

**Bancroft-Bliss Families Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Bancroft-Bliss Families Papers

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**Bulk Dates:** 1815-1875

**ID No.:** MSS11700

**Creator:** Bancroft family

**Creator:** Bliss family

**Extent:** 5,800 items

**Extent:** 20 containers plus 3 oversize

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**Extent:** 1 microfilm reel

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

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**Summary:** Correspondence, diary, legal and financial papers, article and book galleys, invitations, and printed material of members of the Bliss and Bancroft families, including George Bancroft (1800-1891); his wife, Elizabeth Davis Bancroft (1803-1886), her first husband, Alexander Bliss (1792-1827); and their son, Alexander Bliss (1827-1896).

## 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

Bancroft family.

Bancroft, Elizabeth Davis, 1803-1886. Elizabeth Davis Bancroft papers.

Bancroft, George, 1800-1891. George Bancroft papers.

Bliss family.

Bliss, Alexander, 1792-1827. Alexander Bliss papers.

Bliss, Alexander, 1827-1896. Alexander Bliss papers.

Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878--Correspondence.

Crane, Joseph G., 1825-1869--Correspondence.

Curtis, George William, 1824-1892--Correspondence.

Emerson, Ralph Waldo, 1803-1882--Correspondence.

Estcomb, Caroline B.--Correspondence.

Hardwick, George--Correspondence.

Hawthorne, Nathaniel, 1804-1864--Correspondence.

Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.

Ingalls, Rufus, 1818-1893--Correspondence.

Kennedy, John Pendleton, 1795-1870--Correspondence.

Meigs, Montgomery C. (Montgomery Cunningham), 1816-1892--Correspondence.

Melville, Herman, 1819-1891--Correspondence.

Peabody, Elizabeth Palmer, 1804-1894--Correspondence.

Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849.

Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874--Correspondence.

Thoreau, Henry David, 1817-1862--Correspondence.

Van Buren, Angelica Singleton, 1816-1877--Correspondence.

Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852--Correspondence.

Williams, Lydia--Correspondence.

### Organizations

United States. Army. Quartermaster's Department.

### Subjects

Private schools--United States.

### **Places**

Europe--Social conditions.

France--Social conditions.

Germany--Foreign relations--United States.

Germany--Social conditions

Great Britain--Foreign relations--United States.

Great Britain--Social conditions.

Italy--Social conditions.

United States--Biography--Encyclopedias.

United States--Foreign relations--Germany.

United States--Foreign relations--Great Britain.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

### **Titles**

*Bancroft family papers*

*Bliss family papers*

## **Acquisition Information**

The papers of the Bancroft-Bliss families were given to the Library of Congress by Elizabeth B. Bliss and William J. A. Bliss between 1928-1945. Some items were reproduced with permission of Elizabeth B. Bliss in 1944. Small additions were acquired by purchase in 1946 and gift in 1976.

## **Processing History**

The papers of the Bancroft-Bliss families were arranged and described in 1974 by Anita Nolen. An addition was made in 1983, and the finding aid was revised in 2011.

## **Transfers**

Some photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Some maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division. Some books have been transferred to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Bancroft-Bliss Families Papers.

## **Copyright Status**

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## **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of the Bancroft-Bliss families 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**

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## Biographical Note

### George Bancroft

| Date          | Event   |
|---------------|---|
| 1800, 3 Oct.  | Born, Worcester, Mass.  |
| 1817          | A.B., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.  |
| 1818-1822     | Studied in Germany, France, England, Switzerland, and Italy   |
| 1820          | M.A., Ph.D., University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany  |
| 1822-1823     | Tutor in Greek, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.  |
| 1823          | Published <i>Poems</i> . Cambridge, [Mass.]: University Press   |
|               | Established with J. G. Cogswell Round Hill School, Northampton, Mass.   |
| 1823-1831     | Teacher, Round Hill School, Northampton, Mass.  |
| 1827          | Married Sarah H. Dwight (died 1837)   |
| 1834-1875     | Published <i>History of the United States</i> . Boston: Little, Brown   |
| 1837          | Appointed collector, port of Boston, Mass.  |
| 1838          | Married Elizabeth Davis Bliss (died 1886)   |
| 1845-1846     | Secretary of the navy   |
| 1846-1849     | U.S. minister to Great Britain  |
| 1867-1874     | U.S. minister, Berlin, Germany  |
| 1882          | Published <i>History of the Formation of the Constitution of the United States of America</i> . New York: D. Appleton (2 vols.) |
| 1889          | Published <i>Martin Van Buren to the End of His Public Career</i> . New York: Harper  |
| 1891, 17 Jan. | Died, Washington, D.C.  |

