

Ernest Cushing Richardson Collection of French and Italian Manuscripts

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Collection Summary

Title: Ernest Cushing Richardson Collection of French and Italian Manuscripts

Span Dates: 1179-1825

ID No.: MSS76253

Collector: Richardson, Ernest Cushing, 1860-1939

Extent: 2,000 items

Extent: 14 containers

Extent: 5.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in French with some Latin, Italian, and German

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm85076253>

Summary: Librarian and collector. Correspondence, legal notes, dictionaries of ecclesiastical and civil law, land records, genealogical material, financial records, pamphlets, printed material, and other manuscripts relating to mainly to France and Italy collected by Richardson. Subjects include law, medicine, and religion.

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

Richardson, Ernest Cushing, 1860-1939.

Subjects

Deeds--France.

Deeds--Italy.

Encyclopedias and dictionaries, French.

Genealogy--Italy.

Land tenure--France.

Land tenure--Italy.

Law--France--Dictionaries.

Law--France.

Law--Italy.

Medicine--France.

Places

France--History.

France--Religion.

Italy--History.

Italy--Religion.

Occupations

Collectors.

Librarians.

Provenance

The collection of Ernest Cushing Richardson, librarian and collector, was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1931.

Processing History

The collection of Ernest Cushing Richardson was processed in 1985. The collection was expanded and revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions

The Ernest Cushing Richardson 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, Ernest Cushing Richardson Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1860, Feb. 9	Born, Woburn, Mass.
1879-1880	First assistant librarian, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.
1880	A.B., Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.
1883	A.M., Amherst College, Amherst, Mass. Graduated, Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.
1884-1890	Librarian, Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford Conn.
1885-1890	Associate professor of bibliography
1887	Ph.D., Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.
1890-1920	Librarian, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
1891	Married, Grace Duncan Ely
1896	Honorary A.M., Princeton University, Princeton, N.Y.
1900-1912	Member, New Jersey Public Library Commission
1904-1905	President, American Library Association
1915-1918	President, American Library Institute
1920-1923	Director, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
1923-1925	Honorary director emeritus and research professor of bibliography
1925	Consultant in bibliography and research, Library of Congress
1939, June 3	Died, Princeton, N.J.

Scope and Content Note

The collection of Ernest Cushing Richardson (1860-1939), a professor, bibliographer, theologian, and collector of rare material, spans the years 1179-1825 and consists of correspondence, legal notes, dictionaries of ecclesiastical and civil law, land records, genealogical material, financial records, pamphlets, printed material, and other manuscripts relating mainly to France and Italy. Subjects include law, medicine, and religion, mostly in French, with some Latin, Italian, and German.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

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BOX 1	Printed matter, pamphlets, in French, 1710-1825
BOX 2	“Coppie des acts qui sont dans le Trésor des chartes du Roy,” 1174-1231
BOX 2	Manuscripts and pamphlets, many relating to medicine and law, in French
BOX 3	“Partages de meubles chancepie / Recepte à la succession de madame de la Gaulerie,” circa 1587-circa 1786
BOX 4	Legal notes and references, with miscellaneous documents, seventeen-nineteenth centuries, in French
BOX 5	“Bail de Prevost 3e. Année d’ 8bre. 1764 / Bureau General / Entrées Journalières / Septième Volume”
BOX 6	“Livre de depenses faite dans les voyages de M. Descharnières . . . Livres de la depense de Mlle. Sophie Charnières”
BOX 6	Manuscript dictionary of ecclesiastical law[?], in French
BOX 7	Manuscript dictionary of civil law[?], in French
BOX 7	A-R (3 folders)
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BOX 8	Miscellaneous pamphlets, in French
BOX 9	Papal Bulls, in Latin with seals [one of Clement XII, thirteen of Benedict XIV, and two of Clement XIII]
BOX 10	Alonso of Sicily, 1443[?], regarding Church matters, in Latin
BOX 10	Ferdinand II of Sicily, 1496, edict, in Latin
BOX 10	Don Perafan de Ribera, duque de Alcala, 1564, transfer of lands in Calabria, in Latin
BOX 10	Franciscus Bennius[?], Bishop of Ravello, 1605, appointment of Fabricius Confalonus, in Latin
BOX 10	Laurentius Tramallus, 1639, deputization of Marco Antonio Oliva, in Latin
BOX 10	Ferdinand III of the Holy Roman Empire, 1646, passport of Martin Schmidt and sons, in German
BOX 10	Clement X, 1672, Papal Bull regarding founding of the Collegiate Church of Montecalvo, in Latin
BOX 10	Duc de Lorraine, 1736, patent of nobility on behalf of Michael Jerome Kelly, in French
BOX 10	Ferdinand IV of Sicily, 1772, edict, in Italian
BOX 10	General Maggiore, 1772, patent, in Italian
BOX 10	Gabriele Quattromani, 1841, enrollment in the Society of the Golden Cross, in Latin
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BOX 11	Paul V, 1609, ecclesiastical document, in Latin with seal
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