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## **Finding aid for the General Historical Manuscripts and Ephemera collection 6004**

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**Title:** General Historical Manuscripts and Ephemera collection

**creator:** Blair, Montgomery

**creator:** Cameron, Simon

**creator:** Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland)

**creator:** Debs, Eugene V. (Eugene Victor)

**creator:** Dennison, William

**creator:** Fessenden, William Pitt

**creator:** Jefferson, Thomas

**creator:** Raymond, Henry J. (Henry Jarvis)

**creator:** Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano)

**creator:** Seward, William Henry

**creator:** Smith, William Stephens

**creator:** Strange, Thomas Andrew Lumisden, 1756-1841

**Identifier/Call Number:** 6004

**Physical Description:** 0.21 Linear Feet1 box

**Date (inclusive):** 1790-1928, undated

**Abstract:** This artificially created collection consists of notes, letters, documents, and photographs created by and for important American historical figures, 1790-1928 and undated. Of particular historical interest are the letters written by Thomas Jefferson, William Smith, and Eugene Debs, and the 1850 Los Angeles Justice of the Peace election results document.

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#### **Scope and Content**

This artificially created collection consists of notes, letters, documents, and photographs created by and for important American historical figures. Arranged chronologically, the collection includes letters written by Thomas Jefferson and William S. Smith; a document certifying the results of the 1850 Los Angeles Justice of the Peace election; autographed notes and letters penned by members of Abraham Lincoln's Cabinet; a stock certificate signed by Grover Cleveland; letters sent to Ruth LePrade from Eugene Debs en route to and from prison; a letter signed by Franklin Roosevelt; and locks of George and Martha Washington's hair. Of particular interest, for their content, are the Thomas Jefferson, William Smith, and Eugene Debs letters, and the election results document.

#### **Acquisition**

The documents in this collection were acquired from a number of sources. The William S. Smith letter was donated by Harris Woods, April 1982. The Lincoln Cabinet members autographs were donated by Dr. Edward M. Pallette, February 1954. The Los Angeles election manuscript was purchased from the Historical Society of Southern California, 1988.

#### **Subjects and Indexing Terms**

United States -- History -- 18th century -- Archival resources

Manuscripts

Photographs

Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History -- 19th century -- Archival resources

United States -- History -- 19th century -- Archival resources

Letters

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Elections -- California -- Los Angeles -- 19th century -- Archival resources

Blair, Montgomery

Cameron, Simon

Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland)

Debs, Eugene V. (Eugene Victor)

Dennison, William

Fessenden, William Pitt

Jefferson, Thomas

Raymond, Henry J. (Henry Jarvis)

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano)

Seward, William Henry

Smith, William Stephens

Strange, Thomas Andrew Lumisden, 1756-1841

Blair, Montgomery -- Correspondence

Cameron, Simon -- Correspondence

Carrillo, Jose Antonio -- Archives

Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland) -- Correspondence

Cleveland, Grover -- Archives

Debs, Eugene V. (Eugene Victor) -- Correspondence

Dennison, William -- Correspondence

Fessenden, William Pitt -- Correspondence

Jefferson, Thomas -- Correspondence

Le Prade, Ruth -- Archives

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus) -- Photographs

Raymond, Henry J. (Henry Jarvis) -- Correspondence

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano) -- Correspondence

Sepulveda, Juan Capistrano -- Archives

Seward, William Henry -- Correspondence

Smith, William Stephens -- Correspondence

Strange, Thomas Andrew Lumisden, 1756-1841 -- Correspondence

Washington, George -- Archives

Washington, Martha -- Archives

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Box 1, Folder 1

**Jefferson, Thomas 1780, 1822, 1826, 1842**

**Scope and Content**

Three letters signed by Thomas Jefferson, two in his hand. Letter dated November 2, 1780 discusses the dispensing of military aid from counties north of Rappahanock. Letter dated December 12, 1822 (bound in folder) sends salutations, in third person, to Dr. Cutting, and discusses his age, physical infirmities, and mental clarity. Letter dated March 22, 1826 is a letter of introduction for his grandson, Thomas Jefferson Randolph, to Governor Clinton. Latter two letters sent from Monticello. Accompanied by facsimile of Henry Clay letter, dated September 13, 1842. Authentication of the letters performed by Huntington Library, 1960.

Box 1, Folder 2

**Smith, William S. 1790 May 15**

**Scope and Content**

Letter from Smith, John Adams' son-in-law, discussing George Washington's health and the status of Senate business at that time.

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- Box 1, Folder 3      **Los Angeles election returns for Justice of the Peace 1850 November 4**  
    **Scope and Content**  
    Manuscript of certification of election results for Justice of the Peace for Los Angeles. Signed by Judges of Election Jose Antonio Carrillo, Juan Sepulveda (the election winner), John Ricord, Francisco J. Alvarado, and J.S. Mallard [?]. Participating in the election were Sepulveda, William B. Osburn, and Francisco Alvarado.
- Box 1, Folder 4      **Members of Abraham Lincoln's Cabinet 1855-1881**  
    **Scope and Content**  
    Autographs, generally in the form of signed notes and letters. Some engravings are also included. Blair, Cameron, Fessenden, and Chase letters dated prior to Lincoln administration; Seward and Dennison letters dated after Lincoln administration. Also includes a letter from prominent New York Republican and journalist Henry Jarvis Raymond.
- Blair, Montgomery 1855 June 9**  
                            **Chase, Salmon P. 1861 February 6**  
                            **Cameron, Simeon 1860 November 12**  
                            **Dennison, William 1881 April 14**  
                            **Fessenden, William Pitt 1860[?] August 15**  
                            **Raymond, Henry Jarvis 1858 April 2**  
                            **Seward, William H. 18[?]5 October 11**
- Box 1, Folder 5      **Cleveland, Grover 1877 April 1**  
    **Scope and Content**  
    Stock certificate for one share of the Beaver Island Club, signed by Cleveland.
- Box 1, Folder 6      **Debs, Eugene V. circa 1919**  
    **Scope and Content**  
    Letters from Debs to Ruth LePrade, sent en route to and from prison.
- Box 1, Folder 7      **Lindbergh, Charles A. 1928 May 6**  
    **Scope and Content**  
    Autographed photograph of Lindberg, addressed to J.B. Lyman, V.P. of Maddox Air Lines, Inc.
- Box 1, Folder 8      **Roosevelt, Franklin D. 1928 September 14**  
    **Scope and Content**  
    Copy of letter to Mr. John Elliot, Los Angeles, in which he inquires about Elliot's decision about supporting Governor Smith as a presidential candidate.
- Box 1, Folder 10     **Strange, Sir Thomas 1817 December 12**  
    **Scope and Contents**  
    Letter to Charles Grant, in which Strange discusses the importance of his three volume work, "Notes of cases in the court of the Recorder and in the Supreme Court of Judicature at Madras; commencing in the year 1798, and ending in the year 1816. To which are added, copies of the Statutes, Charter, and of the Rules of the Supreme Court."
- Box 1, Folder 9      **Washington, George and Martha undated**  
    **Scope and Content**  
    Locks of hair.
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