### Alexander Bliss

| Date          | Event  |
|---------------|--|
| 1827, 29 Dec. | Born, Boston, Mass.  |
| 1847          | B.A., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.   |
| 1853          | Admitted to the bar, New York, N.Y.  |
| 1861          | Entered Union Army   |
| 1862          | Captain and assistant quartermaster, volunteers  |
| 1863          | Captain and assistant quartermaster, regular army  |
|               | Lieutenant colonel and quartermaster of volunteers   |
| 1864          | Published with John Pendleton Kennedy <i>Autograph Leaves of Our County's Authors</i> . Baltimore: Cushings & Bailey |
| 1865          | Brevetted colonel, U.S. Army   |
|               | Married Eleanor Taylor Albert (died 1874)  |
| 1866-67       | Colonel and quartermaster of volunteers  |
| 1867-74       | Secretary, U.S. Legation, Berlin, Germany  |
| 1868          | Resigned from the army   |
| 1896, 30 Apr. | Died, Washington, D.C.   |

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Bancroft-Bliss families span the period 1788-1928, but bulk largest during the periods 1815-1875. The collection contains family and general correspondence, invitations, a diary, financial and legal papers, and printed material. The papers are organized in four series: [Family Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Autograph Leaves of Our Country's Authors](#), and [Miscellany](#).

Included are papers of George Bancroft (1800-1891), historian, secretary of the navy, and United States minister to England and Germany; papers of his wife, Elizabeth Davis Bancroft (1803-1886); papers of her first husband, Alexander Bliss (1792-1827), lawyer and junior partner of Daniel Webster; and papers of their son, Alexander Bliss (1827-1896), author, soldier, and secretary of the American legation at Berlin.

The [Family Correspondence](#) is primarily concerned with social and business conditions at home, reflections on the European scene during George Bancroft's years abroad, and Alexander Bliss's service as an officer in the Quartermaster's Department of the Union Army during and after the Civil War, especially regarding the Army of the Potomac.

Bliss's Civil War service is also reflected in the [General Correspondence](#) series in letters he received during and after the war from fellow army officers. This series also contains numerous letters from Daniel Webster to Alexander Bliss (1792-1827) for the period 1816 to 1827; they are concerned mainly with personal business matters and their law practice. Drafts of dispatches in the hand of Alexander Bliss (1827-1896), secretary of the United States legation at Berlin from 1867 to 1874, are also present. Prominent correspondents in this series include Joseph G. Crane, George William Curtis, Caroline B. Estcomb, George Hardwick, John Hay, Rufus Ingalls, Montgomery C. Meigs, Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, Charles Sumner, Angelica Singleton Van Buren, and Lydia Williams.

A separate series contains the manuscripts associated with the production of *Autograph Leaves of Our Country's Authors*, a volume of facsimiles of literary manuscripts produced to be sold at the United States Sanitary Commission Fair in Baltimore in 1864. Proceeds were to be used for the benefit of Union soldiers and their families. The manuscripts in the collection consist primarily of correspondence addressed to Alexander Bliss and John Pendleton Kennedy concerning contributions to the volume. (Most of the actual manuscripts reproduced in the book were sold at auction.) Correspondents in this series are primarily literary figures and include William Cullen Bryant, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Herman Melville, Henry David Thoreau, and William M. Thackeray.

Among the [Miscellany](#) are a typescript and galleys of Elizabeth Davis Bancroft's *Letters From England, 1846-1849* (New York, C. Scribner's Sons, 1904) in which she describes the social and political scene in London during the late 1840s, copies of letters to Elizabeth B. Bliss concerning asylums for Italian war orphans in the 1820s, a diary of Alexander Bliss for 1849, and a few speeches and manuscripts, including the galley proofs of an article on James K. Polk for *Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, with annotations by George Bancroft.

