

**P. P. Quimby Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** P. P. Quimby Papers

**Span Dates:** 1841-1887

**ID No.:** MSS37143

**Creator:** Quimby, P. P. (Phineas Parkhurst), 1802-1866

**Extent:** 100 items

**Extent:** 6 containers

**Extent:** 1.2 linear feet

**Extent:** 4 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm73037143>

**Summary:** Healer and spritualist. Drafts of letters, notebooks, handwritten copies of essays, and notes for essays or lectures by Quimby on such subjects as wisdom, happiness, religion, life and death, and mind and matter, as well as accounts of his experiences in healing. Includes letters from Mary M. Patterson (Mary Baker Eddy) to Quimby and a private journal of Lucius E. Burkmars.

## 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

Burkmars, Lucius E. Lucius E. Burkmars journal.

Eddy, Mary Baker, 1821-1910--Correspondence.

Quimby, P. P. (Phineas Parkhurst), 1802-1866.

### Subjects

Mental healing.

Religion.

Spiritualism.

### Titles

*Phineas Parkhurst Quimby papers*

### Occupations

Healers.

Spiritualists.

## Provenance

The papers of P. P. Quimby, healer and spritualist, were placed on deposit in the Library of Congress by Elizabeth Quimby Pineo in 1930 and 1947 and converted to a gift in 1953.

## Copyright Status

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## **Microfilm**

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## **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, P. P. Quimby Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Phineas Parkhurst Quimby (1802-1866) span the years 1841-1887 and consist of notebooks, notes, a journal, and correspondence. The notebooks include copies of Quimby's writings made by George Quimby and Emma and Sarah Ware. Also in the collection are notes in P. P. Quimby's hand, some of which have been copied into the notebooks. The correspondence consists of fourteen letters and one sonnet by Mary Baker Eddy to P. P. Quimby, two letters by Eddy to George Quimby, one letter from Eddy to Mrs. Williams, and two letters from Dr. D. Patterson to P. P. Quimby. The collection also contains a journal of P. P. Quimby's patient and helper, Lucius E. Burkmars, which describes lecture tours the two men conducted in Maine in 1843 and 1845 and includes several reports of healing experiments, their subjects, outcome, and popular reception, and is amplified by accounts of the locales they visited.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by type of material.

## Container List

| Container      | Contents  |
|----------------|---|
| BOX 1 REEL 1*  | Notebooks<br><i>*Reels 1-3 available on microfilm. Shelf no. 14,301</i><br>Nos. 1-4                 |
| BOX 2 REEL 1   | Nos. 5-7  |
| BOX 2 REEL 2   | No. 8   |
| BOX 3 REEL 2   | Nos. 9-11   |
| BOX 4 REEL 3   | Correspondence, 1861-1865, undated  |
| BOX 4 REEL 3   | Newspaper clippings, 1841-1887  |
| BOX 4 REEL 3   | Notes   |
| BOX 4 REEL 3   | Copied<br>(4 folders)   |
| BOX 4 REEL 3   | Miscellaneous   |
| BOX 4 REEL 3   | Uncopied  |
| BOX 5 REEL 4** | Journal of Louis E. Burkmars, 1843-1845<br><i>**Reel 4 available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,619</i> |