

# LEONARD, LEWIS ALEXANDER, 1845-1926.

## Lewis Alexander Leonard papers, 1820-1925

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**Abstract:** Papers of newspaper editor and author Lewis Alexander Leonard.  
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### Collection Description

#### Biographical Note

Lewis Alexander Leonard (July 10, 1845-1926), a pioneer newspaper editor and author, was born on Poplar Island in Chesapeake Bay, opposite Baltimore, Maryland; he died in Cincinnati, Ohio. His father Nathaniel Leonard, was a ship builder. After receiving a university education,

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Leonard practiced law in East Maryland for a time and in Lafayette, Indiana, and then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Leonard was a reporter for the *Enquirer* before becoming editor of the old *Cincinnati Star*. When the *Star* consolidated with the *Times*, in June, 1880, Leonard continued as editor of the *Times-Star* until 1882 when he was made manager. He left the *Times-Star* in 1884 and became editor of newspapers in Detroit and Albany, New York (*Albany Time-Union*). He was regarded an authority on the evaluation of newspaper plants and was employed to appraise important newspapers in Chicago and New York, including the *World*. Leonard was personally acquainted with several Presidents; in addition he was prominent in National Democratic conventions for a number of years, handling publicity matters.

Leonard authored the *Life of Charles Carroll of Carrollton*, New York: Moffat, Yard & Company, 1918 and the *Life of Alphonso Taft*, New York: Hawke Publishing Company, Inc., 1920.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of the papers of Lewis Alexander Leonard from 1820-1925. The papers include 89 letters; a folder of documents; a folder of the Ulysses S. Grant note; one folder of miscellaneous material; an engraved portrait of Leonard; and three pages of the Leonard family scrapbook.

The letters and notes include correspondence, 1865-1925 (68 letters) of statesmen, writers, actors, and other public figures including: Samuel S. Cox, Oliver Wendell Holmes, John D. Rockefeller, William T. Sherman, Charles P. Taft, William H. Taft, Ellen Terry, George P. Upton, John G. Whittier, and Leonard Wood. Many letters deal with Leonard's activities as editor of the *Times-Star* and the *Albany Times-Union* and with his two biographies. These letters are primarily of value for their autographs.

In addition, there are letters relating to the Confederate flag origins by G. P. Beauregard (1889, November 5) and Varina Howell Davis (1889, October 25); Samuel F. Smith (1884, September 19) explained the writing of "America."

### **Arrangement Note**

Entire collection organized into groups: Correspondence, Documents, Ulysses S. Grant note, Miscellaneous. Correspondence arranged in chronological order.