An appendix to the finding aid contains an [index](#) of correspondents in the [General Correspondence](#) series, including the years of the correspondence.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Family Correspondence, 1810-1902](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1788-1928](#)
- [Autograph Leaves of Our Country's Authors, 1863-1864](#)
- [Miscellany, 1820-1926](#)

## Description of Series

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| BOX 7-13  | <p><b><u>General Correspondence, 1788-1928</u></b></p> <p>Letters received, drafts of letters sent, photostatic copies of letters from George Bancroft, and invitations. An appendix to the finding aid contains an <i>index</i> of correspondents in this series, including the years of the correspondence.<br/>Correspondence arranged chronologically.</p> |
| BOX 14    | <p><b><u>Autograph Leaves of Our Country's Authors, 1863-1864</u></b></p> <p>Letters received from contributors to this volume and letters received from non-contributors concerning the book.<br/>Arranged alphabetically. Also miscellaneous material and printed matter.</p>  |
| BOX 15-23 | <p><b><u>Miscellany, 1820-1926</u></b></p> <p>Calling cards, a diary of Alexander Bliss, financial papers, legal papers, manuscripts, speeches, writings, newspaper clippings, and other miscellaneous material.<br/>Arranged alphabetically.</p>  |

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| <b>BOX 6</b>    | George Bancroft to William Bliss, 1883, undated   |
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## Appendix A: Index to General Correspondence

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Cozzens & Bull, 1879  
Coutts, \* B \* [Angelina], 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850  
Cranch, Elizabeth D., 1875  
Crane, Joseph G., 1864, 1865, 1866  
Crittenden, J. J., 1849, May 16  
Croghan, W., 1847  
Cropsey, Louis E., 1873  
Cullum, George W., 1861  
Curtis, Augusta L., 1828  
Curtis, George William, 1848\*, 1849\*, 1851, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1860, 1861, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1869, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, undated  
Curtis, Julia B., 1857  
Cushing, James F., [K?], 1866

## C

Cushman, Emma Crow, 1864

## D

d' Accantara D. Pedro, 1875, Nov. 3

Daly, E. M., 1885

Dana, Richard H., 1852

Dana, Richard H., Jr., 1873

Davidge, William H., 1845

Davis, A. M., 1864

Davis, Frederica G., undated

Davis, George T., 1848

Davis, J., circa 1820s

Davis, John, 1839, undated

Davis, John, 1875

Davis, Nathaniel, 1826 (brother of Elizabeth Bancroft)

Davy, Lady Jane, 1849

Dearborn, H., 1808

Debains, \* Fred, 1873

Delafield, Julia, 1860

Delafield, Lewis L., 1861

Delafield, Susan P., 1865, undated

Denison, Charlotte, 1849

Denny, Louisa M., 1864

Denny, Thomas, 1866

de Pitteurs, Brunne \*, undated

Devens, \* Charles, undated

Dickinson, J., 1808

Dix, D. L., undated ( circa 1830)

Dodge, Mary A., 1875, 1882, 1884, 1885, 1886, undated

Donaldson, J., 1865

Dorr, E. May, Jr., 1869

Dove, Julia, 1869, 1870 (née Egbert?)

Dowell, George E., 1865

Draper, John

Drummond, Maria, 1848

Dubois, S. A., 1868

d'Utassy, Fred. George, 1861 (Garibaldi guard)

Dwight, Edmund, undated (circa 1820s) (from Alexander Bliss)

## E

Eames, F., 1851, 1852, 1854, undated

Edmunds, George, undated

Earp, Robert, Jr., 1847

Egbert, Julia, 1866, 1867, 1868

Eginton, John, 1851, 1857

Ehlers, H., 1855

Ekin, James A., 1865, 1866

Eldredge, Evelyn, 1843

Eldredge, Maria, 1848

Ellery, William A., Jr., 1862

Elliott, J. A., 1825

**E**

Elliott, J. D., 1845 (orders, from George Bancroft, Navy Dept.)  
Emerson, Edward W., undated  
Emerson, Ellen T., 1861, 1885  
Emerson, Lydia, 1848  
Emerson, M.M., 1835  
Emerson, William, 1862, 1864  
Emerson, William Ralph, 1890  
Emory, Matilda W., undated  
Estcomb, Caroline B., 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1857, undated  
Esté, Mary B., 1865  
Este, Will, 1865  
Eugene Kelly & Co., 1866  
Everett, Charlotte G., 1848  
Everett, Edward, 1848  
Everett, L. O., undated (circa 1830)

