

William Tappan Autograph Collection
A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress



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Collection Summary

Title: William Tappan Autograph Collection

Span Dates: 1640-1939

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1800-1900)

ID No.: MSS42325

Collector: Tappan, William, b. 1863

Extent: 400 items

Extent: 2 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 1 linear foot

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78042325>

Summary: Autograph collector. Correspondence, miscellaneous documents, prints, poetry, rare printed matter, photographs, and some letters to Tappan, chiefly autographic in nature.

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

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850.

Daniels, Josephus, 1862-1948.

Gilmor, Robert, 1748-1822.

Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909.

Harper, Robert Goodloe, 1765-1825.

Howard, John Eager, 1752-1827.

Ingle, Edward, 1861-1924.

Smith, Samuel, 1752-1839.

Tappan, William, 1863-1948.

Thorndike, Israel, 1755-1832.

Van Dyck, Anthony, 1599-1641.

Subjects

Autographs--Collections.

Places

Baltimore (Md.)--History.

Maryland--History.

Washington (D.C.)--History.

Occupations

Collectors, Autograph.

Educators.

Provenance

The papers of William Tappan, autograph collector, were given to the Library by Mrs. Benjamin Tappan in 1961.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Additional Guides

An index to the William Tappan Autograph Collection is available in the Manuscript Reading Room. The index is also available as a [PDF](#) document.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The William Tappan Autograph 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, William Tappan Autograph Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The autograph collection of William Tappan (born 1863) spans the years 1640-1939, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1800-1900. The collection includes correspondence, miscellaneous documents, prints, poetry, rare printed matter, photographs, and some letters to Tappan, chiefly autographic in nature.

The greatest of the portion of the collection relates to the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., area from the War of 1812 through the early twentieth century. Samuel Smith (1752-1839), congressman, governor, and mayor of Baltimore, is a frequent correspondent. Other letters or items are from John C. Calhoun, Josephus Daniels, Robert Gilmor, Edward Everett Hale, Robert Goodloe Harper, John Eager Howard, Edward Ingle, and Israel Thorndike. The oldest item is an autograph note in Dutch by the painter Sir Anthony Van Dyck.

The collection is organized chronologically with oversize items at the end.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically with oversize items at the end.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	1640-1859
BOX 2	1860-1939, undated
BOX OV 1	Oversize