

Cyril Clemens Collection
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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

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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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 Also includes production materials for several works on him by Cyril Clemens, and copies of historical documents collected by Cyril Clemens.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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Clemens, Cyril, 1902-1999.

Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1835-1910.

James II, King of England, 1633-1701--Correspondence.

Twain, Mark, 1835-1910.

Organizations

International Mark Twain Society.

Subjects

American literature.

American wit and humor.

Titles

Cyril Clemens papers

Occupations

Biographers.

Editors.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Cyril Clemens or of individuals represented in the collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Clippings, 1979-1981
BOX 1	Collected letters and documents, 1686-1948
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Clemens, Olivia Langdon, circa 1902
BOX 1	Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1888-1908, undated
BOX 1	General, 1907-1982, undated (19 folders)
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1933-1981
BOX 1	Photographs, 1959-1963
BOX 1	Tributes to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1933-1963, undated
BOX 1	Writings
BOX 1	Books
BOX 1	<i>Mark Twain and Dwight D. Eisenhower</i> , 1953
BOX 1	<i>Mark Twain for Young People</i>
BOX 1	<i>Mark Twain Jest Book</i> , 1963
BOX 1	<i>Mark Twain, the Letter Writer</i> , 1932
BOX 1	<i>Truman Speaks</i> , 1946
BOX 1	Miscellaneous manuscripts by Clemens and others, 1930-1947, undated