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## Container List

### Correspondence, 1820-1859

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Thomas Longworth to Apphia D. Morris, Danville, Kentucky, December 25, 1826, ALS, 4p.
1	1	Thomas Longworth to Apphia D. Morris, Lexington, Kentucky, June 27, 1827, ALS, 3p.
1	1	Thomas Longworth to Apphia D. Morris, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, August 5, 1827, ALS, 2p.; August 27, 1827, ALS, 4p.
1	1	Ellen M. Graham to Mrs. Apphia D. Longworth, Shagstown, July 6, 1832, ALS, 3p.
1	1	Thomas Longworth to Mrs. Apphia D. Longworth, Pittsburgh, June, 1836, ALS, 2p.
1	1	Rose Anna Barnett to My dear Aunt, [Louisa Mullikan], February 1840 [Cincinnati], ALS, 2p.
1	1	Lucia L. Jones to "My dear Cousin" (Miss Elizabeth M. Longworth), Longworth Dell, August 7, 1844, ALS, 2p.
1	1	Cornelia J. Andrews to Kate Berry, Ohio Female College, College Hill, Hamilton County, Ohio, December, 1851, ALS, 3p.
1	1	Elizabeth Phelps to "My Dear Friend," Dayton, Ohio, September 15, 1852, ALS, 4p.
1	1	John S. Lawmaker [?] to W. D. Gallagher, Treasury Dept., October 12, 1852, ALS, 1p.
1	1	W. D. Gallagher to Burt Berry, Washington, October 20, 1852, ALS, 2p.
1	1	S.M. Knight to [?] Washington, D.C., October 19, 1852, ALS, 1p.
1	1	E. Phelps to "My dear Friend" [Mrs. Thomas Longworth], January 4, 1853, ALS, 3p.
1	1	Rosanna Pierson to My dear young cousin (E.W. Mullikan), May 30, 1853, ALS, 2p.
1	1	Thomas Longworth to Apphia Morris, Cincinnati, July 23, 1853, ALS, 3p.
1	1	Thomas Longworth to Apphia Morris, Cincinnati, July 25, 1853, ALS, 3p.
1	1	Thomas Longworth to Apphia Morris, Cincinnati, August 2, 1853, ALS, 1p. (Also a note from daughter Mary)
1	1	Rose A. Pierson to "My Dear Aunt Louisa" [Mrs. Louisa Mullikan] September 5, 1857, Easton, [Maryland], ALS, 2p.
1	1	Rose A. Pierson to Cousin Edward [Mullikan], November 8, 1858, Easton, [Maryland], ALS, 3p.
1	1	Rose A. Pierson to My dear Cousin, March 9, 1859, Easton [Maryland], ALS, 2p.

**Correspondence, 1865-1917**

- 1 2 S.S. Cox to Lewis Leonard at Easton, Maryland, January 22, 1865, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 J. Buchanan Reid to Grafton, Cincinnati, January 10, 1866, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 Frank Clements to Lewis Leonard, Cincinnati, March 12, 1879, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 George H. Pendleton (Ohio Senator) to Lewis Leonard, Washington, D.C.,  
December 10, 1881, ALS, 3p.
- 1 2 Bettie E. Mason to J.H. Rhodes, Washington, D.C., April 10, 1882, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 Charles P. Taft to Mrs. Leonard, Cincinnati, October 9, 1882, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 Joseph Hatton to Lewis Leonard, London, October 12 and October 16, 1882, 2  
ALS, 4p.
- 1 2 John G. Whittier to L. A. Leonard, Danvers, Massachusetts, January 3, 1884 [?],  
ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 Peter Cooper to Dear Sir (Editor of Cincinnati Star), New York, February 18,  
1883, note, 1p.
- 1 2 Oliver Wendell Holmes to My Dear Lady (member of the Chadwick family),  
Boston; March 16, 1883, ALS, 2p.
- 1 2 A. Oakey Smith to Lewis Leonard, New York City, April 19, 1883, ALS, 2p.
- 1 2 Fannie Murdock to Lewis Leonard, Cincinnati, May 9, 1883, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 Ellen Terry to My dear child, Chicago, February, 1884, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 William T. Sherman to Lewis A. Leonard, St. Louis, September 4, 1884, ALS,  
3p.
- 1 2 T.A. Hendricks to Louis A. Leonard, Indianapolis, September 12, 1884, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 R.B. Mantell to L.A. Leonard, New York City, September 18, 1884, ALS, 2p.
- 1 2 S.F. Smith (author of "America") to Dear Sir, Newton, Centre, Massachusetts,  
September 19, 1884, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 George Hoadley (Governor of Ohio) to Grover Cleveland, Washington, D.C.,  
May 11, 1885, TL (carbon), 2p.
- 1 2 Alexander Long to Samuel J. Tilden, Cincinnati, July 16, 1885, ALS (copy), 1p.
- 1 2 P.F. Lamont to Mr. Manning, Executive Mansion, Washington, D.C., July 27,  
1885, ALS, 2p.
- 1 2 Thomas F. Thorne to Benjamin Harrison, Stockholm, November 10, 1883, ALS,  
2p.
- 1 2 Varina Howell Davis to Louis A. Leonard, Beauvoir House, October 25, 1889,  
ALS, 2p.
- 1 2 G.P. Beauregard to Dear Sir, New Orleans, November 5, 1889, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 "The Parson" to Mrs. W.G. Roberts, Cincinnati, [October 6, 1892], ALS, 2p.
- 1 2 E.W. Mullikan to My dear Nannie, Clifton, April 2, 1894, ALS, 2p.
- 1 2 Mr. and Mrs. John Piatt [?], North Bend, April 18, [1895], note, 1p.
- 1 2 John Uri Lloyd to Mrs. A.C. Woods. [Cincinnati], April 12, 1898, ALS, 1p.
- 1 2 Lewis A. Leonard to Russell A. Alger, New York, April 20, 1898, TLS, 1p.

