

American miscellany collection, circa 1700-1983

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Descriptive Summary

Title: American miscellany collection, circa 1700-1983
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1391
Extent: 3 linear feet (6 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), 3 bound volumes (BV), 2 oversized bound volumes (OBV), and AV Masters: 0.25 linear feet (1 box).
Abstract: Artificial collection composed of items documenting American history and politics.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Source

Gift, prior to 1983 with subsequent additions.

Citation

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Processing

Initially arranged and described at the folder level by Sarah Quigley, January 2017.

This collection contains material that was originally part of Miscellaneous Collections A-D and F-G. In 2017, these collections were discontinued and the contents dispersed amongst other collections by subject or provenance to improve accessibility.

The Rose Library continues to acquire material for this collection from multiple sources and regularly adds new items.

Collection Description

Scope and Content Note

This artificial collection consists of items documenting American history, social life and customs, and politics. The collection includes photograph albums documenting the Vietnam War and NASCAR, as well as a diary kept in the 1940s by a farmer in South Carolina. There are also NASCAR souvenir programs.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
4	2	Adams, Sherman, letter to Peter G. Dayton, 1958 September 27 Acknowledgement of Dayton's previous letter.
BV1	1	Alexander, Abraham, "Order of Prayers for Rosh Hashonoh [sic] and Yom Kippur Like the Ritual of the holy Congregations of the Sephardim Written by Abraham Alexander, the son of Joseph Raphael, in the holy Congregation, Charleston, South Carolina, in the year 5565," circa 1809 Translation of the original by Leo Reisch, Rabbi, Hebrew Congregation, Atlanta, Georgia.
BV2	1	American Party, scrapbook, undated Scrapbook contains clippings of the American Party, selections from the Know Nothing Almanac, and some penciled notes. Most refer to the presidential election of Buchanan and slavery.
5	47	American Ticket Broker's Association, list of members, 1882 Also includes two excursion tickets on the SWRR and one business card from Chovey, Hopping, and Company.
6	1	Anti-Nazi buttons, American and British, undated
4	3	Apprentice certificate (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), 1833 September 23
6	5	Bailey's Military Hall, officers' meeting minutes, 1836 March 12 "Song of the Wrecker" on verso
4	4	Barnum, P.T. (New York, New York), letter to C.B. Norton, 1866 September 10 Barnum is establishing a free museum in New York City and asks help in finding relics while in Paris, France. Also includes two checks signed by Barnum.
4	5	Bowen, R.D., letters to, from, and about Calvin Coolidge, 1923 R.D. Bowen was a member of the Louisiana Bankers Association. The first letter is a copy of a letter Bowen sent Coolidge asking him to attend a Conference of the Boll Weevil Menace and for aid in gaining copies of Coolidge's published speeches; the second letter is the reply from Coolidge; and the last letter is from the Houghton Mifflin company about Coolidge's speeches.
4	6	Bowen, Truman D., general store account book (Stevens Point, Wisconsin), 1857-1873 Day book of general store, including personal accounts for work, lodging, and personal services. Laid in is a list of names of Civil War soldiers giving promotions in rank, wounded, and dead with dates. There are no entries between August 1862 and January 1866.
4	7	Burr, Aaron, letter to John Bird, 1801 January 2
4	8	Cleveland, Grover, letter to C.W. Reynolds, 1907 April 19

- Letter concerns the book *Peter Sterling*.
- 4 9 Commonplace book, circa 18th century
Book, kept by an unidentified individual, contains letters, poems, and essays copied from various sources.
- 4 10 Commonplace book, 1788
Book, kept by an unidentified woman, contains clippings, poetry, and other writings.
- 4 11 Customs documents, 1872-1877
- 6 6 Davis, Walt, letter collection, 1823-1856
Letters collected by Walt Davis. Approximately half of the letters are between members of the Alexander family of Pennsylvania. Other letters are between various individuals across the United States, with several to or from Henry C. Semple of Montgomery, Alabama.
- 6 2 Daytona Beach speed trials, photos and printed material, 1930
- 4 12 Deeds, 1775-1798
- OP1 1 English, Thomas Dunn (Newark, New Jersey), letter to "My dear Sir," 1895 March 11
Letter appears to be a reply to a request for an autograph. File includes two tintype photographs of English at ages 21 and 75; a copy of the sheet music for "Alice Ben Bolt," (lyrics by English); and a photocopy of a page from the *Atlanta Constitution*, Sunday, March 10, 1895, containing "A Talk with English."
- 5 1 Euwer, J.N. (Newcastle, Pennsylvania), letter to Daniel Euwer (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), 1849 May 8
J.N. asks Daniel to use his influence with Mr. Power, Canal Commissioner, to get Power to recommend to the governor the appointment of James Gilliland as Prothonotary of Lawrence County.
- 5 2 "Fast Day," manuscript sermon, 1759 April 12
Manuscript of a sermon preached on "Fast Day," at the time of recruiting in New England for the invasion of Canada during the French and Indian War.
- OP1 2 Fort, Tomlinson, appointment to Supreme Court of New Mexico, 1924 September 19
- 5 3 Fortress Monroe Post Library, inventory of books received from Colonel Fenwick, 1826 March
- 5 4 George, Walter Franklin (Washington, D.C.), letter to Mrs. Edwin P. Lochridge, 1953 July 28
In response to a letter from Mrs. Lochridge, "I am glad to have this expression of your views." George comments on the United Nations, an agricultural commodities bill, and the immigration bills then before the Congress.
- 5 5 Goodell, D.T. (Helena, Montana), letter to his brother, 1870 July 5

