

**Henry A. Willard II Collection**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Henry A. Willard II Collection

**Span Dates:** 1743-1888

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1770-1840)

**ID No.:** MSS13573

**Creator:** Willard, Henry A. (Henry Augustus), 1902-2002.

**Extent:** 625 items

**Extent:** 2 containers

**Extent:** 0.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78013573>

**Summary:** Papers and records collected by Henry A Willard II including Bradley-Willard family papers and correspondence, Willard Hotel records, miscellaneous business records, and autographs collected by Henry A. Willard I that include the signers of the Declaration of Independence, presidents of the Continental Congress, and related individuals.

## 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

Adams, John, 1735-1826.

Adams, Samuel, 1722-1803.

Bartlett, Josiah, 1729-1795.

Boudinot, Elias, 1740-1821.

Bradley family.

Bradley, Stephen Row, 1754-1830. Stephen Row Bradley papers.

Bradley, William Czar, 1782-1867. William Czar Bradley papers.

Braxton, Carter, 1736-1797.

Carroll, Charles, 1737-1832.

Chase, Samuel, 1741-1811.

Clinton, DeWitt, 1769-1828.

Clinton, George, 1739-1812.

Clymer, George, 1739-1813.

Custis, George Washington Parke, 1781-1857.

Ellery, William, 1727-1820.

Floyd, William, 1734-1821.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790.

Gerry, Elbridge, 1744-1814.

Griffin, Cyrus, 1748-1810.

Gwinnett, Button, approximately 1735-1777.

Hale, Nathan, 1755-1776.

Hall, Lyman, 1724-1790.

Hancock, John, 1737-1793.

Harrison, Benjamin, approximately 1726-1791.

Hart, John, 1711?-1779.

Hewes, Joseph, 1730-1779.

Heyward, Thomas, 1746-1809.

Hooper, William, 1742-1790.

Hopkins, Stephen, 1707-1785.

Hopkinson, Francis, 1737-1791.

Hull, Isaac, 1773-1843.

Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796.  
Jay, John, 1745-1829.  
Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826.  
Laurens, Henry, 1724-1792.  
Lee, Francis Lightfoot, 1734-1797.  
Lee, Richard Henry, 1732-1794.  
Lewis, Francis, 1713-1803.  
Livingston, Philip, 1716-1778.  
Lynch, Thomas, 1749-1779.  
Madison, James, 1751-1836.  
Mallory, Francis, 1807-1860.  
Matthews, William, 1755-1807 or 1808.  
McKean, Thomas, 1734-1817.  
Middleton, Arthur, 1742-1787.  
Mifflin, Thomas, 1744-1800.  
Monroe, James, 1758-1831.  
Morris, Lewis, 1726-1798.  
Morris, Robert H. (Robert Hunter), 1802-1855.  
Morris, Robert, 1734-1806.  
Morton, John, approximately 1724-1777.  
Nelson, Thomas, 1738-1789.  
Otis, Samuel Allyne, 1740-1814.  
Paca, William, 1740-1799.  
Paine, Robert Treat, 1731-1814.  
Penn, John, 1740 or 1741-1788.  
Pickens, F. W. (Francis Wilkinson), 1805-1869.  
Poindexter, George, 1779-1853.  
Porter, David Rittenhouse, 1788-1867.  
Randolph, Peyton, 1721-1775.  
Read, George, 1733-1798.  
Richards, Mark, 1760-1844. Mark Richards papers.  
Rodney, Caesar, 1728-1784.  
Ross, George, 1730-1779.  
Ross, George, 1752-1832.  
Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813.  
Rutledge, Edward, 1749-1800.  
Sherman, Roger, 1721-1793.  
Smith, James, approximately 1719-1806.  
St. Clair, Arthur, 1734-1818.  
Stockton, Richard, 1730-1781.  
Stone, John Hoskin, 1743-1804.  
Stone, Thomas, 1743-1787.  
Taylor, George, 1716-1781.  
Thomson, Charles, 1729-1824.  
Thornton, Matthew, 1714?-1803.  
Walton, George, 1749 or 1750-1804.  
Whipple, William, 1730-1785.  
Willard family.  
Willard, Henry A. (Henry Augustus), 1902-2002.  
Williams, William, 1731-1811.  
Wilson, James, 1742-1798.  
Witherspoon, John, 1723-1794.  
Wolcott, Oliver, 1760-1833.  
Wythe, George, 1726-1806.