**F**

Farnum, L. B., 1864, 1872, undated  
Fay, Theodore S., 1848  
Feeney, Amy, 1862  
Fellows, Sir Charles, 1849  
Field, Alice, 1886  
Field, J. W., 1853, 1854  
Fisher, \* Louisa C., 1862  
Force, Manning F., 1859, 1865, undated  
Ford, G. L., 1854  
Forster, John, 1849  
Francis, Eben, 1827  
Francke, Kuno, 1890  
Franklin, W. B., 1872  
Frelinghuysen, Frederick T., 1882  
Fry, James B., 1866  
Fuller, J. M., 1827, 1838, undated (circa 1830)  
Fuller, R., 1863

**F**

Garesche, Julius, Mar. 3, 1862  
Garfield, Lucretia R., undated  
Garibaldi guard, See d'Utassy, Zyla  
Gauntt, Charles, 1845  
Gencourt \*, Anastasi de, 1854  
Gentil, Julia, 1869  
Gherardi, Anna T., 1885  
Gibbes, S., undated, photostats  
Gibbs, Laura W., 1871  
Gibson, S. W., \* Milner, 1848, 1849  
Gilpin, Henry D., 1857  
Goldsborough, Mary C., 1866, 1867, 1869  
Gontaut, Biron, Ste. de, 1872 (Ambassadeur de France)  
Gordon, Lucie Duff, 1848  
Gourand, \* undated

## F

Gray, H., Jr., 1861, 1891, \* undated  
Gray, Professor, undated (from Elizabeth Davis Bancroft)  
Greely, A. W., 1889  
Greene, J. S. Copley, 1872  
Griffin, Charles, 1863, 1865  
Griffin, Mary, 1868  
Griffin, Sallie, undated  
Grosch, Albert, 1886  
Grote, Harriet, 1849  
Grove, M., 1848  
Gruppe, O. F., 1868  
Guizot, Henriette, 1849  
Gurney, S., 1849  
Gurney, Sam, 1848, 1849

## H

Hachett, Frank W., 1877, 1879, 1881  
Hackett, Chauncey, 1881  
Hale, Susie, 1873  
Hall, Anna Maria, 1848  
Hamill, S. R., 1866  
Hamilton, Alexander, Jr., 1866, undated  
Hamilton, Charlotte A., 1855, 1857  
Hamilton, James A., 1861  
Hamilton, Mary M., 1855, 1857, 1863, 1864, undated  
Hamlet, William, 1862  
Hardwick, George, 1859, 1860, 1862, 1866, undated  
Harrison, R. W., 1851 (U. S. consulate at Kingston, Jamaica)  
Harvey, Mary, 1868  
Hathaway, M. B., undated  
Hay, John, 1862, 1868, 1880, undated  
Haydon, S. C., 1859  
Hayes, Lucy W., 1879, 1880, undated  
Head, Louisa, 1837  
Heinbel, Julia, 1867  
Heslin, Anne, 1871, 1872  
Hoar, George F., 1880, 1882  
Hodges, E. K., 1864  
Hoffman, William, \* 1871  
Holland, \* Ellen Julia, 1847, 1849  
Holland, J., 1847  
Holland, Saba, 1848  
Holley, George W., 1864  
Holmes, Dr. O. W., undated (draft from Elizabeth Bancroft)  
Hooper, Anna L., 1857, undated  
Hooper, J., 1848  
Hooper, Samuel, 1861, 1862, 1863, (one from Montgomery C. Meigs)  
Hopkins, M. C., 1849  
Hosack, S. H., 1875, undated  
Howe, Frank E., 1862



**H**

Howe, Julia Ward, 1871, 1877  
Humboldt, Baron Alexander de, 1859 (facsimile– to Charles R. Hale)  
Humphreys, A. A., 1876  
Hunt, Louise, 1865  
Hunt, W. B., 1865  
Hunter, W., 1881  
Huntley, Carlisle M., 1868

**I**

Ingalls, Rufus, 1862, 1867, 1873, undated  
Inglis, Sir Robert, 1847, 1848  
Izard, R. E., 1860, undated

**J**

Jameson, John Franklin, 1928, (L. C. MSS Div)  
Jandon, \* Samuel, 1825, 1826, (Jandon, S & A. G. & Co)  
Jaquemot, \* Dr. Phil, 1870, undated  
Jarves, Deming, 1845 (Boston & Sandwich Glass Co.)  
Jay, Ella, 1848, 1849 (fragment), undated  
Jay, John, 1849, 1869, 1872  
Jenison, \* Lady Louisa  
Johnson, Richard M., 1832  
Jones, Elizabeth, undated  
Jones, Mary K., 1870  
Judd, Sylvester, undated

