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Collection Summary
Title: Cyril Clemens Collection
Span Dates: 1686-1982
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1927-1970)
ID No.: MSS16154
Creator: Clemens, Cyril, 1902-
Extent: 350 items ; 1 container ; 0.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Biographer and editor. Letters received from prominent people relating to the International Mark Twain Society or to some aspect of Samuel Langhorne Clemens's life or literary works written by him under the name Mark Twain. Also includes production materials for several works on him by Cyril Clemens, and copies of historical documents collected by Cyril Clemens.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Clemens, Cyril, 1902-1999.
James II, King of England, 1633-1701--Correspondence.
Twain, Mark, 1835-1910.

Organizations
International Mark Twain Society.

Subjects
American literature.
American wit and humor.

Occupations
Biographers.
Editors.

Administrative Information
Provenance
The collection of Cyril Clemens, biographer and editor, was given to the Library of Congress by Clemens from 1932 to 1985.

Processing History
The Cyril Clemens Collection was processed in 1984 and revised and expanded in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Cyril Clemens or of individuals represented in the collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The Cyril Clemens Collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.
Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Cyril Clemens Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Cyril Clemens Collection spans the years 1686-1982, with the bulk of the material dating from 1927 to 1970. The collection consists of letters, chiefly photocopies, received from various prominent people relating to the International Mark Twain Society or to some aspect of Samuel Langhorne Clemens's life or literary works. Also included are several books on Samuel Langhorne Clemens written by Cyril Clemens and copies of historical letters and documents collected by him, the earliest of which is a letter written by James II, king of England, in 1686.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.
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