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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 120

CREATOR: Butterworth, Benjamin, 1837-1898

TITLE: Benjamin Butterworth papers

DATES: 1857–1908

BULK DATES: 1861–1898

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear feet (5 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Lawyer and politician. Scrapbooks of clippings and typed transcriptions of
scrapbooks (1882-1898) concerning his career as lawyer, member of Congress
from Ohio (1878-1882, 1886-1890) and commissioner of patents (1883-1885,
1897-1898). Included also are twenty letters which were originally part of
the scrapbooks. Of these four are family correspondence (1857-1883) and
the remainder are letters from political friends (1880-1898). The papers
also contain the manuscript (typescript) introduction to The life of Major
Benjamin Butterworth by Florence M. Bradford.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder
Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Frank Butterworth in 1951.

Conditions Governing Access
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Preferred Citation
Benjamin Butterworth Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical
Admitted to the Ohio bar in 1861; served during the Civil War in the Union Army and later practiced law in Ohio; 1873-1875, state senator; 1875-1878, practiced law in Cincinnati; 1878, elected to the U.S. Congress, and reelected in 1880; 1883, appointed commissioner of patents; reelected to Congress in 1885, 1886, and 1892; 1892 opened law practice in Washington, D.C.; 1897 again became commissioner of patents.

Scope and Contents
The Benjamin Butterworth Papers consist mainly of scrapbooks, and typed transcriptions of the scrapbooks, concerning the career of Benjamin Butterworth as lawyer, congressional representative (1878-82, 1885-90), and commissioner of patents (1883-85, 1898-98). Some of these scrapbooks originally contained a small number of letters as well as many newspaper clippings, but the letters have been removed and foldered separately. The other items in the Butterworth Papers are a scrapbook of clippings and family letters and a typescript introduction to The Life of Benjamin Butterworth.

The Butterworth papers were given to Yale University Library by Frank Butterworth in 1951. The typescripts were prepared by Florence M. Bradford.
## Collection Contents

### Inventory

Elisabeth (Linton) Butterworth Scrapbook containing the following letters:

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<tr>
<td>b. 1, f. 1</td>
<td>Butterworth, Benjamin (1837-1898), to his mother</td>
<td>1881 August 8</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 1</td>
<td>Linton, Nathan (1778-1858), to his daughter, Elizabeth (Linton) Butterworth</td>
<td>1857 December 25</td>
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<tr>
<td>b. 1, f. 1</td>
<td>Linton, Nathan [nephew?], to one of the sons of Nathan above</td>
<td>1858 February 27</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 1</td>
<td>Myers, Elizabeth Ann (Davis?), to her “uncle and father”</td>
<td>1877 May 29</td>
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Letters removed from Benjamin Butterworth scrapbook as follows:

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<td>Alverstone, Richard Everard Webster, viscount, (1842-1915), to Butterworth</td>
<td>1891 July 28</td>
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<tr>
<td>b. 1, f. 2</td>
<td>Bright, John (1811-1889), to Butterworth</td>
<td>1885 August 19</td>
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<td>Butterworth, Benjamin (1837-1898), carbon copies of 15 letters to various persons</td>
<td>1897</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 2</td>
<td>Carlisle, John Griffin (1835-1910), to Butterworth</td>
<td>1891 July 4</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 2</td>
<td>Cartwright, Richard John Sir (1835-1912), to Erastus Wiman</td>
<td>1889 December 26</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 2</td>
<td>Carlton, John (1829-1910), to Butterworth</td>
<td>1889 February 11, April 2</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 2</td>
<td>Cortelyou, George Bruce (1862-), for President McKinley to Mr. &amp; Mrs. Butterworth</td>
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<td>Grosvenor, Charles Henry (1833-), to H.R. Probasco</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 2</td>
<td>Hanna, Marcus Alonzo (1837-1904), to Butterworth</td>
<td>1889 January 30</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 2</td>
<td>Proctor, Redfield (1831-1908), to Butterworth</td>
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<td>Schurz, Carl (1829-1906), to Butterworth</td>
<td>1891 June 27</td>
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<td>Seiler, J.F., to Butterworth</td>
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<td>Smith, Goldwin (1823-1910), to Butterworth. Marked “Printed.”</td>
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<td>Welles, Gideon (1802-1878), to or about Capt. Cicero Price</td>
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<td>Introduction of <em>The Life of Major Benjamin Butterworth</em>, typescript</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 4 - 6</td>
<td>Typescript of clippings</td>
<td>1883–1886</td>
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<td>b. 2, f. 7 - 18</td>
<td>Typescript of clippings</td>
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<td>Typescript of clippings</td>
<td>1900–1908</td>
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<td>undated</td>
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<td>b. 3, f. 21 - 23</td>
<td>Typescript of excerpts from scrapbooks</td>
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Law
Lawyers
Patents

Geographic Names
Middle West
Ohio -- Politics and government
United States -- Politics and government
United States -- Politics and government -- 1865-1900

Genres / Formats
Albums (Books)

Occupations
Politicians

Names
Alverstone, Richard Everard Webster, Viscount, 1842-1915
Bradford, Florence M.
Bright, John, 1811-1889
Butterworth, Benjamin, 1837-1898
Butterworth, Elizabeth Linton
Carlisle, John Griffin, 1835-1910
Cartwright, Richard John, 1835-1912
Charlton, John, 1829-1910
Cortelyou, George B. (George Bruce), 1862-1940
Foster, Charles, 1828-1904
Grosvenor, Charles Henry, 1833-1917
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904
Linton, Nathan, 1778-1858
McKinley, William, 1843-1901
Myers, Elizabeth Ann Davis
Proctor, Redfield, 1831-1908
Schurz, Carl, 1829-1906
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