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Title: General Historical Manuscripts and Ephemera collection
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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
creator: Wilde, Oscar

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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.

Scope and Content

This artificially created collection consists of notes, letters, documents, and photographs created by and for important American and European 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; locks of George and Martha Washington's hair; a letter from Oscar Wilde; and a letter regarding the activities of the British East India Company. Of particular interest, for their content, are the Thomas Jefferson, William Smith, and Eugene Debs letters, and the election results document.

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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. The

British East India Company letter was purchased from the Wayfarer's Bookshop, 2014.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

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

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

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

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

Correspondence

Manuscripts

Photographs

Blair, Montgomery -- Correspondence

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925 -- 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

Dundas, Henry, 1742-1811 -- Correspondence

East India Company -- Archives

Fessenden, William Pitt -- Correspondence

Forster, George, -1836 -- Correspondence

Freiligrath, Ferdinand, 1810-1876 -- Archives

Jefferson, Thomas -- Correspondence

Lamartine, Alphonse de, 1790-1869 -- Correspondence

Le Prade, Ruth -- Archives

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974 -- 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

Wilde, Oscar -- Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 1

Jefferson, Thomas 214446 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 15	<p>East India Company 1786 April 22</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Letter from George Forster to Henry Dundas regarding relations between the British East India Company, the Maratha Empire, and the Kingdom of Mysore, and the Company's commercial activities on the Coromandel Coast and the Dutch settlements there.</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Smith, William S. 214499 1790 May 15</p> <p>Scope and Content</p> <p>Letter from Smith, John Adams' son-in-law, discussing George Washington's health and the status of Senate business at that time.</p>
Box 1, Folder 10	<p>Strange, Sir Thomas 1817 December 12</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>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."</p>
Box 1, Folder 13	<p>Freligrath, Ferdinand circa 1832</p>
Box 1, Folder 3	<p>Los Angeles election returns for Justice of the Peace 214445 1850 November 4</p> <p>Scope and Content</p> <p>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.</p>
Box 1, Folder 4	<p>Members of Abraham Lincoln's Cabinet 214491 1855-1881</p> <p>Scope and Content</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Blair, Montgomery 214498 1855 June 9</p> <p>Chase, Salmon P. 214494 1861 February 6</p> <p>Cameron, Simeon 214497 1860 November 12</p> <p>Dennison, William 214496 1881 April 14</p> <p>Fessenden, William Pitt 214495 1860[?] August 15</p> <p>Raymond, Henry Jarvis 214493 1858 April 2</p> <p>Seward, William H. 214492 18[?]5 October 11</p>
Box 1, Folder 12	<p>Lamartine, Alphonse de 1861</p>
Box 1, Folder 5	<p>Cleveland, Grover 214443 1877 April 1</p> <p>Scope and Content</p> <p>Stock certificate for one share of the Beaver Island Club, signed by Cleveland.</p>
Box 1, Folder 11	<p>Wilde, Oscar circa 1897</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Letter.</p>
Box 1, Folder 14	<p>Bryan, William Jennings 1917 April 30</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Letter from Bryan to Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston, introducing him to Rufus VonKleinSmid.</p>

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- Box 1, Folder 6 **Debs, Eugene V. 214489 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. 214444 1928 May 6**
 Scope and Content
 Autographed photograph of Lindbergh, addressed to J.B. Lyman, V.P. of Maddox Air Lines, Inc.
- Box 1, Folder 8 **Roosevelt, Franklin D. 214442 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 9 **Washington, George and Martha 214478 undated**
 Scope and Content
 Locks of hair.