

**Charles Henry Webb Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## 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.

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**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.

Webb, Charles Henry, 1834-1905.

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

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Charles Henry Webb is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## 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

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

## 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.

# Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>BOX 1</b>	Vol. 1, 1859, Oct. 6-1893, Jan. 13
<b>BOX 2</b>	Vol. 2, 1893, Feb. 4-1904, Feb. 4
<b>BOX 3</b>	Vol. 3, 1902, Feb.11-1924, June 22, undated