

Henry William Ellsworth Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Henry William Ellsworth Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1796-1886

Bulk Dates: 1845-1849

ID No.: MSS56705

Creator: Ellsworth, Henry William, 1814-1864

Extent: 350 items

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: .8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English, with French

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81056705>

Summary: Diplomat. Primarily correspondence and duplicates of diplomatic dispatches received and sent while Ellsworth was chargé d'affaires for the United States in Stockholm, Sweden, and Norway, 1845-1849.

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, George, 1800-1891--Correspondence.

Berzelius, Jöns Jakob, friherre, 1779-1848--Correspondence.

Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.

Ellsworth family--Correspondence.

Ellsworth, Henry William, 1814-1864.

Fay, Theodore S. (Theodore Sedgwick), 1807-1898--Correspondence.

Goodrich, Chauncey A. (Chauncey Allen), 1790-1860--Correspondence.

Melville, Gansevoort, 1815-1846--Correspondence.

Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872--Correspondence.

Silliman, Benjamin, Sr., 1779-1864--Correspondence.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Norway.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Sweden.

Places

Norway--Foreign relations--United States.

Sweden--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--Norway.

United States--Foreign relations--Sweden.

Occupations

Diplomats.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Henry William Ellsworth were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1976.

Processing History

The papers of Henry William Ellsworth were arranged and described in 1984 by David Mathisen. The finding aid was revised by Karen Linn Femia in 2012.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Henry William Ellsworth is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Henry William Ellsworth 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 William Ellsworth Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Henry William Ellsworth was born in Indiana in 1814. He served as chargé d'affaires for the United States in Stockholm, Sweden, and Norway from 1845 to 1849. He died in 1864.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henry William Ellsworth (1814-1864) span the years 1796-1886. The papers are primarily correspondence and duplicates of diplomatic dispatches received and sent while Ellsworth was chargé d'affaires for the United States in Stockholm, Sweden, and Norway, 1845-1849. Correspondents include George Bancroft, Friherre Jöns Jacob Berzelius, James Buchanan, Ellsworth family, Theodore S. Fay, Chauncey A. Goodrich, Gansevoort Melville, Samuel Finley Breese Morse, and Benjamin Silliman.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Private letters, 1845-1847 (3 folders)
BOX 1	Received letters, 1845-1847 (4 folders)
BOX 1	Transcripts, 1796-1797 (copied in 1886)
BOX 2	Dispatch books
BOX 2	Copies of letters received, 1845, July 7-1847, Nov. 22 (1 vol.)
BOX 2	Copies of letters to the State Department, 1845, Oct.-1849, Mar. (3 vols.)