Francis Lieber Correspondence and Essay
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Collection Summary
Title: Francis Lieber Correspondence and Essay
Span Dates: 1830-1872
ID No.: MSS30130
Creator: Lieber, Francis, 1800-1872
Extent: 250 items
Extent: 3 containers
Extent: .8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79030130
Summary: Educator, political scientist, and jurist. Principally Lieber's letters to Samuel B. Ruggles relating to Lieber's writings on political ethics and to discussions of political, economic, and social topics.

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
Hegel, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich, 1770-1831.
Lieber, Francis, 1800-1872.
Lossing, Benson John, 1813-1891--Correspondence.
Markoe, Francis, 1801-1871--Correspondence.
Ruggles, Samuel B. (Samuel Bulkley), 1800-1881--Correspondence.

Organizations
South Carolina College--Faculty.

Subjects
Antislavery movements.
Commerce.
Economics.
Education.
Free trade.
History.
Political ethics.
Political science.
Politics, Practical.
Slavery.
Social history.

Titles
Francis Lieber papers

Occupations
Educators.
Jurists.
Political scientists.
Provenance

The correspondence and essay of Francis Lieber, educator, political scientist, and jurist, were obtained by the Library of Congress through purchase, exchange, and gift, 1913-1932. An addition was given by Kenneth Gapp, Princeton Theological Seminary Library, Princeton, N.J., in 1952.

Processing History

The papers of Francis Lieber were organized circa. 1950-1955. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Francis Lieber is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Francis Lieber are 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, Francis Lieber Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1800, Mar. 18</td>
<td>Born, original name Franz Lieber, Berlin, Germany</td>
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<td>1815</td>
<td>Joined Prussian Army</td>
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<td>1825</td>
<td>Fled to England</td>
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<td>1827</td>
<td>Immigrated to the United States</td>
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<td>1835</td>
<td>Appointed professor of history and political economics, South Carolina College, Columbia, S.C.</td>
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<td>1857</td>
<td>Joined faculty, Columbia College, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1863</td>
<td><em>Code for the Government of Armies in the Field</em> published by the War Department during the Civil War</td>
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<td>1872, Oct. 2</td>
<td>Died, New York, N.Y.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The correspondence and essay of Francis Lieber (1800-1872) span the years 1830-1872 and consist principally of Lieber's letters to Samuel B. Ruggles relating to Lieber's writings, especially his work on political ethics, and to abolitionism, education, free trade, history, political theory, politics, and his resignation from South Carolina College. Other correspondents include letters to Benson John Lossing, and Francis Markoe. Also in the collection is a photocopy of an essay likely by Lieber, "The Metaphysical Religion of Hegel."
The bulk of the correspondence is organized chronologically in two bound volumes. A container of unbound material includes several items of loose correspondence and the essay on Hegel.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

The bulk of this collection is arranged chronologically in two bound volumes with an additional container of unbound material.
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