. 1	Hancock, John Document signed as Governor of Massachusetts, with seal, folio, summoning newly elected State Senator Benjamin Goodhue to a convention of senators.	1783 May 12
b. 3, f. 1	Harrison, Benjamin .Document signed by Harrison and Thomas Meriwether, Council Chamber, certifying that "James Cooley is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Private of the Continental line for three years of service".	1783 June 13
b. 3, f. 1	Hart John Colonial currency. "Three Shillings," signed by Hart and others, Burlington, New Jersey. Printed by Isaac Collins.	1776 March 25
b. 3, f. 1	Heyward, Thomas Warrant for arrest of John Stevenson, signed, Charleston, South Carolina.	1788 January 18
b. 3, f. 1	Hopkinson, Francis United States bank note, signed by Hopkinson as Treasurer of Loans.	1780 November 3
b. 3, f. 1	Huntington, Samuel Autograph letter signed, Norwich, Connecticut, to Enoch Perkins commissioning him as Notary Public in the Court of Hartford.	1789 June 25

"Autographs of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence" (continued)

b. 3, f. 1	Jefferson, Thomas Autograph letter signed, in the third person, Monticello, expressing thanks to Mr. Samuel Benjamin Helbert Judah for the poem of "Odsfreide" ("Odofriede: the Outcast").	1822 June 27
b. 3, f. 1	Livingston, Philip Power of Attorney, signed by John Chambers, New York, and witnessed by Livingston and John Ernest, folio.	1756 October 6
b. 3, f. 1	Morris, Robert Autograph letter signed, with integral address leaf, Richmond, to Mathew Ridley in Baltimore relating to business of mutual interest.	1788 May 12
b. 3, f. 1	Paine, Robert Treat Fragment of document with good signature. The body of the document is in another hand. .	Undated
b. 3, f. 1	Rodney, Caesar Receipt, signed, for monies paid in discharge of a mortgage, Dover, [Delaware].	1774 July 23
b. 3, f. 1	Rush, Benjamin Document, partly printed, signed, no location, swearing that a certificate in the amount of forty dollars is the property of Dickinson College.	1786 May 12
b. 3, f. 1	Sherman, Roger Summons, partly printed, signed as Justice of the Peace, Woodbury, Connecticut, for a judgement for debt.	1757 March 10
b. 3, f. 1	Thornton, Matthew Signature, clipped.	Undated
b. 3, f. 1	Williams, William Document signed, Lebanon, Connecticut, power of attorney.	1794 January 2
b. 3, f. 1	Wilson, James Signature, clipped from letter.	Undated
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b. 3, f. 2	Washington, George Letter signed, folio, Head Quarters, Middle Brook, [New Jersey]. to Thomas Burke, delegate to the Continental Congress, relating to the sending of troops to the southern states.	1779 March 28
b. 3, f. 2	Jefferson, Thomas Autograph letter signed, Monticello, to Lancelot Minor, concerning the sale of land and the matter of book sent for his personal library.	1813 October 29
b. 3, f. 2	La Fayette, Marquis de Autograph letter signed concerning the Canada expedition and Colonel Conway.	1778 March 3

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b. 3, f. 2	Hancock, John Autograph letter signed, Boston, to Governor George Clinton of New York introducing Captain Turner of Boston who is relocating to New York to establish a fencing and dancing school.	1783 December 1
b. 3, f. 2	Clay, H. Autograph letter signed, Ashland [Kentucky], to J. R. Witherspoon declining an invitation to visit Blount Springs, Alabama, as his visit would be "...attributed to an electioneering purpose".	1839 May 16
b. 3, f. 2	Calhoun, J.C. Autograph letter signed to J. R. Witherspoon re appointment of John Brinridge (?).	1814 August 30
b. 3, f. 2	Hobart, John H. Autograph letter signed to John R. Witherspoon reminiscing about college days at Princeton.	1793 December 17
b. 3, f. 2	Johnson, R. (Rinaldo) Signature on Continental currency note of two dollars.	1777 February 26
b. 3, f. 2	Pershing, John and Bishop Charles Henry Brent Signed photograph.	Circa 1917

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 -- Politics and government

Genres / Formats

Autographs (manuscripts)

Names

Dickey, Catherine