

**Edwards Pierrepont Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Edwards Pierrepont Papers

**Span Dates:** 1847-1900

**ID No.:** MSS18283

**Creator:** Pierrepont, Edwards, 1817-1892

**Extent:** 250 items

**Extent:** 5 containers

**Extent:** 2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

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**Summary:** Lawyer of New York, N.Y., United States attorney general, and ambassador to Great Britain. Correspondence, legal papers, speeches, articles, reports, newspaper clippings, cancelled checks, and printed matter, relating chiefly to Pierrepont's legal career in New York, N.Y. Includes letters from Hamilton Fish (1808-1893) and Hamilton Fish, Jr. (1849-1936).

## 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

Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893--Correspondence.

Fish, Hamilton, II, 1849-1936--Correspondence.

Pierrepont, Edwards, 1817-1892.

### Subjects

Practice of law--New York (State)--New York.

### Occupations

Cabinet officers.

Diplomats.

Lawyers.

## Provenance

The papers of Edwards Pierrepont, lawyer of New York, N.Y., United States attorney general, and ambassador to Great Britain, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1968.

## Processing History

The Edwards Pierrepont Papers were processed in 1972. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edwards Pierrepont is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Edwards Pierrepont 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, Edwards Pierrepont Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1817, Mar. 4	Born, North Haven, Conn.
1837	Graduated, Yale College, New Haven, Conn.
1840	Admitted to Connecticut bar
1840-1841	Tutor, Yale College, New Haven, Conn.
1846	Married Margaretta Willoughby
1857	Judge, New York superior court, New York, N.Y.
1867-1868	Member, N.Y. Constitutional Convention
1869-1870	United States district attorney
1876-1877	United States minister to Great Britain
1892, Mar. 6	Died, New York, N.Y.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Edwards Pierrepont (1817-1892) span the years 1847-1900 and consist primarily of legal printed matter. There are only a few pieces of correspondence, including five sent by Pierrepont, one received from Hamilton Fish (1808-1893) and seven from his son, Hamilton Fish (1849-1936).

Legal materials include a small number of handwritten documents and a larger group of printed items. All relate to various federal, New York state, and New York city cases. Other printed matter includes reports and handbooks accumulated by Pierrepont, along with a few of his articles and speeches. Cancelled checks of Pierrepont, his wife, M. O. Roberts, and Henry P. Tappan, plus a small file of clippings, complete the collection.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Outgoing correspondence
BOX 1	Pierrepoint to Thomas Sparrow, 1851, Jan. 29
BOX 1	Pierrepoint to Gideon J. Tucker, 1864, Apr. 25
BOX 1	Pierrepoint to George R. Baldwin, 1876, Apr. 19
BOX 1	Pierrepoint to Stanley Clark and Brown, 1876, June 23
BOX 1	Pierrepoint to the Earl of Derby, 1882
BOX 1	Correspondence received
BOX 1	Hamilton Fish (1808-1893) to Pierrepoint, 1874, Jan. 6
BOX 1	Hamilton Fish (1849-1936), to Pierrepoint
BOX 1	1874, Apr. 10-11 (2 folders)
BOX 1	1875, June 15
BOX 1	1884, Oct. 24
BOX 1	Sept. 23
BOX 1	Sept. 11
BOX 1	Hamilton Fish (1849-1936) to the estate of Edwards Pierrepoint, 1892, June 23
BOX 1	Legal documents including bonds
BOX 1	Court documents and notes
BOX 1	Printed matter
BOX 1	Speeches and articles by Pierrepoint
BOX 1	Legal
BOX 1	United States Supreme Court
BOX 1	United States circuit court
BOX 1	Supreme court, state of New York
BOX 1	New York supreme court, city and/or county of New York
BOX 1	Supreme court (undesignated)
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BOX 4	<i>Congressional Directory</i> , 1884
BOX 4	“Compilation of the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States,” 1873
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BOX 4	Examination of the Mariposa estate in California, 1864
BOX 4	Trustees of the Astor Library, New York, N.Y., 1887
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