

Letitia T. Howe Collection
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Collection Summary

Title: Letitia T. Howe Collection

Span Dates: 1822-1876

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1840-1865)

ID No.: MSS84018

Creator: Howe, Letitia T.

Extent: 140 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79084018>

Summary: Autographs and documents pertaining to Abraham Lincoln and Caleb Cushing.

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

Bache, A. D. (Alexander Dallas), 1806-1867--Correspondence.
Childs, George William, 1829-1894--Correspondence.
Choate, Rufus, 1799-1859--Correspondence.
Clay, John Randolph, 1808-1885--Correspondence.
Cushing, Caleb, 1800-1879--Correspondence.
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Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence.
Davis, W. W. H. (William Watts Hart), 1820-1910--Correspondence.
Dickins, Asbury, 1780-1861--Correspondence.
Greenleaf, Simon, 1783-1853--Correspondence.
Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.
Howe, Letitia T., collector.
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Correspondence.
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McClelland, Robert, 1807-1880--Correspondence.
Morss, James--Correspondence.
Poor, Benjamin Perley--Correspondence.
Sewall, Samuel E. (Samuel Edmund), 1799-1888--Correspondence.
Spofford, Harriet Elizabeth Prescott, 1835-1921--Correspondence.
Spofford, Richard Smith, -1888--Correspondence.
Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874--Correspondence.
Thatcher, B. B. (Benjamin Bussey), 1809-1840--Correspondence.
Upshur, A. P. (Abel Parker), 1790-1844--Correspondence.
Wakeman, T. B. (Thaddeus B.)--Correspondence.

Places

Massachusetts--Politics and government.
United States--Politics and government--1861-1865.
United States--Politics and government--19th century.

Titles

Letitia T. Howe papers

Occupations

Collectors.

Provenance

The collection of Letitia T. Howe, autograph collector, was given to the Library of Congress by Howe in increments from 1970 to 1995.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1997 and the finding aid revised in 2007.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Letitia T. Howe is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Letitia T. Howe 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, Letitia T. Howe Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Letitia T. Howe Collection consists of autographs and documents which span the years 1822-1876 with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1840-1865. The documents are organized as an Abraham Lincoln file and a Caleb Cushing file.

The Abraham Lincoln file contains correspondence dated 1861-1865, a copy of a promissory note, and an undated lithographic portrait of Lincoln at the time of his presidency. The correspondence includes letters written to Lincoln, copies of a few letters written by John Hay on Lincoln's behalf, and letters and documents that mention Lincoln. Most of the letters written to Lincoln concern applications for government posts or military promotions. The file includes one petition for a presidential pardon. The promissory note was signed by Thomas Cantrall in 1852 and endorsed by Lincoln when payments were received, 1854-1858.

The Caleb Cushing file contains letters dated 1822-1876, an edited proof of an opinion by Cushing as attorney general in the Franklin Pierce administration, and a full-length photographic portrait of Cushing from the 1850s. All but three of the letters are from Cushing; letters to him are from Carter Hendee, 1831, Nathaniel P. Banks, 1853, and Charles Sumner, 1854. The correspondence spans the length of Cushing's career and mostly concerns legal, political, and business matters. Some early correspondence is of a more personal nature, and other letters concern Cushing's literary endeavors. Among the recipients of Cushing's letters are A. D. Bache, George William Childs, Rufus Choate, John Randolph Clay, Jefferson Davis, W.W.H. Davis, Asbury Dickins, Simon Greenleaf, Robert McClelland, James Morss, Benjamin Perley Poor, Samuel E. Sewall, Harriet Elizabeth Prescott Spofford, Richard Smith Spofford, Charles Sumner, B. B. Thatcher, A. P. Upshur, and T. B. Wakeman.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically within Abraham Lincoln and Caleb Cushing files.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Abraham Lincoln file
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Appointments, promotions, and pardon, 1861-1865, undated
BOX 1	Hay, John, photocopies, 1862-1864
BOX 1	Promissory note, photocopy, 1852-1858
BOX 1	Caleb Cushing file
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1822-1876, undated (3 folders)
BOX 1	Legal opinion, draft, 1854
BOX 1	Photographic portrait, circa 1850s