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Collection Summary

Title: Benjamin Holt Ticknor Papers

Span Dates: 1595-1935

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ID No.: MSS42929

Creator: Ticknor, Benjamin Holt, 1842-1914

Extent: 3,000 items

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Extent: 5.6 linear feet

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Summary: Editor and publisher. Chiefly correspondence of American and British authors whose works were published by the Boston firms of Ticknor and Company and James R. Osgood and Company, with most of the letters addressed to Ticknor or to his daughter, Caroline Ticknor.

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

Agassiz, Louis, 1807-1873--Correspondence.
Alcott, Amos Bronson, 1799-1888--Correspondence.
Aldrich, Thomas Bailey, 1836-1907--Correspondence.
Austin, Jane G. (Jane Goodwin), 1831-1894--Correspondence.
Bacon, Henry, 1813-1856--Correspondence.
Barnum, P. T. (Phineas Taylor), 1810-1891--Correspondence.
Bellamy, Edward, 1850-1898--Correspondence.
Benjamin, S. G. W. (Samuel Greene Wheeler), 1837-1914--Correspondence.
Boucicault, Dion, 1820-1890--Correspondence.
Brooks, Henry M. (Henry Mason), 1822-1898--Correspondence.
Brooks, Phillips, 1835-1893--Correspondence.
Burghley, William Cecil, Baron, 1520-1598.
Bynner, Edwin Lassetter, 1842-1893--Correspondence.
Cesnola, Luigi Palma di, 1832-1904--Correspondence.
Child, Lydia Maria, 1802-1880--Correspondence.
Churchill, Winston, 1871-1947--Correspondence.
Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1835-1910--Correspondence.
Cooke, Rose Terry, 1827-1892--Correspondence.
Cusack, Mary Francis, 1829-1899--Correspondence.
Dana, Richard Henry, Jr., 1815-1882--Correspondence.
Fawcett, Edgar, 1847-1904--Correspondence.
French, Daniel Chester, 1850-1931--Correspondence.
Garfield, Lucretia Rudolph, 1832-1918--Correspondence.
Garland, Hamlin, 1860-1940--Correspondence.
Gréville, Henry, 1842-1902--Correspondence.
Guiney, Louise Imogen, 1861-1920--Correspondence.
Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909--Correspondence.
Hale, Lucretia P. (Lucretia Peabody), 1820-1900--Correspondence.
Hall, G. Stanley (Granville Stanley), 1844-1924--Correspondence.
Hapgood, Norman, 1868-1937--Correspondence.
Harris, Joel Chandler, 1848-1908--Correspondence.

Hawthorne, Julian, 1846-1934--Correspondence.
Hearn, Lafcadio, 1850-1904--Correspondence.
Higginson, Thomas Wentworth, 1823-1911--Correspondence.
Hoar, George Frisbie, 1826-1904--Correspondence.
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Jr., 1841-1935--Correspondence.
Horsford, Eben Norton, 1818-1893--Correspondence.
Howells, William Dean, 1837-1920--Correspondence.
Hutton, Laurence, 1843-1904--Correspondence.
Irving, Washington, 1783-1859--Correspondence.
James, Henry, 1843-1916--Correspondence.
Kirk, Ellen Olney, 1842-1928--Correspondence.
Langley, S. P. (Samuel Pierpont), 1834-1906--Correspondence.
Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924--Correspondence.
Longfellow, Samuel, 1819-1892--Correspondence.
Low, Will Hicok, 1853-1932--Correspondence.
Lowell, James Russell, 1819-1891--Correspondence.
MacVeagh, Franklin, 1837-1934--Correspondence.
Markham, Edwin, 1852-1940--Correspondence.
Mayo, Katherine, 1868?-1940--Correspondence.
Moody, William Vaughn, 1869-1910--Correspondence.
Morrill, Justin S. (Justin Smith), 1810-1898--Correspondence.
Morse, Edward Sylvester, 1838-1925--Correspondence.
Moscheles, Felix, 1833-1917--Correspondence.
Moulton, Louise Chandler, 1835-1908--Correspondence.
Noble, Lucretia Gray--Correspondence.
Norton, Charles Eliot, 1827-1908--Correspondence.
Osgood, James R. (James Ripley), 1836-1892--Correspondence.
Palmer, Alice Freeman, 1855-1902--Correspondence.
Parker, Theodore, 1810-1860--Correspondence.
Perry, Nora, 1831-1896--Correspondence.
Phelps, William Lyon, 1865-1943--Correspondence.
Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912--Correspondence.
Richardson, Abby Sage, 1837-1900--Correspondence.
Sanborn, Kate, 1839-1917--Correspondence.
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.
Smillie, James David, 1833-1909--Correspondence.
Stanford, Leland, 1824-1893--Correspondence.
Stedman, Edmund Clarence, 1833-1908--Correspondence.
Taussig, F. W. (Frank William), 1859-1940--Correspondence.
Ticknor, Benjamin Holt, 1842-1914.
Ticknor, Caroline, 1866-1937--Correspondence.
Ticknor, Caroline, 1866-1937. Caroline Ticknor correspondence.
Twain, Mark, 1835-1910.
Twain, Mark, 1835-1910. New guide of the conversation in Portuguese and English. 1883.
Wallace, Lew, 1827-1905--Correspondence.
Waters, Clara Erskine Clement, 1834-1916--Correspondence.
Wendell, Barrett, 1855-1921--Correspondence.
Wendell, Barrett, 1855-1921. Rankell's remains: an American novel. 1896.
Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892--Correspondence.
Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892--Correspondence.
Winsor, Justin, 1831-1897--Correspondence.
Winter, William, 1836-1917--Correspondence.
Wister, Owen, 1860-1938--Correspondence.