**K**

Kane, E. K., 1855  
Kapp, Friedrich, 1868  
Kasson, John M., undated  
Kennedy, E. G., 1864, undated  
Kennedy, John Pendleton, 1863, 1865, undated 1864 Feb.  
Kenyon, John, 1847, 1848  
Kettell, Thomad P., undated  
Keudell, von, 1868  
Keyser, William A., 1866  
Kilhon, \* J. C., 1865 (Adj. Gen. Ofc.)  
Kimberly, Dennis, 1817, 1818, 1819  
King, Preston, 1862  
Kirkland, Charles T., 1865  
Kloss & Foerster, 1868  
Knox, Henry, 1791  
Kobes, Otilie, 1868  
Kossuth, Therses, 1853  
Kotzebue, undated

**L**

Lamb, H. D., undated  
Langel, Elizabeth Bates, 1864  
Langley, Samuel P., undated  
Laughlin, Lily L. Macalester, 1889  
Laurence, Samuel B., 1864, 1865  
Lawrence, James, 1849

## L

Lawrence, K., 1850  
Le Duc, Henry M., 1862  
Leeds, Duchess of, 1849  
Leonard, William A., 1882, 1883, 1890, undated  
Lewis, John Vaughan, undated  
Lieber, F., 1855  
Lieber, M., 1863  
Linderman, H. R., 1872  
Lindway, Charlotte, 1847  
Lockwood, Henry H., 1864  
Lodge, A. C., 1864, 1885  
Lodge, H. C., 1865, 1875  
Leoper, \* 1868  
Loftus, Lord, 1869  
Longfellow, Henry W., 1856  
Lord, J. P., 1862  
Loving, H. Booth, undated  
Loving, John, 1889  
Loving, Mary B., 1876  
Lowery, N. W., undated  
Ludlow, T. W., 1857  
Lumme, \* 1868  
Lunt, J. H., 1848, 1851, 1853, undated (circa 1846-1849)  
Lyman, Theodore, 1871

## M

McClellan, George B., 1863 (to Adj. Gen., U.S. Army)  
McGregor, James W., 1866  
MacKenzie, Mary Stewart, 1849  
MacLean, Edward P., 1873  
Macready, Catherine F., 1848  
Madan, Julian Alfonso y, 1854 (to Madan introducing A. Bliss) (written By Uncle Cristobal Madan)  
Mansfield, Mary, 1848  
Marsh, George P., 1878  
Marsh, Levi H., 1862, 1863  
Martin, J. G., 1857  
Martin, Luther, 1792  
Meade, George G., 1863, 1872  
Meigs, John \* Rodgers, \* 1863  
Meigs, Louisa Rodgers, undated  
Meigs, Montgomery C., 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1867 (one in 1863 to S. Hooper)  
Melville, Herman, 1864  
Menturn,\* A. M., 1848  
Messing, C., 1871  
Messinger, R. H., undated  
Meyerben, Cecile, 1869  
Michaelis, Otho E., 1872  
Miller, H. G., 1863  
Miller, James E., 1863, 1864, 1866  
Miller, Morris S., 1865

## M

Miller, William F., 1862  
Milman, M. \* A., \* 1849  
Minturn, Bessie, 1869  
Minturn, R. B., Jr., 1862  
Mitchell, John, 1862  
Mixten, Fanny L., 1868  
Molesworth, Lady A., 1847, 1848, 1849, undated  
Monroe, E. P., 1862  
Monteagh, Lady M., 1854, undated  
Montgomery, Mary M., 1849  
Moore, Clara J., 1884  
Mordecai, D., 1886  
Morgan, C.H., 1866  
Morgna, Lady Sydney, 1847, undated  
Morrill, George, 1847  
Morris, Mary A., 1864  
Morris, Robert, 1788, 1791  
Morris, \* S., 1864  
Morton, Levi \* P., undated  
Motley, J. L., 1876  
Muhlbach, L., 1868  
Müster, Comte, 1871  
Murray, C. 1849  
Murray, Ameline Matilda, 1847, 1849, 1851, undated  
Myer, Albert J., undated

