

Guide to the Louis Mayer Rabinowitz Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1044

CREATOR: Rabinowitz, Louis M. (Louis Mayer), 1887-1957, collector

TITLE: Louis Mayer Rabinowitz collection

DATES: 1676-1957

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, volumes, and other papers collected by Rabinowitz. Includes autograph letters of Henry Blackwell (1851-1928), Charles Darwin (1809-1882), Samuel Huntington (1731-1796), and Roger Sherman (1721-1793).

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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 Louis M. Rabinowitz, 1940s.

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Manufacturer and philanthropist; born in Rossane, Lithuania; came to the United States in 1901; founded L.M. Rabinowitz & Co. in 1917 in New York City, served as president from 1917-1957; organized the Lamar Slide Fastener Co. and served as president, 1939-1954; known for his philanthropic gifts; in 1944 he established the Louis M. Rabinowitz Foundation; foundation inaugurated a research and publication program in Hebrew lore and literature at Yale.

Scope and Contents

This autograph collection compiled by Louis M. Rabinowitz contains several letters by British and European notables such as Charles Darwin, a number of letters and documents signed by well-known Americans of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, such as John C. Calhoun and Roger Sherman, and a Latin handbook of logic from the eighteenth century, but the bulk of the collection is made up of papers of Henry Blackwell (1851-1928). Included are letters to Blackwell from a variety of individuals from Wales and elsewhere interested in Welsh history and literature, and two copies of Blackwell's bibliography of materials about Wales published in the United States, with a number of newspaper clippings found in the volumes. The letters were for the most part removed from books belonging to Blackwell which Rabinowitz donated to Yale University. The final item in the collection is a reminiscence of Rabinowitz by James T. Babb.

Additional printed and manuscript material has been given to the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library by Louis Rabinowitz. For a description of this material, the researcher should speak to the reference staff at the Beinecke Library.

Collection Contents

Inventory, 1676-(1765-1915)-[1957]

5" (1 box)

Autograph letters

b. 1, f. 1	Booker, Luke, 1762-1835: ALS to unidentified, removed from <i>The Springs of Plynlimmon</i> , 1834, by Rev. Luke Booker, belonging to Henry Blackwell	1830 February 6
b. 1, f. 1	Calhoun, John Caldwell, 1782-1850: ALS to John A. Calhoun	1848 October 13
b. 1, f. 1	Chapman, Mary Blackwell Sterling: ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from Sir Thomas Malory, <i>The Story of Sir Galahad...Retold by Mary Blackwell Sterling</i> , c. [1908]	undated
b. 1, f. 2	Columbia Publishing Company: TLS to Henry Blackwell, giving a brief history of <i>Columbia</i> , a weekly newspaper "published in the interest of the Welsh people and their descendants in the United States"	1892 January 28
b. 1, f. 2	Daniels, R T., d.1896: ALS to Henry Blackwell, giving the history of <i>Y Wasg</i> , the second Welsh newspaper published in Pittsburg	1886 January 21
b. 1, f. 2	Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882: ALS to unidentified	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Davies, John: 3 ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>The Celtic Element in the Dialects...</i> , by John Davies	1883 April 19, July 4, 1884 August 19
b. 1, f. 3	Evans, Samuel J.: ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>Studies in Welsh Phonology</i> , 1909	1910 July 25
b. 1, f. 3	Furness, J R.: ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>King Henry the VII</i> , 1900	1900 November 14
b. 1, f. 4	Hadley, Alice: 2 ALS to Henry Blackwell, concerning the Conway parish register, which Hadley was preparing	1900 May 15, 1903 January 27
b. 1, f. 4	Haines, W.: ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>An Account of the Presentation of the Colours...</i> , by Charles Heath	1913 December 19
b. 1, f. 4	Halliday, George Eley: 2 ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>Llandaff Church Plate</i> , 1901	1909 March 29, 1910 March 6
b. 1, f. 4	Hathaway, Matthew: signed receipt issued to Roger Sherman	1765 November 23
b. 1, f. 4	Hendrickson, Rev. Wm. H.: ALS to Henry Blackwell	1903 October 15
b. 1, f. 5	Horton, E M.: ALS to Henry Blackwell, concerning Rev. James Powell	1889 August 14
b. 1, f. 5	Hughes, H. Seymour: 2 ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>The Registers of Llantrithyd, Glamorganshire</i> , 1888	1888 October 18, 1889 January 17
b. 1, f. 5	Hughes, Joshua, bp. of St. Asaph, 1807-1889: ALS to Henry Blackwell, concerning Richard Roberts Jones ("Dick of Aberdaron")	1883 March 5
b. 1, f. 5	Humphreys, Daniel: signed receipt to Roger Sherman	1765 June 25

