

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Francis Lieber is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

Date	Event
1800, Mar. 18	Born, original name Franz Lieber, Berlin, Germany
1815	Joined Prussian Army
1825	Fled to England
1827	Immigrated to the United States
1829-1835	Edited <i>Encyclopaedia Americana</i> . 13 vols. Philadelphia: Carey, Lea & Carey
1835	Appointed professor of history and political economics, South Carolina College, Columbia, S.C.
1838-1839	Published <i>Manual of Political Ethics</i> . 2 vols. Boston: C. C. Little and J. Brown
1853	Published <i>On Civil Liberty and Self-Government</i> . 2 vols. Philadelphia: Lippincott, Grambo and Co.
1857	Joined faculty, Columbia College, New York, N.Y.
1863	<i>Code for the Government of Armies in the Field</i> published by the War Department during the Civil War
1872, Oct. 2	Died, New York, N.Y.

## 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.

## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>BOX 1</b>	Bound correspondence
<b>BOX 1</b>	1841, May 4-1861, Nov. 7
<b>BOX 2</b>	1862, Apr. 4-1872, July 12
<b>BOX 3</b>	Unbound material
<b>BOX 3</b>	Correspondence, 1830-1866
<b>BOX 3</b>	Photocopy of essay, "The Metaphysical Religion of Hegel," 1866