## N

Napier, W. J. G., 1872  
Noble, Henry, 1865  
Nordhoff, Charles, 1884, undated  
Norton, C. B., 1872  
Norton, Charles B. 1872  
Nothomd, Isabelle de (Baron and Baroness Eug.  
Nott, Charles C., 1879

## O

Ogden, \* David B., 1821 (to James Kent)  
Olmsted, Frederick Law, 1873  
Osgood, Samuel, 1864, 1868  
Ostensacken, R., 1868  
Otis, E. Henderson (Mrs.), 1848

## P

Paige, J. W., 1823, 1824, undated (circa 1820s)  
Palfrey, John G., 1862  
Palma, Ramon de, 1854 Mar. 24 (to Palma From Cristobal Madan introducing Alexander Bliss)  
Palmerston, Lady S., 1847, 1849  
Parker, Richard\*, 1847, 1849  
Parkman, Harriette E., 1869  
Parsons & Co., 1859  
Parsons, Lewis B., 1865, 1866  
Partridge, James R., 1879

## P

Peabody, Elizabeth Palmer, 1827, 1834, 1836, 1848, undated (circa 1830)  
Peabody, George, 1847, 1848  
Pelz, Paul J., 1893  
Pendleton, George H., 1854  
Pent, \*R. V., 1871  
Perkins, Fanny D., 1863, 1876, undated, photostats  
Pertz, \*Leono,\* 1873, undated  
Phelps, George, 1866  
Pickering, Henry W., 1836  
Pickett, John T., 1882  
Pierce, Edward L., 1878  
Plato,\* Nelson, 1865  
Platt, Emily, 1877 (to William T. Sherman)  
Pleasanton, Clementine, 1845  
Pleasanton, S., 1824 (Treasury Dept.)  
Polk, Sarah, 1851, 1857  
Pomer Esche, \*Flora v., 1872, 1873  
Porter, P. A., 1863  
Possenti, Bertha, 1887, 1889  
Possenti, Temistacle, 1889  
Pratt, H. D. J., 1868  
Prescott, William, 1822  
Prescott, William\* N., 1847  
Prescott, William H., 1849, undated  
Pringle, Jane, 1851  
Proctor, Adelaide, undated  
Pulsky, Therese, 1852

## Q

Quartermaster General's Office (Acting QMG), 1867 (Special orders to Alexander Bliss)  
Quin, Levi, 1862

## R

Rabe, Johannes, 1869  
Ray, M. R., 1857  
Reid, Mary, 1848  
Reinhardt, R. F., 1893  
Rice, S. B., 1863  
Riley, J. H., 1853 (Deputy U. S. Marshall, Mass. District)  
Ripley, L. A., 1869, 1871  
Ritchie, Thomas, 1845  
Robbins, Chandler, 1876  
Robbins, Elisa, 1848  
Robbins, Ellen H., undated  
Robbins, Harriet L., 1864, undated  
Robertson, Minnie, 1864  
Robeson, Mary Isabel, undated  
Rockwell, Charles H., 1862 (from Alexander Bliss), 1863  
Rodgers, Christopher Raymond Perry, 1883, undated  
Rodgers, Julia, 1876  
Rodgers, Henry W., 1885, 1886

## R

Rossi, Le Comte, 1852  
Rundle, S. E., 1865, 1866  
Rush, Richard, 1849  
Russell, Anna, 1869, undated  
Russell, C. H., Jr. 1879  
Russell, Fanny, undated  
Russell, M. M. P., 1866  
Russell, O. D. O.\*, 1872, undated  
Russell, S. B., 1853  
Rutherford, George V., 1864, 1865

