

R. R. Bowker Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: R. R. Bowker Papers

Span Dates: 1831-1931

ID No.: MSS13433

Creator: Bowker, R.R. (Richard Rogers), 1848-1933

Extent: 2,200 items

Extent: 11 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 2.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Editor, publisher, bibliographer, author, literary promoter, and industrial director. Correspondence, certificates, clippings, international copyright law material, literary manuscripts, and miscellaneous items relating chiefly to Bowker's activity as an organizer of the Independent Republican movement. Included are literary manuscripts by European and American authors and correspondence with writers, politicians, and inventors.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey, 1836-1907.

Bell, Alexander Graham, 1847-1922--Correspondence.

Bowker, R. R. (Richard Rogers), 1848-1933.

Clay, Henry, 1777-1852--Correspondence.

Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Correspondence.

Dobson, Austin, 1840-1921.

Fawcett, Edgar, 1847-1904--Correspondence.

Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928.

Marble, Manton, 1834-1917--Correspondence.

Organizations

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)

Subjects

American literature.

European literature.

Places

United States--Politics and government--1865-1900.

Occupations

Authors.

Bibliographers.

Editors.

Publishers.

Provenance

The papers of R. R. Bowker, editor, publisher, bibliographer, author, literary promoter, and industrial director, were received by the Library of Congress from Bowker's estate in 1938 and 1940.

Processing History

Part of the R. R. Bowker Papers were bound in 1947. A finding aid was created in 2005.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of R. R. Bowker is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of R. R. Bowker are 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, R. R. Bowker Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Richard Rogers Bowker (1848-1933) span the years 1831-1931. The papers chiefly relate to Bowker's activity as an early organizer of the Independent Republican movement in 1879, but also include literary works of European and American authors such as Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Austin Dobson, and Thomas Hardy. Also included is correspondence of Alexander Graham Bell, Henry Clay, Grover Cleveland, Edgar Fawcett, and Manton Marble. The collection also contains international copyright law material, autographs, printed matter such as "Star of Delta Alpha" lyrics and sheet music, and other printed matter. Bound volumes of letters and writings are arranged alphabetically by name of author.

A file on international copyright contains surveys of authors' views on the law as well as signed petitions urging Congress to enact legislation. Miscellaneous clippings, correspondence, Independent Republican campaign matter, pamphlets, photographs and drawings, a passport and birth certificate, and other printed matter are also included among Bowker's papers. The oversize items consist of a map of England and various certificates given to Bowker.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

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