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Collection Summary

Title: Paul Wayland Bartlett Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1875-1959

ID No.: MSS11940

Creator: Bartlett, Paul Wayland, 1865-1925

Extent: 15,000 items

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Extent: 22.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Sculptor. Correspondence, lecture notes, speeches, sketches, and blueprints pertaining to Bartlett's negotiations, contracts, manner of selecting materials, problems and methods of work, and discussions with other sculptors, architects, artists, and craftsmen.

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

Bartlett, Paul Wayland, 1865-1925.

Bartlett, Suzanne Earle Ogden-Jones Emmons, 1861-1954--Correspondence.

Bartlett, Truman Howe, 1835-1923. Truman Howe Bartlett papers. 1881-1922.

Beach, Chester, 1881-1956--Correspondence.

Bigelow, Poultney, 1855- --Correspondence.

Bitter, Karl Theodore Francis, 1867-1915--Correspondence.

Blackstone, William, 1723-1780--Statues.

Carrère, John Merven, 1858-1911--Correspondence.

Columbus, Christopher--Statues.

Dallin, Cyrus E. (Cyrus Edwin), 1861-1944--Correspondence.

Fisher, Dorothy Canfield, 1879-1958--Correspondence.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790--Statues.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834--Statues.

McPherson, Bessie. Bessie McPherson papers. 1882-1936.

Michelangelo Buonarroti, 1475-1564--Statues.

Millet, Jean-François, 1814-1875--Correspondence.

Rodin, Auguste, 1840-1917--Correspondence.

Warner, Olin Lavi, 1844-1896--Correspondence.

Whalen, Grover A. (Grover Aloysius), 1886-1962--Correspondence.

Organizations

Connecticut State Capitol (Hartford, Conn.)

Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building (Washington, D.C.)

United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)

Subjects

Art.

Sculptors--United States.

Sculpture--Connecticut--Hartford.

Sculpture--Connecticut--Waterbury.

Sculpture--France--Paris.

Sculpture--Washington (D.C.)

Sculpture.

Occupations

Artists.
Sculptors.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Paul Wayland Bartlett, sculptor, were given to the Library of Congress by his stepdaughter, Caroline Ogden-Jones Peter III, in 1958. The papers were supplemented by further gifts and purchases, 1959-1971. Additional material was transferred to the Bartlett Papers from the Samuel Franklin Emmons Papers in the Manuscript Division in 1981.

Processing History

The Paul Wayland Bartlett Papers were processed in 1958-1959 with frequent revisions between 1962 and 1979 and a further addition and revision in 1981. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1865, 24 Jan.	Born, New Haven, Conn.
1879	Exhibited a bust of his grandmother in the Salon
1880	Entered École des Beaux Arts, where he was pupil of Cavelier
1887	Received honorable mention at the Salon for the group "The Bear Tamer," now in Metropolitan Museum of New York, New York, N.Y.
1889	Hors concours, Paris Exposition, and member of the International Jury of Awards, Paris, France
1895	Awarded the Legion of Honor
1900	Represented the United States on International Jury of Awards for Sculpture at Paris Exposition. Paris, France
1908	Completed equestrian statue of Lafayette for the Louvre. Paris, France
1909	Received commission for pediment, House wing of the United States Capitol
1911	Member, American Academy of Arts and Letters
1913	Married Suzanne Earle Ogden-Jones Emmons
1917	Associate member, Royal Academy, Belgium
1925, 20 Sept.	Died, Paris, France

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Paul W. Bartlett (1865-1925) span the years 1875-1959 and consist of general, personal, and family correspondence, lecture notes, typed and handwritten speeches, sketches, blueprints, photographs, printed matter, and

miscellaneous material. The papers are organized into ten series: [Family Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Sculpture File](#), [Speech and Article File](#), [Financial and Legal Papers](#), [Scrapbooks](#), [Miscellany](#), [Printed Matter](#), [Truman Howe Bartlett Papers](#), and [Bessie McPherson Papers](#).

The Bartlett Papers reveal the sculptor's negotiations, contracts, selection of materials, and the problems and methods of his work. They also contain written discussions with other sculptors, architects, artists, and craftsmen concerning the field of art. In the [Sculpture File](#) are materials relating to Bartlett's statue of Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, the pediment of the House wing of the United States Capitol Building, his figures of Michelangelo Buonarroti and Christopher Columbus in the Library of Congress, Benjamin Franklin, William Blackstone, figures for the Connecticut State capitol building, and others works.

[Family correspondents](#) include his wife, Suzanne Earle Ogden-Jones Emmons Bartlett, and his father, sculptor and art critic Truman Howe Bartlett. Other correspondents are Chester Beach, Poultney Bigelow, Karl Theodore Francis Bitter, John Merven Carrère, Cyrus Edwin Dallin, and Grover A. Whalen.

Included in the [Truman Howe Bartlett Papers](#) are letters from Emmanuel Frémiet, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Jean Francois Millet, Auguste Rodin, and Olin Lavi Warner. The file also contains Truman's lecture notes and articles.

The [Bessie McPherson Papers](#) contains letters from her sister, Suzanne Earle Ogden-Jones Emmons Bartlett, as well as material documenting McPherson's financial and legal affairs. In addition to news about family and friends, the letters from Suzanne Bartlett refer to her husband's sculpture projects and the part she played in managing and maintaining business and social contacts after his death.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in ten series:

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Description of Series

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BOX 9	Jan. 1927-Sept. 1929 (19 folders)
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BOX 11	Nov. 1932-Oct. 1937 (4 folders)
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Family Correspondence, 1903-1949

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General Correspondence, 1892-1925

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