Guide to the Académie française autograph collection

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LANGUAGE: In French.

SUMMARY: Correspondence and other documents signed by circa 200 members of the Académie française, 1637-1926 and undated, assembled by an unidentified collector, possibly American autograph collector Howes Norris, Jr. (1867-1938), of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts. Most are autograph letters, signed; other contents include literary writings, legal documents, and a few documents concerning administration of the Académie française. Many are accompanied by descriptions from vendor catalogs, engraved portraits, clippings, or notes of former owners. Correspondence includes an autograph letter, signed, from Alexis de Tocqueville to Robert Walsh, consul general of the United States in Paris, 1845 June 10.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information
Former call number: Uncat Ms Vault 139. In 2015, the collection received a baseline level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization. Most folder titles were based on those assigned by Library staff at the time of acquisition. Names were updated to conform to Library of Congress name authorities. Folder titles were not verified against contents.

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