## **Organizations**

Gales and Seaton.  
United States. Continental Congress.  
United States. Declaration of Independence--Signers.  
Willard Hotel (Washington, D.C.)

## **Subjects**

American newspapers--Washington (D.C.)  
Autographs--Collections.  
Business records--Vermont--Westminster.  
Business records--Washington (D.C.)  
Hotels--Washington (D.C.)  
Practice of law--Vermont.

## **Places**

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.  
United States--Politics and government--1775-1783.  
United States--Politics and government--1783-1809.  
United States--Politics and government--19th century.  
United States--Politics and government--To 1775.  
Vermont--Politics and government.  
Washington (D.C.)--Commerce.  
Westminster (Vt.)--Commerce.

## **Titles**

*National intelligencer (Washington, D.C. : 1810)*

## **Provenance**

The collection of Henry A. Willard II consists of three parts. Series I and II, a group of Bradley-Willard family papers and an autograph collection of Henry A. Willard I (1822-1909), were deposited in the Library of Congress in 1932. Seven items were added to the collection in 1957, and the entire deposit was converted to a gift the same year. Series III, an autograph collection of Henry A. Willard I chiefly consisting of signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the Continental Congress, was donated to the Library of Congress by his grandchildren, Henry A. Willard II, William B. Willard, and Sarah Willard Taylor, in 1985.

## **Processing History**

The Henry A. Willard II Collection was arranged and described in 1994. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

## **Additional Guides**

Series III of the Henry A. Willard II Collection has been partially described in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division*, 1985, pp. 8-9.

## **Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings in the Henry A. Willard II Collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The collection of Henry A. Willard II 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, Henry A. Willard II Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The Henry A. Willard II Collection spans the years 1743-1888, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1770-1840. There are three series: [Series I](#), consisting of Bradley-Willard family papers; [Series II](#), an autograph collection of Henry A. Willard I (1822-1909), grandfather of Henry A. Willard II; and [Series III](#), an autograph collection of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the Continental Congress, also compiled by Henry A. Willard I.

The Bradley-Willard family papers, [Series I](#) in the collection, span the years 1771-1859, with the bulk of the approximately three hundred items concentrated in the period 1820-1840. The documents include family letters, biographical sketches, printed material, and notes and receipts from business dealings in Westminster, Vermont, and Washington, D.C. Notable people represented in the correspondence include Stephen R. Bradley (1754-1830), a Revolutionary War officer and a United States senator from Vermont; his son, William Czar Bradley (1782-1867), a lawyer and United States representative from Vermont; and William Bradley's father-in-law, Mark Richards (1760-1844), a merchant and United States representative from Vermont (1817-21). Collectively these men represented Vermont in Congress from 1791 to 1827, except for three periods totalling six years. Their correspondence illuminates congressional history in Vermont and the United States during this early period.

[Series II](#), autographs compiled by Henry A. Willard I, spans the years 1774-1888, with the bulk of documents concentrated in the period 1820-1840. Henry A. Willard, who was the first owner and proprietor, with his brother Joseph C. Willard, of the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., collected the approximately two hundred letters and signature clippings for their autograph value. Twenty-one of the documents are letters from the Bradley-Willard family or from the records of the Willard Hotel. Another grouping originated in the records of Gales and Seaton, publishers of the *National Intelligencer*, a Washington, D.C., newspaper. Willard obtained the items when the paper went out of business. Represented in the collection are letters from DeWitt Clinton, Nathan Hale, Isaac Hull, James Madison, Francis Mallory, James Monroe, Robert H. Morris, Samuel A. Otis, John Penn, Francis W. Pickens, George Poindexter, David R. Porter and Benjamin Rush.

