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Collection Summary

Title: Eliakim Littell Correspondence

Span Dates: 1819-1869

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1825-1852)

ID No.: MSS85318

Creator: Littell, Eliakim, 1797-1870

Extent: 65 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: .2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Editor and publisher. Correspondence largely devoted to Littell's work as publisher of *Museum of Foreign Literature and Science* and *Littell's Living Age*. Notable correspondents include James Buchanan, John C. Calhoun, DeWitt Clinton, Andrew Jackson, William Hickling Prescott, and Thomas Jefferson.

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

Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.

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

Clinton, DeWitt, 1769-1828--Correspondence.

Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845--Correspondence.

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826--Correspondence.

Littell, Eliakim, 1797-1870.

Prescott, William Hickling, 1796-1859--Correspondence.

Subjects

American periodicals.

Education, Higher.

Literature--Periodicals.

Public universities and colleges.

Titles

Eliakim Littell papers

Littell's living age.

Museum of foreign literature and science.

Occupations

Editors.

Publishers.

Provenance

The correspondence of Eliakim Littell, editor and publisher, was given to the Library of Congress by Charles A. Platt in 2006.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1797, Jan. 2	Born, Burlington, N.J.
1819-1821	Published the <i>National Recorder</i> , a weekly literary paper, Philadelphia, Pa.
1822-1844	Published the <i>Museum of Foreign Literature and Science</i> , a monthly magazine, Philadelphia, Pa.
1844	Began publishing the <i>Littell's Living Age</i> , a weekly literary periodical, Boston, Mass.
1855	Began publishing the <i>Panorama of Life and Literature</i> , a monthly magazine, Boston, Mass.
1833	Drafted the Compromise Tariff of 1833, carried through Congress by Henry Clay
1870, May 17	Died, Brookline, Mass.

Scope and Content Note

The correspondence of Eliakim Littell (1797-1870) spans the years 1819-1869, with the bulk of the material dating from 1825 to 1852. The collection details Littell's work as publisher of *Museum of Foreign Literature and Science* and *Littell's Living Age*, Littell's interest in establishing public institutions for higher learning, as well as invitations, thank-you notes, and recommendations. Notable correspondents include James Buchanan, John C. Calhoun, DeWitt Clinton, Andrew Jackson, William Hickling Prescott, and Thomas Jefferson.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

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