Collection Summary

Title: Charles Henry Webb Papers
Span Dates: 1859-1924
ID No.: MSS44891
Creator: Webb, Charles Henry, 1834-1905
Extent: 320 items
Extent: 3 containers
Extent: .6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79044891
Summary: Author, publisher, and inventor. Largely letters received, corrected drafts of a few of Webb's poems, and some signed copies of poems by others. The letters relate to the writing activities of Webb and of his friends, to publishing, and to his social life.

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
Aldrich, Thomas Bailey, 1836-1907--Correspondence.
Bangs, John Kendrick, 1862-1922--Correspondence.
Howells, William Dean, 1837-1920--Correspondence.
Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912--Correspondence.
Stedman, Edmund Clarence, 1833-1908--Correspondence.
Stockton, Frank R., 1834-1902--Correspondence.
Stoddard, Charles Warren, 1843-1909--Correspondence.
Van Dyke, Henry, 1852-1933--Correspondence.
Winter, William, 1836-1917--Correspondence.

Subjects
American literature.
Authors, American--Correspondence.
Authors, American.
Publishers and publishing.

Occupations
Authors.
Inventors.
Publishers.

Provenance
The papers of Charles Henry Webb, author, publisher, and inventor, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1944.

Processing History
The Webb Papers were processed in bound volumes by the Library in 1945. The finding aid was created in 2016.
Copyright Status


Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles Henry Webb 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, Charles Henry Webb Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1834</td>
<td>Born, Rouses Point, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1862</td>
<td>Moved to San Francisco, Calif.; became literary editor of the San Francisco Bulletin</td>
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<td>1866</td>
<td>Returned to the East Coast</td>
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<td>1867</td>
<td>Editor and publisher, The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, and Other Sketches by Mark Twain [pseud.]</td>
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<td>1905, May 24</td>
<td>Died, New York, N.Y.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles H. Webb (1834-1905) span the years 1859-1924 and consist largely of letters received, corrected drafts of a few of Webb's poems, and some signed copies of poems by others. The letters relate to the writing activities of Webb and of his friends, to publishing, and to his social life. Several letters are addressed to William Dean Howells, who had given them to Webb's daughter Elisabeth for her autograph collection. Correspondents include Thomas Bailey Aldrich, John Kendrick Bangs, William Dean Howells, Whitelaw Reid, Edmund Clarence Stedman, Frank Richard Stockton, Charles Warren Stoddard, Henry Van Dyke, and William Winter.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized chronologically in bound volumes.
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