[Series III](#), containing autographs and other items related to the signers of the Declaration of Independence, presidents of the Continental Congress, and related individuals, spans the years 1743-1829, with the bulk of the documents concentrated in the period 1770-1800. Included in the material are letters, clipped signatures, receipts, court documents, and individual and group portrait engravings collected by Henry A. Willard I and passed down to his heirs. Represented in the collection are John Adams, Samuel Adams, Josiah Bartlett, Elias Boudinot, Carter Braxton, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Samuel Chase, George Clinton, George Clymer, George Washington Parke Custis, William Ellery, William Floyd, Benjamin Franklin, Elbridge Gerry, Cyrus Griffin, Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, John Hancock, Benjamin Harrison, John Hart, Joseph Hewes, Thomas Heyward, William Hooper, Stephen Hopkins, Francis Hopkinson, Samuel Huntington, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, Henry Laurens, Francis Lightfoot Lee, Richard Henry Lee, Francis Lewis, Philip Livingston, Thomas Lynch, Thomas McKean, William Matthews, Arthur Middleton, Thomas Mifflin, Lewis Morris, Robert Morris, John Morton, Thomas Nelson, William Paca, Robert Treat Paine, John Penn, Peyton Randolph, George Read, Caesar Rodney, George Ross, George, Ross, Jr., Benjamin Rush, Edward Rutledge, Arthur St. Clair, Roger Sherman, James Smith, Richard Stockton, John Hoskin Stone, Thomas Stone, George Taylor, Charles Thomson, Matthew Thornton, George Walton, William Whipple, William Williams, James Wilson, John Witherspoon, Oliver Wolcott, and George Wythe.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [Series I: Bradley-Willard Family Papers, 1771-1859](#)
- [Series II: Henry A. Willard I Autograph Collection, 1774-1888](#)
- [Series III: Henry A. Willard I Autograph Collection of Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Presidents of the Continental Congress, and Related Individuals, 1743-1829](#)

## Description of Series

### Container

### Series

BOX 1

**Series I: Bradley-Willard Family Papers, 1771-1859**

Correspondence, financial documents, and ephemera, related to family business dealings in Westminster, Vt., and Washington, D.C., and correspondence of Stephen R. Bradley (1754-1830); his son, William Czar Bradley (1782-1867); and William Bradley's father-in-law, Mark Richards (1760-1844).

Arranged chronologically.

BOX 1-2

**Series II: Henry A. Willard I Autograph Collection, 1774-1888**

Correspondence, financial documents, and ephemera relating to prominent eighteenth- and nineteenth-century United States political figures.

Arranged alphabetically by name of person.

BOX 2

**Series III: Henry A. Willard I Autograph Collection of Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Presidents of the Continental Congress, and Related Individuals, 1743-1829**

Autographs, correspondence, and engravings relating to signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the Continental Congress.

Arranged alphabetically by name of person.

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BOX 1	1771-1959, undated (10 folders)
BOX 1-2	<b>Series II: Henry A. Willard I Autograph Collection, 1774-1888</b> Correspondence, financial documents, and ephemera relating to prominent eighteenth- and nineteenth-century United States political figures. Arranged alphabetically by name of person.
BOX 1	Alexander, William (Lord Stirling), undated
BOX 1	Allen, Ira H., 11 May 1813
BOX 1	Channing, William F., 5 Dec. 1845
BOX 1	Clinton, DeWitt, 22 June 1818
BOX 1	Coddington, J. I., 19 June 1841
BOX 1	Family autographs, undated
BOX 1	Gaines, Edmund Pendleton, 2 Oct. 1820
BOX 1	Gales, Joseph, Jr., 1 July 1814
BOX 1	Hale, Nathan, 1774-1775
BOX 1	Hall, Hiland, 7 Feb. 1859
BOX 1	Hamilton, James, 10 July 1854
BOX 1	Haswell, Charles H., 4 Feb. 1836
BOX 1	Henderson, John, 1830-1843
BOX 1	Henry, Patrick, undated
BOX 1	Hull, Isaac, 1813-1835, undated
BOX 1	MacDonald, Charles J., 27 Nov. 1839
BOX 1	Madison, James, 18 July 1803
BOX 1	Mallory, Francis, 1838-1842
BOX 1	Marsh, Charles, 23 Nov. 1789
BOX 1	Mason, Jeremiah, 27 Mar. 1812
BOX 1	McRoberts, Samuel, 28 Feb. 1841
BOX 1	Monroe, James, 12 July 1797
BOX 1	Morrill, Justin S., 5 Mar. 1837, 10 June 1844, 16 Apr. 1888
BOX 1	Morris, Lewis R., 1788-1789
BOX 1	Morris, Robert H., 1842-1848
BOX 1	Munroe, Thomas, 24 Mar. 1808
BOX 1	Northrop, Amos, 6 Jan. 1777
BOX 1	Otis, Samuel A., 1802-1813