- 1 2 G.P.U. [George P. Upton] to Mrs. Woods, October 26, 1898, ALS, 1p.  
 1 2 Charles W. Gordon ("Ralph Connor") to Lewis Leonard, Winnipeg, March 29, 1901, TLS, 1p.  
 1 2 Ian Robertson to A.C. Woods. Chicago, [February 1, 1911], ALS, 1p.  
 1 2 William H. Taft to Lewis Leonard, New Haven, January 11, 1916, TLS, 1.p.  
 1 2 W.D. Howells to Mr. Leonard, Boston, November 3, 1917, ALS, 1p.  
 1 2 J.P. Turner (Secretary to Woodrow Wilson) to Lewis Leonard, Washington, D.C., TLS (copy), 1p.  
 1 2 Woodrow Wilson to Montaville Flowers, Washington, D.C., December 14, 1917, TLS (facsimile), 2p.

### **Correspondence, 1918-1925 and undated**

- 1 3 William H. Taft to Lewis Leonard, New Haven, March 28, 1918, TLS, 1p.  
 1 3 Frank A. Munsey to Lewis Leonard, New York City, July 25, 1918, TL , 1p.  
 1 3 George P. Upton to Mrs. Woods, Hyde Park Boulevard, August 2, 1918, ALD, 1p.  
 1 3 Jusserand (French Ambassador to U.S.) to Lewis Leonard, Washington, September 10, 1918, TLS, 1p.  
 1 3 George P. and George S. Upton to Dear Friend Woods, Hyde Park Boulevard, December 6, 1918, ALS, 1p. (with reply from Mrs. Woods)  
 1 3 John J. Pershing to Lewis Leonard, A.F.F. France, December 26, 1918, TLS, 1p.  
 1 3 William T. Taft to Lewis Leonard, Point-A-Pic, P.Q. Canada, August 14, 1919, TLS, 1p.  
 1 3 Godfrey N. Thomas to Lewis A. Leonard, H.M.S. Renown, London, November 23, 1919, ALS, 1p.  
 1 3 Leonard Wood to Lewis A. Leonard, Chicago, January 8, 1920, TLS, 1p  
 1 3 Irving Fisher (Yale University Department of Political Economy) to Lewis A. Leonard, New Haven, February 18, 1920, TLS, 1p.  
 1 3 James M. Cox (Governor of Ohio) to Lewis Leonard, Columbus, Ohio, July, 15, 1920, TLS, 1p.  
 1 3 Julia Cantacuzene Spiransky (nee Grant) to Lewis Leonard. New York City, Sept 1, 1920, ALS, 2p.  
 1 3 Anna Whitney Bradbury to Lewis Leonard. New York City, Sept 1)4, 1920, ALS, 2p.  
 1 3 Julia Cantacuzene Spiransky (nee Grant) to Lewis Leonard, New York City, September 27, 1920, TLS, 1p.  
 1 3 Tiffany & Co. to Lewis A. Leonard, New York City, October 14, 1920, TLS, 1p.  
 1 3 Charles P. Taft to Lewis Leonard, Cincinnati, October 27, 1920, ALS, 1p.  
 1 3 James M. Cox to Lewis Leonard, Columbus, Ohio, November 9, 1920, TLS, 1p.  
 1 3 Fredric V. Pitney to Lewis Leonard, Morristown, New Jersey, December 4, 1920, TLS, 1p. (attached Alexander Carmichael family tree)