Organizations

James R. Osgood and Company.
William D. Ticknor & Co.

Subjects

Publishers and publishing--Massachusetts--Boston.

Provenance

The papers of Benjamin Holt Ticknor, editor and publisher, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1943-1944.

Processing History

The papers of Benjamin Holt Ticknor were housed and listed in 1981. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Additional Guides

A card index and list of major correspondents in the collection is available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Benjamin Holt Ticknor 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, Benjamin Holt Ticknor Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Benjamin Holt Ticknor (1842-1914) span the years 1595-1935, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1850-1920. Housed mainly in bound volumes, the collection consists chiefly of correspondence of American and British authors whose works were published by the Boston firm of Ticknor and Company and, after 1885, James R. Osgood and Company. Most of the letters are addressed to Ticknor or to his daughter, Caroline Ticknor. Also included are occasional holograph writings such as the preface by Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) to *The New Guide of the Conversation in Portuguese and English* by Pedro Carolino; *Rankell's Remains* by Barrett Wendell; and "Madge: ye hoyden," a poem, by Eugene Field.. The oldest item, dated 1595, is a fragment signed by William Cecil (Burghley, William Cecil, Baron).

The Ticknor Papers are organized largely as received. Material in the bound volumes is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, with the manuscripts to *Rankell's Remains* by Wendell filed at the end. Unbound material consists of miscellaneous writings, printed matter, and the poem by Field.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Bound vols.
BOX 1	Ade, George-Blouet, Paul
BOX 2	Bond, F. B.-Cesnola, Luigi Palma di
BOX 3	Chaffee, Adna R.-Cunningham, Frank H.
BOX 4	Curtis, George Ticknor-Durand, Alice Marie (Henry Greville)
BOX 5	Eastman, Lucius R.-Fawcett, Edgar
BOX 6	Featherman, A.-E. H. Guppy & Son
BOX 7	“H” miscellaneous-Hatton, Joseph
BOX 8	Howells, William Dean-Heilmore, Martin
BOX 9	Henderson, C. Hanford-Hovey, H. E.
BOX 10	Howard, Blanche W.-Hutton, Laurence
BOX 11	Ireland, Joseph N.-Koopman, H. L.
BOX 12	“L” miscellaneous-Mayo, Katherine
BOX 13	Merwin, Samuel-O'Reilly, John Boyle
BOX 14	Osgood, George P.-Perry, Nora
BOX 15	Perry, Nora-Preston, Harriet W.
BOX 16	Proctor, Edna Dean-Sangster, Margaret E.
BOX 17	Sargent, M. E.-Spalding, Samuel
BOX 18	Spofford, Harriet Prescott-Stoker, Bram
BOX 19	Straus, Oscar S.-Trowbridge, John
BOX 20	Trubner, Nikolaus-Waters, Clara E. Clement
BOX 21	Webb, Charles H.-Winsor, Justin
BOX 22	Winter, William-Zwicker, P. H., and miscellaneous notes, a menu, and printed matter
BOX 23, Pt. 1	Wendell, Barrett, <i>Rankell's Remains</i> , holograph manuscript
BOX 23, Pt. 1	Vol. 1
BOX 23, Pt. 2	Vol. 2
BOX 24	Unbound material
BOX 24	Field, Eugene, “Madge: ye hoyden,” holograph poem <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 24	Miscellaneous writings and printed matter (2 folders)
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Unbound material
BOX OV 1	Field, Eugene, “Madge: ye hoyden,” holograph poem (Container 25)