## Series II: Henry A. Willard I Autograph Collection, 1774-1888

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Page, William, 1 May 1789
BOX 1	Paine, Elijah, 23 Mar. 1797, 24 Sept. 1807
BOX 1	Pearce, James A., 1841-1842
BOX 1	Pearson, Joseph, 8 June 1813
BOX 1	Pendleton, Edmund, 11 May 1813
BOX 1	Pendleton, N. G., 1842-1843
BOX 1	Penn, John, 15 Sept. 1786
BOX 1	Pennington, William, 23 Nov. 1841
BOX 2	Pennybacker, Isaac S., 28 Feb. 1839
BOX 1	Persico, G., 28 Feb. 1846
BOX 1	Pettibone, John S., 12 Apr. 1826
BOX 1	Phelps, John S., 1846-1847
BOX 1	Phelps, Samuel S., 1 Dec. 1846
BOX 1	Phillips, Stephen Clarendon, 1836-1837
BOX 1	Phoenix, J. Phillips, 1844, 1850-1852, undated
BOX 1	Pickens, Francis W., 1837-1838
BOX 1	Pierce, Benjamin, 23 Sept. 1829
BOX 1	Pinckney, Charles, 1805, undated
BOX 1	Pinckney, H. L., 1835-1839
BOX 1	Pinckney, Thomas, 1 July 1819
BOX 1	Pinkney, William, 7 July 1823
BOX 1	Piper, William, 9 Feb. 1814
BOX 1	Pleasants, James, 18 Mar. 1823
BOX 1	Plumer, Arnold, 30 June 1841
BOX 1	Poindexter, George, 1819-1820, 1853, undated
BOX 1	Pope, John, 10 July 1809, 12 Dec. 1841
BOX 1	Porter, Augustus S., 1843-1845
BOX 1	Porter, David R., 1839-1840, 1846
BOX 1	Portraits, undated
BOX 1	Potts, Richard, 16 Sept. 1823
BOX 1	Potts, Stacy Gardner, 16 May 1832
BOX 2	Pouissin, William Tell, 24 Feb. 1825
BOX 2	Powell, Cuthbert, 19 Feb. 1843
BOX 2	Pratt, James T., 6 July 1854
BOX 2	Pratt, Thomas G., 20 Dec. 1850
BOX 2	Prentice, George D., 17 Sept. 1830
BOX 2	Prentiss, John H., 1838-1839
BOX 2	Rush, Benjamin, 8 Feb. 1808
BOX 2	Spinner, Francis Elias, 11 June 1856, undated
BOX 2	Vanderbilt, John, undated
BOX 2	Van Rensselaer, K. K., 18 Dec. 1811
BOX 2	<b>Series III: Henry A. Willard I Autograph Collection of Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Presidents of the Continental Congress, and Related Individuals, 1743-1829</b> Autographs, correspondence, and engravings relating to signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the Continental Congress.