- 1 3 Charles R. Brown (Yale Divinity School) to Brother Roberts, New Haven, December 10, 1920, TLS, 1p.
- 1 3 Chauncey M. Depew to Lewis Leonard, New York City, May 5, 1921, ALS, 2p.
- 1 3 Nathan L. Miller (Governor of New York) to Lewis Leonard, Albany, New York, June 6, 1921, TLS, 1p.
- 1 3 John D. Rockefeller to Lewis Leonard, Pocantico Hills, New York, July 14, 1921, TLS, 1p.
- 1 3 Florence Kling Harding to Lewis Leonard, Washington D.C., June 30, 1922, TLS, 1p.
- 1 3 O.P. Austin (National City Bank of N.Y.) to Lewis A. Leonard, New York City, July 5, 1922, TL (copy), 3p.
- 1 3 Charles G. Patten to Lewis A. Leonard, New York City, January 19, 1923, TLS, 2p.
- 1 3 W.G. Mc Adoo to Lewis A. Leonard, Los Angeles, September 28, 1923, TLS, 1p.
- 1 3 Daniel C. Roper to Lewis A. Leonard, Washington, D.C., September 2, 1924, TL0, 1p ,
- 1 3 James A. Green to Lewis A. Leonard, Cincinnati, August 24, 1925, TLN, 1p.
- 1 3 Charles R. Brown (Dean Yale Divinity School) to Lewis Leonard, New Haven, Connecticut, November 12, 1925, TLS, 1p.
- 1 3 Antonio [?] to Lewis A. Leonard, Victoria Hotel, New York, Sept. 18, 1925, ALS, 2p.
- 1 3 J. Forber Robertson to Lewis Leonard. Burnetts Hotel, n.d., ALS, 2p.
- 1 3 "Eli Perkins" (Melville De Lancey Landon) to Editor of *Star*, undated, ANS

### Documents

- 1 4 Return of Quartermaster's Stores at Fort Washington for month of December 1800, signed by A. Whitlock [?]
- 1 4 Army Pass issued by William H. Harrison, Fort Washington, December 24, 1797, AN
- 1 4 Writ of Manumission for William Chase, signed by James Price, Talbot County, Maryland, April 29, 1830
- 1 4 Receipt for subscription to *Cincinnati Daily Gazette*, November 28, 1850
- 1 4 Receipt for tuition payment to Wesleyan Female College, Cincinnati, August 25, 1851
- 1 4 Receipt for subscription to *Daily Times* (Cincinnati), November 5, 1859
- 1 4 Two Federal Army passes: (1) November 26, 1864 (2) December 23, 1864
- 1 5 Ulysses S. Grant note
- 1 5 Michael G. Heintz to Mrs. Leila A. L Woods, Cincinnati, June 8, 1943, TLS, 1p.
- 1 5 Slip written by Ulysses S. Grant, July 1885
- 1 5 Handwritten information on envelope re Grant note

- 1 5 2 copies of note with newspaper clipping  
1 5 Typed note explaining circumstances of Grant note

**Miscellaneous**

- 1 6 Certificate of copyright registration to Lewis Leonard for *Life of Charles Carroll*,  
March 11, 1918  
1 6 Certificate of copyright registration to Lewis Leonard for *Life of Alphonso Taft*,  
July 2, 1920  
1 6 2 mss. pages of [Lewis A. Leonard] notes on A.P. and U.P.  
1 6 1 envelope of miscellaneous clippings  
1 6 Broadside - Order of Cincinnatus, July 31, [?]  
1 7 Ulysses S. Grant note  
1 8 Miscellaneous  
OP1 1 Engraved portrait of Lewis Leonard, signed  
OP1 1 3 p. scrapbook of Leonard family
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