- Goodell writes of scarce money, grasshoppers destroying crops, iron foundries, stock raising, celebrations on the Fourth of July, and prospects relating to the North Pacific Railroad.
- 5 6 Guerard, A., letter to William T.C. Burton, circa 1840s
Burton was a surgeon and President of the Board of Naval Surgeons. The letter concerns Guerard's educational and medical training.
- 5 7 Harris, Thomas DeKalb, correspondence with Basil (?), 1835
Describes in some detail his stay in a resort hotel at Saratoga Springs (New York), his visit to the "old Saratoga battle field," to Utica (New York) and the nearby "Trenton falls."
- 6 7 Heflin, R.S., note to House of Representatives Clerk of Printed Records, 1870
June 27
- 6 8 Herndon, W.S., letter to publisher of "The Globe," undated
Letter requests issues be mailed to various Texas newspapers
- 5 8 Hitt, Robert R. (Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives), letter to Albert G. Riddle (Washington, D.C.), 1896 May 10
Removed from Woodruff Library copy of Riddle's *Recollections of War Times*.
- 5 9 Hoover, Herbert, letter to William Royer (Atlanta, Georgia), 1936 May 25
Response to inquiry about "the Philadelphia address."
- 5 10 Humphrey, Hubert, autographed invitation to *Encyclopedia Britannica* reception, 1969 June 25
- 5 11 Ingraham, Edward D., appointment to Director of the Bank of the United States, 1835 February 5
- 5 12 James, Francis (Washington, D.C.), letter to George T. Badger (Secretary of the Navy), 1841 June 21
Letter of recommendation from James, representative from Pennsylvania (1839-1941), concerning Mr. Smith who has applied for a Lieutenant's commission in the United States Marine Corps.
- OP1 3 Kaine, Daniel, land indenture (Dunbar Township, Pennsylvania), 1864 March 14
- 5 13 Kaine, Daniel (Uniontown, Pennsylvania), letters from clients, circa 1843-1849
Letters deal with legal problems, especially in regard to land issues. There is also an inquiry about tax registration and one indenture for land in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.
- 5 14 Kitchens, Stephen B., letter from his brother (Menard County, Texas), 1878 July 15
The brother writes of health and weather but primarily of crops and prices.
- 5 15 Land grants, circa 1825-1873 [1]
- OP1 4 Land grants, circa 1825-1873 [2]
File includes grants signed by John Quincy Adams and Martin Van Buren.