Major Correspondents

Card index available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room

- Ade, George
- Agassiz, Louis
- Alcott, Amos Bronson
- Alden, Henry M.
- Aldrich, Thomas Bailey
- Austin, Jane Goodwin
- Bacon, Henry
- Barnum, Phineas T.
- Bates, Arlo
- Bellamy, Edward
- Benjamin, Samuel Green
- Besant, Annie
- Blouet, Paul
- Booth, Edwin T.
- Boucicault, Dion
- Brooks, Henry M.
- Brooks, Phillips
- Brown, Alice
- Bunner, Henry C.
- Bynner, Edwin Lassetter
- Cesnola, Luigi Palma di
- Child, Lydia M.
- Church, Frederick S.
- Churchill, Winston (1871-1947)
- Clarke, James Freeman
- Clemens, Samuel L.
- Coates, Florence Earle
- Cooke, Rose Terry
- Curtis, George Ticknor
- Cusack, Mary Frances
- Dallin, Cyrus E.
- Dana, Charles A.
- Dana, Richard Henry, Jr.
- Deland, Margaret
- Durand, Alice Marie (Henry Greville)
- Eggleston, George Cary
- Elliott, Maud Howe
- Fawcett, Edgar
- Filsinger, Sara Teasdale
- Foote, Mary Hallock
- French, Daniel Chester
- Garfield, Lucretia R.
- Garland, Hamlin
- Gayarre, Charles E. A.
- Gilder, Jeannette L.
- Gilder, Richard W.
- Guiney, Louise I.
- Haden, Francis Seymour
- Hale, Edward Everett (1822-1909)
- Hale, Lucretia P.
- Hall, Granville Stanley

- Hapgood, Norman
- Harris, Joel Chandler
- Hawthorne, Julian
- Hearn, Lafcadio
- Henschel, George
- Higginson, Thomas Wentworth
- Hoar, George F.
- Holmes, Oliver Wendell
- Horsford, Eben N.
- Hosmer, James K.
- House, Edward H.
- Howard, Blanche W.
- Howe, Edgar W.
- Howells, William Dean
- Hudson, Mary Clemmer
- Hutton, Laurence
- Irving, Washington
- James, Henry
- Jamison, Cecilia V.
- Janvier, Margaret
- Johnson, Jonathan Eastman
- Perry, Bliss
- Perry, Nora
- Perry, William Stevens
- Phelps, William Lyon
- Poole, William Frederick
- Poore, Benjamin Perley
- Preble, George Henry
- Preston, Harriet W.
- Proctor, Edna Dean
- Quincy, Edmund
- Ramee, Marie Louise de la
- Reid, Thomas Mayne
- Reid, Whitelaw
- Repplier, Agnes
- Richardson, Abby Saye
- Rolfe, William James
- Saltus, Edgar E.
- Sanborn, Franklin B.
- Sanborn, Katherine Abbott
- Sangster, Margaret E. (1838-1912)
- Sharp, Dallas L.
- Sherman, Frank Dempster
- Sherman, John
- Sherman, William Tecumseh
- Shillaber, Benjamin P.
- Skinner, Otis Smillie, James D.
- Smith, Francis Hopkinson
- Smith, Goldwin
- Smith, Roswell
- Spofford, Harriet Prescott
- Stanford, Leland
- Stedman, Edmund C.
- Stephens, Alice Barber

- Sternberg, George M.
- Stoddard, Richard Henry
- Stoker, Bram
- Straus, Oscar S.
- Sumner, Charles
- Tauchnitz, Christian Bernhard
- Taussig, Frank William
- Terhune, Mary Virginia
- Thompson, Maurice
- Ticknor, Thomas B.
- Tissot, Joseph Jacques
- Trowbridge, John
- Trubner, Nikolaus
- Trumbull, James Hammond
- Upton, George P.
- Van Dyke, Henry
- Wallace, Lew
- Walters, Clara Erskine
- Ward, Mary A. (Mrs. Humphry Ward)
- Ware, William R.
- Waring, George E.
- Webb, Charles Wells, Carolyn
- Wendell, Barrett
- Whitman, Walt
- Whitney, Adeline D.
- Whittier, John Greenleaf
- Winsor, Justin
- Winter, William
- Wister, Owen
- Wormeley, Katharine