Charles Warren Stoddard Collection: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection
Title: Charles Warren Stoddard Collection
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Collection Number: mssHM 38486-HM 38513
Creator: Stoddard, Charles Warren, 1843-1909
Extent: 28 items in 1 box
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Provenance
Purchased from Dawson's Bookshop, October 1963.
Biographical Note
American author and poet Charles Warren Stoddard (1843-1909) was born in Rochester, New York, on August 7, 1843, and moved with his family to San Francisco, California, in 1855. Stoddard began writing and traveling at an early age. In 1864, Stoddard made his first trip to Hawaii and Polynesia. His poetry was first published in The Golden Era in 1862 and his first book of poems was published in 1867. In the 1860s and 1870s, Stoddard traveled widely, participated in Bohemian literary circles in San Francisco, and worked as a correspondent and journalist. In the early 1880s, Stoddard was a co-editor of the Overland Monthly magazine with Ina D. Coolbrith and Bret Harte. From 1885 to 1886, he served as chair of the English department at the University of Notre Dame, and was department chair at Catholic University from 1889 to 1902, before moving to Cambridge, Massachusetts. He returned to San Francisco in April 1903, and then later lived in Monterey, California, until his death on April 23, 1909.
Scope and Content
This collection contains 10 manuscripts and 18 letters either written by or related to American author Charles Warren Stoddard. Manuscripts consist of poems by Stoddard, as well as a contemporary copy of a poem by Thomas Bailey Aldrich, and two reminiscences by poet Ina D. Coolbrith about John Greenleaf Whittier and Bret Harte and Stoddard. Includes letters to Stoddard from Samuel Clemens (contemporary copy) "Amber" (Martha Everts Holden); Grace Keeler Machin; Alice Macleod; Toby Rosenthal; Edward Rowland Sill; Thomas Walsh; and Carrie Wyatt. There are also single images of Stoddard's friends Thérèse Yelverton and David Kalakaua, King of Hawaii, as well as two envelopes and two printed articles by Stoddard.

- Charles Warren Stoddard poems and letters, 1878, 1885-1887 (Call number: mssHM 2541-HM 2432, mssHM 24342-HM 24345)
- Charles Warren Stoddard autograph album, 1863-1897 (Call number: mssHM 35075)
- Charles Warren Stoddard letters to Dewitt Miller, 1893-1909 (Call number: mssHM 38365-38418)
- Charles Warren Stoddard Letters, 1880-1904 (Call number: mssHM 2979-2985)
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. In Old Bohemia. II. The “Overland” and the Overlanders [typescript manuscript of essay], [1907] (Call number: mssHM 51797), in the Lute Pease Papers.
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. "Madrigal" [poem], 1880, in Lydia Woodworth autograph album. (Call number: mssHM 45669)
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. To Theo N. Vail [a poem in 6 lines to Theodore Newton Vail, on his 43rd birthday], 1888 July 16 (Call number: mssAP) in the Albert Bigelow Paine letters.
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. 2 letters to Mary Hunter Austin, 1904-1907 (Call number: mssAU 4792-4793), in the Mary Hunter Austin Papers.
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. 8 letters to Jeanne C. (Smith) Carr, 1870-1891 (Call number: mssCA 164-171) in the Jeanne C. Smith Carr Papers.
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. 7 letters to Annie (Adams) Fields, 1894-1905 (Call number: mssFl 3844-3850) in the James Thomas Fields Papers and Addenda.
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. 6 letters to Charles Augustus Keeler, 1895-1899 (Call number: mssKeeler papers, Box 5), in the Charles Augustus Keeler Papers.
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. 5 letters to Jack London, 1906-1908 (Call number: mssJL 19084-19088), and 1 letter to Queen Liliuokalani, 1906 November (Call number: mssJL 19083), in the Jack London Papers.
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. 1 letter to Arthur Loring MacKay, 1896 December 6 (Call number: mssHM 46964), in the Beatrice Borchardt Collection.
• Stoddard, Charles Warren. 1 letter to John Fleming Wilson, June 26, 1907 (Call number: mssLockley, Folder 41), and 4 letters to Lute Pease, 1908-1908 (Call number: mssLockley, Folder 42), in the Fred Lockley Papers and Addenda.
• Ina D. Coolbrith letters to Charles Warren Stoddard, approximately 1868-1898 and undated (Call number: mssHM 38419-38485)
• Photogravure of Charles Warren Stoddard (approximately 1900?) (Call number: mssGraham, Box 37 [14]) in the Margaret Collier Graham Papers.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in the following 3 series:
• Manuscripts
• Correspondence
• Photographs and ephemera

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.

Subjects
Coolbrith, Ina D. (Ina Donna), 1841-1928.
Harte, Bret, 1836-1902.
Kalakaua, David, King of Hawaii, 1836-1891 -- Photographs.
Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892.
Yelverton, Thérèse, Viscountess Avonmore, 1832?-1881 -- Pictorial works.
Authors, American -- 19th century -- Archives.
Authors, American -- 20th century -- Archives.

Forms/Genres
Letters (correspondence) -- United States.
Manuscripts -- United States.
Poems -- United States.