- OP1 5 Lanier family (Prince George's County, Maryland), genealogical chart, undated
- 5 16 Levenson, Sam, autographed program, ALA Exhibits Roundtable banquet, 1970
June 28
- BV2 2 Marshall, Humphrey, autograph book, 1856
Marshall was a Congressman from Henry County, Kentucky. The autograph
book contains the signatures of 98 members of the 34th United States
Congress. Later used as a commonplace book by Green Foster of Madison,
Georgia.
- 5 17 Mason, Alfred Edward Woodley, letter to Mr. Collees, undated
- 5 18 Maury, Matthew Fontaine, letter to John Bell, 1856 January 22
Maury is the author of Geography of the Sea.
- 5 19 Meagher, Thomas Francis (1823-1867), letter to Francis C. Wemyss, 1853 May
13
Regrets that he cannot attend a dinner of the Dramatic Fund Association and
offers his support in the future.
- 5 20 McQueen, A. (Galena, Illinois), letter to Sparoc Wellington (Oregon City,
Illinois), 1839 December 11
McQueen writes of "a country the wildest I ever saw and people fully to
correspond with it," and, "From what I learn...there is no Speculation for us in
the Mining country." He feels their best prospect is cutting and selling wood
from some nearby "congress land." He discusses prices of various leathers and
leather good, of "teaming," of foodstuff, and board. "There are I believe more
carpenters than can find employ."
- 5 21 Mickle, William (General), letters, 1889-1913
Correspondents include Willis Brewer, Walter Lynwood Fleming (1874-1932),
John Allan Wyeth (1845-1922), Thomas McAdory Owen (1866-1920), and
Felix Voorhies.
- 5 22 Money, circa 18th-19th centuries
- 5 23 (Morgan?), Martha (Camp Seco, California), letter to her son Asa, 1854 June 24
Photocopy. Camp Seco is a "miner's town" and Martha and her husband,
probably A.S. Morgan, are living there. She is apparently the only white
woman in town, "surrounded by Chinese, Mexicans, Indians and persons from
almost every nation on the globe." She mentions being "still with Thomas;" a
Mr. Wooters, a miner who lives with him; a Major Wright; and a Dr. Scott. A
note mentions Thomas Woodland, who is "merchandising." Martha describes a
brief trip on ponies to the valley of the "big trees."
- 5 24 Morton, Levi P. (1824-1920), autographed photograph, undated
Morton was United States Minister to France, governor of New York, and Vice
President under Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893).
- 5 25 Morton, Samuel George (1799-1851), letter to R. Kern, 1850 February 18

Morton was a physician and scientist, member of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, teacher in two Philadelphia medical schools, and author of several scholarly scientific works in ethnology and pathology. Kern was an explorer.

- OBV22 NASCAR photograph album, undated
- 1 2 NASCAR photograph album documenting the Cale Yarborough fan club meeting, compiled by Ruth "Sweets" Pope, 1983
- 1 3 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [1]
- 1 4 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [2]
- 1 5 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [3]
- 2 1 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [4]
- 2 2 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [5]
- 2 3 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [6]
- 2 4 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [7]
- 2 5 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [8]
- 3 1 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [9]
- 3 2 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [10]
- 3 3 NASCAR souvenir programs, 1965-1982 [11]
- AV1 1 "Nixon's the One," excerpts from Richard M. Nixon's nomination acceptance speech, 1968 August 8 [original: phonograph record]
- 5 26 Norris, G.W. (Washington, D.C.), letter to William Royer (Miami, Florida), 1917 December 29
In reference to a recent letter by Royer, "I...thoroly appreciate this frank expression of your views." Norris thanks Royer for having published a correction for a statement pertaining to Norris in a recent article.
- 5 27 Odom, John Darby (Doctor), letter from (Peruvian?) refugees in Panama, 1935 January 31
As Chief Officer of the Balboa Quarantine Station in the Canal Zone, Dr. Odom had responsibility for the numerous political refugees from Latin America who had been exiled to Panama. This letter expresses the gratitude of one such group of exiles for the kind treatment they had received at his hands. The letter was removed from the Rose Library's copy of John Darby Odom, M.D..
- 3 4 Office of Civil Defense, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C., printed material about fallout shelters, 1953-1977 [1]
- 3 5 Office of Civil Defense, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C., printed material about fallout shelters, 1953-1977 [2]
- 3 6 Office of Civil Defense, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C., printed material about fallout shelters, 1953-1977 [3]
- 5 28 Perkins, Frances, autographs, 1935-1936
- BV3 1 Platt, Ephraim and Hopestill (New Milford, Connecticut), account book, circa 1771-1808

