

Guide to the Stuart Wells Jackson Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 957

CREATOR: Jackson, Stuart W. (Stuart Wells), 1875- , collector

TITLE: Stuart Wells Jackson collection

DATES: 1771-1949

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.75 linear feet (2 boxes, 1 folio)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The major part of these papers consists of a collection of facsimiles of letters, documents, and memorabilia by and about Abraham Lincoln collected by Stuart Wells Jackson (1875-1957). Several items are original, among them holograph poems on Lincoln by William Cullen Bryant and Edwin Markham. There is also a small amount of Jackson's personal correspondence from 1902-1949.

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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 Stuart W. Jackson in the 1940s.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

Stuart Jackson has been president of Stuart W. Jackson, Inc., his insurance firm, since it was founded in 1915. He is president of Institut Français de Washington, the scope and purpose of which is to promote the study of French civilization, history, literature, and art in the United States. He is also president of the American Friends of Lafayette, whose principal object is to promote historical research dealing with the life and times of General Lafayette and French participation in the American Revolution. They publish and distribute such material. He is a trustee of the Yale Library Associates. He has contributed articles on Lafayette to several periodicals, and he compiled a Lafayette Bibliography with a preface by Whitlock and published in 1930 in a limited edition by William E. Rudge. He edited the May, 1934, *Gazette* published by Yale University Library—it was the Lafayette number, and the article was chiefly annotation of the Lafayette letters and documents in the library by or about J. Fenimore Cooper. In 1954 France gave him the decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

He writes to an inquisitive Class secretary—“It is very sweet of you to ask me to write a letter about myself during Prohibition and since. I’m really discouraged, however, that you do not seem to know what business I’m in after all these years, especially as you have intrusted to me some of your insurance needs for a long while. Really, Julien, I’m the best insurance broker in New York. The trouble is that not enough people seem to know it; otherwise, I could retire and play golf with you often. That’s the only business anecdote I can send you now.

“You know damn well that I have not been blessed with children, and yet you beg me for their full names with their school and college careers. You then rub it in by inquiring about the health of my grandchildren.

“In closing I would like to say that you are my favorite Class secretary and even if you are a little personal at times I send my warm regards to you and ‘98. *Avec bommage*, S.W.J.”

On November 4, 1905, he married Elizabeth Underwood Cox.

Stuart Wells Jackson died on November 21, 1957.

From *Forty Years After: Class of 1898*.

Scope and Contents

The Stuart Wells Jackson Collection consists of correspondence and other papers pertaining to Abraham Lincoln which were collected by Stuart W. Jackson. These include facsimiles of Lincoln correspondence, a deed signed by William Lincoln (1820 Feb 22), memorabilia, correspondence and writings about Lincoln, the 1861 diary of Joseph J. Williams, and other related items. These materials are arranged alphabetically by

author and are listed in detail on the following page. There is, in addition, some personal correspondence of Stuart W. Jackson concerning his collection and research on Lincoln; these letters are also arranged alphabetically. While most of these letters were enclosed with writings which were sent to Jackson, and are generally routine, several are substantive. The letter from George P. Hambrecht (1924 May 6) encloses two short essays by Hambrecht, and the letter from Samuel B. Harding (1911 Oct 13) encloses typed copies of two Lincoln letters.

Finally, the collection contains several miscellaneous items, including membership certificates from three Lincoln societies and a photograph of Walt Whitman in 1890.

These papers were donated to Yale University by Stuart W. Jackson in the 1940s.