Autograph letters (continued)

b. 1, f. 5	Humphreys, David, 1752-1818: ALS to James Monroe, with typed transcript	1816 May 16
	Huntington, Samuel	1731-1796
b. 1, f. 6	Commission to Theophilus Miles Smith as ensign of 5th Company, 2nd Regiment, Connecticut Militia	1786 November 4
b. 1, f. 6	Copy of letter to General Knox	1791 March 28
b. 1, f. 6	Commission to Jared Huntington as captain of 14th Regiment, Connecticut Militia	1793 June 17
b. 1, f. 6	Johnes, Thomas, 1748-1816: ALS to Charles Taylor, removed from <i>An Attempt to Describe Hafod...</i> , by George Cumberland, 1796, belonging to Henry Blackwell	1802 October 11
b. 1, f. 6	Jones, Charles Colcock, 1831-1893: ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>Button Gwinnett</i> , by Charles C. Jones, 1884	1886 May 8
b. 1, f. 7	Leete, William, ca.1613-1683: LS to John Leverett, Governor of Massachusetts, and the Hon. Council with him at Boston	1676 August 29
b. 1, f. 7	Levick, James Jones, 1824-1893: ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>John Ap Thomas and His Friends</i> , 1884	1884 December 28
b. 1, f. 7	Lewis, Kinnersley: ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>Hymn to the Eternal</i> , 1886	1888 April 16
b. 1, f. 7	Matthews, T: 5 ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>Welsh Records in Paris</i> , 1910	1910 May 5 - 1913 June 1
b. 1, f. 8	Morgan, Thomas: ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>Handbook of the Origin of Place-Names in Wales and Monmouthshire</i> , 1887	1888 January 9
b. 1, f. 8	Morris, Edward Dafydd, 1825-1915: ALS to Henry Blackwell	1910 May 10
b. 1, f. 8	Powell, Ella J. (Mrs. James): 2 ALS to Henry Balckwell concerning her husband	1889 August 19, October 22
b. 1, f. 8	Pritchard, Emily M.: 2 ALS to unidentified	1908 February 3, 26
b. 1, f. 9	Sherman, Roger, 1721-1793: summons to Safford Stevens of Canaan, Connecticut, to appear before the County Court at New Haven	1786 March 17
b. 1, f. 9	Thomas, D R.: ALS to unidentified	1888 October 27
	Thomas, Isaiah	1749-1831
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to Messrs. Hudson and Goodwin	1790 April 23
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to Isaac Beers	1792 November 9
b. 1, f. 9	Thomas, W. Glawthorne: ALS to Bishop of St. Asaph (Joshua Hughes), enclosed in ALS from Joshua Hughes to Henry Blackwell	1883 March 3
b. 1, f. 9	Tyler, John, 1790-1862: ALS to Dr. Sprague	1860 October 22

Autograph letters (continued)

b. 1, f. 10	Vidocq, Eugène François, 1775-1857: ALS to M. le Prefet, removed from Vidocq's <i>Mémoires</i> , 1828	1834 June 3
b. 1, f. 10	Williams, Sir John, 1840-: ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>An Address Delivered... Oct. 27, 1904, by Sir John Williams</i>	1915 February 19
b. 1, f. 10	Williams, Richard ALS to Henry Blackwell, with copy of Williams' title page to his Welsh translation of Bacon's <i>Essays</i> , removed from <i>A History of the Parish of Llanbrynmair</i> , 1889	1890 March 5
b. 1, f. 10	2 ALS to Henry Blackwell, removed from <i>Montgomeryshire Worthies</i> , 1884	1890 July 22, 1904 March 22

Volumes

Blackwell, Henry, 1851-1928: "Bibliography of What Has Been Published in the United States Relating to Wales and the Welsh from the Earliest to the Present Time"

b. 1, f. 11	Bound manuscript	1886 February 22
b. 1, f. 12	Bound typescript	1886 February 22
b. 1, f. 13	<i>Logica</i> , a handbook of logic in Latin English	[18th century]

Other paper

b. 1, f. 14	Newspaper clippings in Welsh and English, removed from "Bibliography of What Has Been Published..."	1893-1914
b. 1, f. 15	"Louis Mayer Rabinowitz," by James T. Babb English	[1957]

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

Politicians -- Autographs

Genres / Formats

Autographs

Names

Booker, Luke, 1762-1835

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850

Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882

Davies, John

Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796

Sherman, Roger, 1721-1793

Tyler, John, 1790-1862