- The book documents family purchases as well as purchases such as plows, carts, and looms. It also records items made or repaired for others and Platt's work on local houses, barns, and public buildings. Family births and deaths are listed in the back of the book.
- 5 29 Polk, James K., letter from "Many Polk Men" (Norfolk, Virginia), 1845 April 10
Polk is advised to dismiss the Norfolk Port Collector, who has proved himself to be a traitor to his party. This was advised as being critical to Polk's re-election.
- OP1 6 Presidential appointments, 1829-1975
File includes appointments signed by James Buchanan, Ulysses S Grant, Andrew Jackson, and Franklin Pierce.
- 5 30 Richey, Lawrence (Secretary to Herbert Hoover), letter to Mrs. Harry M. Gershon, 1932 April 18
- OP1 7 *Richmond Christian Advocate*, "Mexican War News," 1846 December 10
- 6 3 Roosevelt, Theodore, inaugural programs and invitations, 1905
- 5 48 Roosevelt, Theodore, "Teddy You're a Bear," lyrics, 1916
- 5 31 Sandburg, Carl, autographs, circa 1931
Also includes photograph of Sandburg.
- 6 9 Saxon, Lyle (New Orleans, Louisiana), letter to Harvey, 1936 January 5
- 5 32 Shanks, John Peter Cleaver (1826-1901), autograph, undated [Shanks was a lawyer, Union soldier, and served in the 37th Congress.]
- 6 10 Sigourney, Lydia (Hartford, Connecticut), letter to "My Dar mrs. Street," 1851 December 12
- 1 1 South Carolina farmer's diary, circa 1941
- 4 1 Vietnam war photograph album, undated
- 5 33 Stock certificates, 1838-1882 [1]
Includes Georgia certificates.
- OP1 8 Stock certificates, 1838-1882 [2]
- 5 34 Sumter, Thomas, letter to James Chesnut (Colonel; Mulberry, South Carolina), 1939 April 21
Chesnut's son, John, is to be sent away for his health and Sumter urges that Chesnut accompany him.
- 5 35 Tanner, George C., appointment as Consul of the United States to Nova Scotia, 1888 January 16
- 5 36 Travel diary, 1755
Journal details a trip to the Netherlands and possibly elsewhere describing the sights, people, and customs. The author is unidentified but there is a penciled notation on the front board reading, "I believe this to be written by my Grandfather Noble and given to my brother John."
- 5 37 Travel diary, 1787

- Description on the front flyleaf: "Original manuscript journal of travels in Germany and France in 1787, by a Lieutenant in the Army, contains a good deal of interesting matter, oblong 8vo, half bound."
- 5 38 Travel diary, 1794-1798
Diary kept by an unknown man during his journey by sea from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to England and Ireland. He mentions people and places visited, though each entry is short.
- 5 39 Tremain, Augustus, letter to (Thomas?) Sutherland, 1842 October 13
The letter discusses a legal issue involving the rental of a farm by Nicholas Kline and the subsequent legal issues of rental fees, debts, and ownership upon the death of Kline in January 1813.
- 5 40 Truman, Harry S, autographed guide to the Truman Library, 1957
- 5 41 Turner, W.G., letter from Neale, 1830 July 31
- 5 42 Ulysses (Paris, Lamar County, Texas), letter to his brother (New York), 1860 September 1
The letter gives many details of Texas life in 1860. Ulysses tells of slave uprisings in the northern counties, as well as famine caused by failure of the grain crop, and flooding after a long drought which threatened the cotton crop.
- 5 43 Unidentified letters, circa 1860-1880
- 6 11 Unidentified missionary in Africa, farewell letter, 1898 December 23
- 5 49 U.S.S. Atlanta, matchbook and button from launch (Camden, New Jersey), 1941
- 5 44 Van Dyke, M.N. (Corporal; U.S.S. Raleigh), letters to Lucy Baldwin (South Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut), 1904
Van Dyke writes about the ship Korea eluding the Russians and some of his experiences on the ship. "A Japanese telegram has just arrived stating that Russia wants peace" He also talks of going home and his plans when his enlistment ends.
- 5 45 Van Es, Egbert, letters from family, 1940-1946
Four letters in Dutch, written by family members in the Netherlands. Two postcards in English discuss the devastation caused by the war and the death of Van Es' (mother?) from a fall caused by nearby bombing.
- OBV1 1 Vietnam war photograph album, circa 1965-1975 [1]
- OBV1 2 Vietnam war photograph album, circa 1965-1975 [2]
- OBV2 1 Vietnam war photograph album, "Views of Vietnam," 1968
- 6 12 Ward, Amos (Aberdeen, Mississippi), letter to Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, 1865 October 18
Includes biographical letter to unidentified researcher from Evans Memorial Library
- OP1 9 Walker, Henry H., diploma from United States Military Academy, 1853 June 17
Signed by Robert E. Lee, Superintendent

- 5 50 Wehnelt, Arthur (1871-1944), postcard to James Franck (1882-1964), undated
Both men were famous German physicists and the postcard is written in German.
Franck left Germany after the Nazi Party came to power, eventually living and
working in the United States. He was a central figure in the Manhattan Project
and author of the "Franck Report," which advised that the United States not use
the atomic bombs against Japan without warning.
- 6 4 Williams Intelligence Summary, August 1950 and carbon sheet listing integrated
businesses in Georgia and encouraging their boycott, undated
- 5 46 Wilson, Woodrow, letters, 1912-1914
Correspondents include Henry W. Smith, P.C. McDuffie, and General William
E. Mickle.
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