Collection Contents

Inventory, 1771-1949

.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

Collected papers

b. 1, f. 1	Badger, M[ilton, 1800-1873?]: ALS to Rev. Joshua Leavitt	1857 October 30
b. 1, f. 2	Bryant, William Cullen: AMS of poem, "Abraham Lincoln"	1865 April
b. 1, f. 3	Conant, Alban Joseph: statement re his portrait of Lincoln	1911 March 15
b. 1, f. 4	Douglas, Benjamin: ALS (copy by BD) to Abraham Lincoln	1860 December 26
b. 1, f. 5	Duer, William: ALS (photostatic copy) to Francis Lightfoot Lee	1788 February 14
b. 1, f. 6	Gordon, James: ALS to Mildred L. Rutherford, with pamphlet by Mildred L. Rutherford	1894 August 11
b. 1, f. 7	Lafayette, Marie, marquis de: ALS (photostatic copy) to John Adams	1786 February 26
Lincoln Abraham		
b. 1, f. 8	ALS (facsimile) to Grace Bedell	1860 October 19
b. 1, f. 9	AL (facsimile) to Benjamin F. Butler, signed by Edwin M. Stanton	[1864 January 18]
b. 1, f. 10	ALS (facsimile) to William M. Dickson	1865 February 27
b. 1, f. 11	ALS (forgery) to Ninian W. Edwards	1845 December 12
b. 1, f. 12	ALS (facsimile) to the parents of Ephraim E. Ellsworth, with photographs and memorabilia	1861 May 25
b. 1, f. 13-14	ALS (facsimile) to John J. Hardin	1844 December 17, 1846 May 29
b. 1, f. 15	ALS (facsimile) to Samuel Haycroft	1860 May 28
b. 1, f. 16	ALS (facsimile) to Philip Kearny	1861 October 2
b. 1, f. 17	ALS (facsimile) to Richard P. Morgan	1856 February 13
b. 1, f. 18	ALS (facsimile) to George D. Ramsay	1861 October 17
b. 1, f. 19	ALS (photostatic copy) to Joshua F. Speed, with typed copy of letter of Speed to Lincoln	1860 May 19, 22
b. 1, f. 20	ALS (photostatic copy) to Edwin M. Stanton	1862 September 2
b. 1, f. 21	ALS (photostatic copy) [probably to Rev. Robert Pott and associates] concerning the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Civil War	1864 May 18

Collected papers > Lincoln Abraham (continued)

b. 1, f. 22	ALS (photographic negative and electrostatic copy) to whom it may concern	1861 October 4
b. 1, f. 23	DS in the hand of Lincoln, signed Stuart and Lincoln	1839
b. 1, f. 24	List of depositions of court cases in Sangamon County	[1846?]
b. 1, f. 25	Pocket notebook (facsimile) for the campaign of 1858	1858 October 18
b. 1, f. 26	Emancipation Proclamation (facsimile)	1862 September 22
b. 1, f. 27	Gettysburg Address (photostatic copy)	1863 November 19
b. 1, f. 28	Lincoln, William: deed relating to land in Granville, Ohio	1820 February 22
b. 1, f. 29	Lincoln Memorial: dedication booklet autographed by Warren G. Harding, William H. Taft, Daniel Chester French, James Guerin, and Robert R. Moton	1923
b. 1, f. 30	Markham, Edwin: AMS of poem, "Lincoln the Man of People"	1927 December
b. 1, f. 31	New York (State) Legislature: petition by members of the Legislature for appointment of Chauncey Shaffer as U.S. District Attorney, endorsed by Lincoln	[1860-1861?]
b. 1, f. 32	Pickering, William: ALS (photostatic copy) to Issac N. Arnold, with ALS (photostatic copy) from Lincoln to a friend	1864 February 23, 1866
b. 1, f. 33	Rhineland, Walton: 4 ALS to his sister Till	1861 May-June
b. 1, f. 34	Ropes, John Codman: ALS to H.B. Dawson	1877 August 24
b. 1, f. 35	Schurz, Carl: autograph	1897 February 5
b. 1, f. 36	Sours, A.L.: ANS to [C.?] H. Hart	1867 February 25
b. 1, f. 37	Williams, Joseph J.: diary	1861
b. 1, f. 38	Wills, David: affidavit relating to Lincoln's, composition of the Gettysburg Address	undated
b. 1, f. 38A	Miscellaneous clippings and writings about Lincoln	1909, 1917, undated
b. 1, f. 39	Political ribbons	undated
b. 1, f. 40	Printed likenesses of Lincoln	undated
	Personal papers	1902-1949
	Correspondence	
b. 1, f. 41	A-B	
b. 2, f. 42-48	C-Y	
b. 2, f. 49	Miscellaneous papers	

b. 3	Indenture, signed by William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, John Reid, et al. (photostatic copy)	1771 April 27
b. 3	"A Resolution submitting to the legislature of the several states a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States" (facsimile) English	1864 December 5
b. 3	Portrait of Lincoln	undated
	Portrait of David Wills	undated

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.

Genres / Formats

Diaries

Names

Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878

Jackson, Stuart W. (Stuart Wells), 1875- ,
collector

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865

Markham, Edwin, 1852-1940