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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1025

**CREATOR:** Curtius, Ernst, 1814-1896

**TITLE:** Ernst Curtius Papers

**DATES:** 1830–1896

**BULK DATES:** 1860–1896

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.51 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Chiefly in German; some materials are in Greek or Latin.

**SUMMARY:** Papers relating to the history and archaeology of ancient Greece and Rome, including autograph manuscript notes and lectures, clippings of writings by Curtius, and clippings of reviews of his writings, circa 1830s-1890s; albumen photographs, drawings, and printed and manuscript maps documenting archaeological excavations in Olympia and other sites in Greece, circa 1850s-1890s; and a few autograph letters, signed, to Curtius from unidentified correspondents, 1860s-1880s.

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- **b.** box
- **f.** folder

Administrative Information

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Two bound volumes, ”Attica” and ”Platons Leben; Aristotles Leben”: gift of Joshua M. Sears (Yale 1877), 1896. Other papers: source unknown.
Conditions Governing Access
The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation
Ernst Curtius Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information
This collection consists of materials formerly classed as MS Vault Shelves Curtius, MS Vault Curtius, Z111 121, and Z111 O171. In 2013, the collection received a baseline level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization. Most folder titles were transcribed from original portfolios, while some were assigned by Library staff. Labels and annotations on original portfolios were photocopied, and most original portfolios were discarded. Folder titles were not verified against contents.

Ernst Curtius (1814-1896)
German archaeologist and historian; author of Griechische Geschichte (Berlin: Weidmannsche Buchhandlung, 1857-1867).

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| b. 1, f. 1-4 | "Alte Geographie: Kleinasia." Notes and maps |
| b. 1, f. 5-11 | "Olympia." Photographs, maps, and notes |
| b. 2, f. 12-17 | "Antiquitates Romanae." Notes |
| b. 2, f. 18-23 | "Quellenkunde." Notes |
| b. 3, f. 31-33 | "Die Kunst in Rom." Notes, clippings, drawings, and photographs |
| b. 3, f. 34-36 | "Hellenismus." Notes |
| b. 4, f. 37-42 | "Attika." Notes, drafts, drawings, and maps |
| b. 4, f. 43 | "Attica." Notes in bound volume  
Title from cover  
Gift of Joshua M. Sears (Yale 1877), 1896. |
| b. 4, f. 44 | "Platons Leben; Aristotles Leben." Lecture notes in bound volume  
Title from preliminary page  
Gift of Joshua M. Sears (Yale 1877), 1896.  
**circa 1836** |
| b. 4, f. 45-47 | Reviews of writings by Ernst Curtius. Clippings  
Most in German.  
**1840s–1896, undated** |
| b. 5, f. 48-52 | Reviews of writings by Ernst Curtius. Clippings  
**1840s–1896, undated** |
| b. 5, f. 53-64 | Other papers. Notes, clippings, drawings, maps, correspondence, and photographs |
| b. 6, f. 65 | Card file: citations of writings by others |
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
Archaeologists -- Germany
Archaeology -- Greece
Archaeology -- Italy
Historians -- Germany

Geographic Names
Greece -- Antiquities
Greece -- History
Olympia (Greece : Ancient sanctuary) --
Antiquities
Rome -- Antiquities
Rome -- History

Genres / Formats
Albumen prints -- Greece -- 19th century
Drawings (visual works) -- Greece -- 19th century
Maps (documents) -- Greece -- 19th century
Photographs -- Greece -- 19th century

Occupations
Archaeologists -- Germany -- 19th century
Historians -- Germany -- 19th century

Names
Curtius, Ernst, 1814-1896
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