## S

Sanderson, Thomas, 1866  
Sands, Julia M., 1857, 1868, 1869, 1871  
Sands, Mahlon D., undated  
Sargent, Henry Winthrop, 1862, undated  
Sayre, 1864  
Schenck, Lilly R., 1864  
Schenck, Robert C., 1862 (copy), 1865, 1868  
Schulenburg, La Comtesse de, 1869  
Schurz C,\* 1866  
Schwabe, Julia S., 1869  
Schwabe, Paula Maria  
Scott, Winfield, 1861  
Seaton, Gales, 1849  
Seaton, S. A. (Mrs.), 1848  
Seaver, William A., 1867, 1880 (from George Bancroft)  
Sedgwick, W. E., 1860  
Seward, F. W., 1861 (to James A. Hamilton)  
Seward, William H., 1849  
Shaw, Samuel, 1827  
Shearman, W. P., 1865, 1867 (auditor's office)  
Sherman, John, 1882  
Sherman, W. T., 1878, 1880, 1882, 1883  
Sherwood, M. E. W., 1864  
Shimmin, W., 1847 (enclosing letters from Robert T. Paine and W. Cranch Bond)  
Sibley, \* A., 1863 (Quarter Master General)  
Singleton, 1857  
Smith, Goldwin, 1863  
Smith, Henry B., 1869, undated  
Smith, W. P., 1863, 1866  
Smith, William F., 1862, undated  
Solmar, Henrietta, 1868, 1869  
Soutter, J. T., 1868  
Spear, \* Charles, 1859  
Spencer, Lord, 1848  
Spofford, Ainsworth R., 1892  
Stanhope, Lord, 1864  
Stanley, C., 1848, 1849  
Stewart, Charles, 1845, 1846 (from George Bancroft, Navy Dept.)

## S

Stockton, A. P. (Mrs.), 1849  
Stoddert, Ben, 1812  
Stone, Charles \* P., 1871  
Story, Emelyn, 1848, 1884, undated  
Story, A. Morris, 1865, 1868, 1871, undated  
Strachey, undated (from E. D. B.)  
Street, A. R., 1813  
Streeter, S. F., 1863 (Union Club of Baltimore)  
Stulen, \* A., 1873  
Sullivan, Jerry, 1858  
Sumner, A. M., undated  
Sumner, Charles, 1845, 1848, 1849, 1852, 1857

## T

Tagart, Edward, 1848  
Talbot, Thomas H., 1871  
Tayloe, Virginia, 1857  
Taylor, Fanny, 1859  
Thies, C. C., 1868, 1873  
Thomas, Charles, 1865  
Thomas, Lorenzo, 1862  
Thompson, M., 1862  
Thomson, Margaret, 1848  
Thornton, Edward, 1876  
Thornton, Mary, undated  
Tiffany, Francis, 1848, 1862  
Tiffany, George P., 1855  
Torrey, M. T. (Mrs.), 1827, 1828, undated (circa 1830), 1847, 1848, 1849  
Torrey, Samuel, 1848  
Townsend, E. D., 1867 (copy of special orders to Alexander Bliss)

## U

Upjohn, Mary, 1829

## V

Vallejo, M. G., 1862, March 21  
Van Buren, Angelica Singleton, 1839,\* 1865, 1867, undated  
Van Buren, M., 1848  
Van de Weyer, E., undated  
Van Vliet, Stewart, 1863  
Van Winkle, M. C., 1849  
Von Bunsen, Elizabeth, 1879  
Von Burt, Capt., 1871  
Von Ranke, Clara, 1869, undated  
Von Stulpnagel, Louise, 1868  
Von Winterfeld, Pauline, 1876

## W

Wadsworth, Cornelia, 1857  
Wagner, Charles B., 1862  
Waite, Morrison R., 1877, 1882, undated  
Walleen, \* Beauchamp, undated  
Walshgrave, \* Frances, 1853

**W**

Warburton, Elliot, 1851  
Ward, Anna H. B., 1865  
Waters, \* Louis H., 1864  
Weber, \* Francis, 1862  
Weber, Professor, 1868  
Webster, Daniel, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1849, undated (circa 1820s)  
Webster, Ezekiel, 1823  
Webster, Josiah, 1819  
Wellman, W. A., 1862  
Wetterstedt, Baron W., 1860  
Wheaton, Frank, \* undated  
Whitcomb, A. C., 1848, 1860  
Whitney, William D., 1868  
Whitwell, \* Sophia, 1848  
Wilcoxson, M. Van Buren, 1870  
Williams, J. E., 1876  
Williams, Lydia, 1808, 1809, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1824, 1825, 1826  
Willis, Cornelia Grinnell, 1852  
Wilson, Livingston, 1868  
Winslow, J. S. & Co., 1882  
Winthrop, J. Temple, circa 1820s  
Winthrop, Robert, 1847, 1848, 1857  
Wolcott, Oliver, 1794 (Sec. of Treasury)  
Woodhull, Max, 1864, 1865, 1866, undated  
Woolley, John, 1864  
Wordsworth, Susan H., 1847  
Wright, Lavinia, 1848

**Y**

Yermeloff, Michael de, 1856

**Z**

Zyla, Anthony P., 1862 (Garibaldi guard)