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BOX 2	Adams, John, 30 May 1798, undated
BOX 2	Adams, Samuel, 18 Mar. 1778, undated
BOX 2	Bartlett, Josiah, 24 Sept. 1787, undated
BOX 2	Boudinot, Elias, 15 Aug. 1774
BOX 2	Braxton, Carter, 10 Aug. 1794, undated
BOX 2	Carroll, Charles, of Carrollton, 14 Mar. 1825, undated
BOX 2	Chase, Samuel, 3 Sept. 1777, undated
BOX 2	Clinton, George, undated
BOX 2	Clymer, George, 14 Feb. 1776, undated
BOX 2	Custis, George Washington Parke, 18 Feb. 1829, undated
BOX 2	Ellery, William, 17 Apr. 1784, 11 Mar. 1794, undated
BOX 2	Floyd, William, 6 Feb. 1795
BOX 2	Franklin, Benjamin, 14 Nov. 1785
BOX 2	Gerry, Elbridge, 1 Oct. 1792, 16 June 1801, undated
BOX 2	Griffin, Cyrus, 14 Dec. 1800
BOX 2	Gwinnett, Button, 3 Oct. 1767 and 29 Dec. 1769, undated
BOX 2	Hall, Lyman, 9 Sept. 1777
BOX 2	Hancock, John, 21 Apr. 1755, 14 Feb. 1770, 2 Apr. 1777, undated
BOX 2	Harrison, Benjamin, 6 Dec. 1783, undated
BOX 2	Hart, John, 18 Mar. 1769, 20 Feb. 1776, undated
BOX 2	Hewes, Joseph, undated
BOX 2	Heywood, Thomas, Jr., 11 Sept. 1787
BOX 2	Hooper, William, 15 Mar. 1759, undated
BOX 2	Hopkins, Stephen, 14 June 1775, undated
BOX 2	Hopkinson, Francis, 7 July 1779, 4 Feb. 1780, 1 May 1787, undated
BOX 2	Huntington, Samuel, 20 Apr. 1772, 29 Aug. 1780, 8 Apr. 1787, undated
BOX 2	Jay, John, 25 Sept. 1779, 3 July 1787, undated
BOX 2	Jefferson, Thomas, 26 Jan. 1824, undated
BOX 2	Laurens, Henry, 17 Dec. 1764, undated
BOX 2	Lee, Francis Lightfoot, 20 June 1772
BOX 2	Lee, Richard Henry, 5 Apr. 1786, 22 Jan. 1792, undated
BOX 2	Lewis, Francis, 17 Jan. 1743, undated
BOX 2	Livingston, Philip, 28 Feb. 1765, undated
BOX 2	Livingston, Robert R., 25 May 1783, undated
BOX 2	Lynch, Thomas, 2 Jan. 1775, undated
BOX 2	Matthews, William, 31 May 1798
BOX 2	McKean, Thomas, 2 Apr. 1784, 23 Nov. 1784, undated
BOX 2	Middleton, Arthur and David Ramsay, 21 May 1782
BOX 2	Mifflin, Thomas, 7 July 1793
BOX 2	Morris, Lewis, 3 Mar. 1789, undated
BOX 2	Morris, Robert, 22 Oct. 1785, 4 Aug. 1797, undated
BOX 2	Morton, John, 27 Feb. 1772, 3 Apr. 1772
BOX 2	Nelson, Thomas, Jr., 27 Sept. 1781
BOX 2	Paca, William, 12 Dec. 1796
BOX 2	Paine, Robert Treat, 11 June 1792, undated

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BOX 2	Penn, John, 1 Oct. 1780, undated
BOX 2	Randolph, Peyton, 4 Mar. 1773
BOX 2	Read, George, 14 Dec. 1764, undated
BOX 2	Rodney, Caesar, 11 Jan. 1772
BOX 2	Ross, George (1730-1779), 14 Apr. 1767, undated
BOX 2	Ross, George (1752-1832) (son of the signer), 2 Sept. 1799
BOX 2	Rush, Benjamin, 8 Jan. 1879, undated
BOX 2	Rutledge, Edward, 17 Dec. 1783
BOX 2	St. Clair, Arthur, 5 Jan. 1801, undated
BOX 2	Sherman, Roger, Apr. 1761, 21 Oct. 1765, Aug. 1788, undated
BOX 2	Smith, James, 4 Mar. 1800, undated
BOX 2	Stockton, Richard, 27 Apr. 1795, undated
BOX 2	Stone, John Hoskin, 5 June 1777
BOX 2	Stone, Thomas, 25 Feb. 1785, undated
BOX 2	Taylor, George, 5 Nov. 1762
BOX 2	Thomson, Charles, 14 Oct. 1777, 17 June 1778, 16 July 1781, 7 Mar. 1786, undated
BOX 2	Thornton, Matthew, 22 May 1760, undated
BOX 2	Walton, George, 7 Aug. 1784
BOX 2	Whipple, William, 11 Oct. 1780, undated
BOX 2	Williams, William, 4 July 1768
BOX 2	Wilson, James, 24 Mar. 1792, 2 Mar. 1795
BOX 2	Witherspoon, John, 5 Jan. 1788, undated
BOX 2	Wolcott, Oliver, 4 Jan. 1776, 30 Mar. 1779, undated
BOX 2	Wythe, George, 31 July 1772, 21 Feb. 1800, undated