Alternate Authors
Aldrich, Thomas Bailey, 1836-1907.
Amber, 1844-1896, correspondent.
Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1835-1910, correspondent.
Coolbrith, Ina D. (Ina Donna), 1841-1928, correspondent.
Dwight, Theodore F., correspondent.
Rosenthal, Toby Edward, approximately 1848-1917, correspondent.
Sill, Edward Rowland, 1841-1887, correspondent.
Walsh, Thomas, 1875-1928, correspondent.

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Manuscripts

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey. Lost at Sea [a poem]. HM 38486
Contemporary copy, 4 pages. Note on the last page: “Copied at the request of Chas.
Warren Stoddard by Grace Keeler, Machin.” Previously enclosed in HM 38502.

Coolbrith, Ina D. [A meeting with John Greenleaf Whittier]. [1909?] HM 38487
Autograph manuscript signed, 22 pages. Published in New England Quarterly, March
1972, pages 109-118.

Coolbrith, Ina D. [A recollection of Francis Bret Harte and Charles Warren
Stoddard]. [Between 1909 and 1929] HM 38488
Autograph manuscript incomplete, 51 pages.

Stoddard, Charles Warren. Introduction to an unidentified article or book. [After
1896] HM 38489
Manuscript, 5 pages. Begins “a dear friend once said to me, ‘You have no
imagination!’” and ends “It was after that I waded through “The Vale of Tears” and
having returned alone, at the age of sixteen years, by the Isthmus of Panama, I
arrived in San Francisco and began the next phase of my development in my
somewhat varied career and the true story of it now follows.”

Autograph manuscript, 1 page.

Stoddard, Charles Warren. Monterey. (An impression) [a sonnet]. [Before 1910]
HM 38491
Autograph manuscript signed, 1 page.

Stoddard, Charles Warren. Boswell’s Johnson [notes on James Boswell’s Life of
Samuel Johnson]. [Before 1910] HM 38492
Autograph manuscript signed, 4 pages.

Stoddard, Charles Warren. Old Monterey [a poem]. [Before 1918?] HM 38493
Manuscript signed, 3 pages. In the hand of Ina D. Coolbrith.

Stoddard, Charles Warren. The Poet as the Pervious; a Doleful Duty [a poem].
[Before 1910] HM 38494
Damaged. Autograph manuscript signed, 4 pages. One page includes quotes from the
Bible.
Stoddard, Charles Warren. To Lizette Dennison [a poem beginning "Why Blow the Blasts so Fiercely..."]  [Before 1910] HM 38495
  Manuscript signed, 1 page. In the hand of Ina D. Coolbrith.

Correspondence

C----, M. R. Postcard from M. R. C. to Charles Warren Stoddard. 1905 July 2
  HM 38496
  Washington, D. C. Autograph note, signed.

[Clemens, Samuel Langhorne]. Letter to Charles Warren Stoddard. 1898
  November 6 HM 38497
  Vienna. Contemporary copy, 1 page. In the hand of Ina D. Coolbrith, marked "copy."

  HM 38498
  Vaud, Switzerland. Autograph letter signed, 4 pages.

  29 HM 38499
  Autograph letter signed, 6 pages. Signed "Amber."

  September 29 HM 38500
  Galesburg, Illinois. Autograph letter signed, 8 pages. Signed "Amber." With two
  clippings about Holden; a printed booklet: "Amber compared with Emerson and
  Holmes by Literary Critics," and a magazine article.


Machin, Grace Keeler. Letter to Charles Warren Stoddard. 1906 August 21
  HM 38502
  Brooklyn, New York. Autograph letter signed, 5 pages. Previously enclosure for HM
  38486.

Macleod, Alice. Letter to Charles Warren Stoddard. 1905 September 12 HM 38503
  Santa Clara, California. Autograph letter signed, 12 pages. References Lompoc Mission
  (California).

  HM 38504
  Munich. Autograph letter signed, 8 pages.

  HM 38505
  Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Autograph letter signed, 8 pages.

Stoddard, Charles Warren. Letter to Charles S. Aiken. 1907 November 11 HM 38506
  Monterey, California. Autograph letter signed, 3 pages.

Stoddard, Charles Warren. Letter to Ina D. Coolbrith. 1907 April 12 HM 38507
  Monterey, California. Autograph letter signed, 3 pages.
Stoddard, Charles Warren. Letter to Ina D. Coolbrith. 1907 July 24 HM 38508
Monterey, California. Autograph letter signed, 3 pages.

Walsh, Thomas. Letter to Charles Warren Stoddard. 1905 August 23 HM 38509
Mount Arlington, New Jersey. Autograph letter signed, 2 pages.

Walsh, Thomas. Letter to Charles Warren Stoddard. 1907 May 18 HM 38510

Walsh, Thomas. Letter to Charles Warren Stoddard. 1907 October 8 HM 38511
Mount Arlington, New Jersey. Autograph letter signed, 3 pages.

Walsh, Thomas. Letter to Charles Warren Stoddard. 1908 March 18 HM 38512


Photographs and ephemera

Card photograph of a drawing of Marie Thérèse Longworth (Yelverton). [Before 1880]

Cabinet photograph of David Kalakaua, King of Hawaii. [Before 1890]
With inscription, "To Charles Warren Stoddard, May 8, 1890, Aloha!"

Ephemera
Two envelopes and two articles by Stoddard: "The Daughter of Pharaoh to Bohemia" and "In Old Bohemia."