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**TITLE:** Académie française autograph collection

**DATES:** 1637-1926

**BULK DATES:** 1750-1900

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)

**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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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Goodspeed's Book Shop on an unknown fund, 1954.

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The materials are open for research.

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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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## Académie française

Learned society for the French language, founded in 1635 by Richelieu.

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## Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by name.

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b. 1, f. 5	Ampère, J.-J. (Jean Jacques), 1800-1864	[1828] August 6
b. 1, f. 6	Ancelot, M. (François), 1794-1854	no year October 22
b. 1, f. 7	Andrieux, F.-G.-J.-S. (François-Guillaume-Jean-Stanislas), 1759-1833	1831-1832
b. 1, f. 8	Argenson, Marc-Pierre de Voyer, comte d', 1696-1764	1711 March 26
b. 1, f. 9	Arnault, A.-V. (Antoine-Vincent), 1766-1834	1824 September [3?]
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b. 1, f. 12	Augier, Émile, 1820-1889	1873 March 3
b. 1, f. 13	Aumale, Henri d'Orléans, duc d', 1822-1897.	1897 January 25
b. 1, f. 14	Auriol, George, 1863-1938	1925 September 6
b. 1, f. 15	Autran, Joseph Antoine, 1813-1877	[1848 March 9]
b. 1, f. 16	Ballanche, Pierre Simon, 1776-1847	no year June 6
b. 1, f. 17	Baour-Lormian, M. (Pierre-Marie-François-Louis), 1770-1854	no year "3 floréal"
b. 1, f. 18	Barante, Amable-Guillaume-Prosper Brugière, baron de, 1782-1866	1854 December 29
b. 1, f. 19	Barboux, Henri-Martin, 1834-1910	1889 September 4
b. 1, f. 20	Bausset, Louis François de, 1748-1824	1812 August 5
b. 1, f. 21	Becquerel, M. (Antoine César), 1788-1878	no year December 28
b. 1, f. 22	Belle-Isle, Charles Louis Auguste Fouquet, duc de, 1684-1761	1758 March 8
b. 1, f. 23	Benoît, Pierre, 1886-1962	1921 February 13

b. 1, f. 24	Bérard, Léon, 1876-1960	1897 December 3
b. 1, f. 25	Bernard, Claude, 1813-1878	undated
b. 1, f. 26	Bernard, Tristan, 1866-1947	no year February 23
b. 1, f. 27	Bernis, François-Joachim de Pierre de, 1715-1794	1777 January 22
b. 1, f. 28	Bernstein, Henry, 1876-1953	1908 April 28
b. 1, f. 29	Berryer, Pierre-Antoine, 1790-1868	no year September 19
b. 1, f. 30	Bignon, Jean Paul, 1662-1743	1709 March 26
b. 1, f. 31	Biot, Jean-Baptiste, 1774-1862	1846 February 4
b. 1, f. 32	Bisson, Alexandre, 1848-1912	1911 May 6
b. 1, f. 33	Blanc, Charles, 1813-1882	1872 September 27
b. 1, f. 34	Bonald, Louis-Gabriel-Ambroise, vicomte de, 1754-1840	no year March 10
b. 1, f. 35	Bornier, Henri de, vicomte, 1825-1901	no year November 23
b. 1, f. 36	Boufflers, Stanislas-Jean de, 1738-1815	undated
b. 1, f. 37	Bougainville, Jean-Pierre de, 1722-1763	1749 April 13
b. 1, f. 38	Brifaut, Charles, 1781-1857	undated
b. 1, f. 39	Buffon, Georges Louis Leclerc, comte de, 1707-1788	1763 January 17
b. 1, f. 40	Cailhava, Jean François, 1731-1813	no year "27 nivôse"
b. 1, f. 41	Cambacérés, Jean Jacques Régis de, 1753-1824	1807 December 14
b. 1, f. 42	Campeçon, M. (François Nicolas Vincent), 1772-1843	undated
b. 1, f. 43	Capus, Alfred, 1858-1922	undated
b. 1, f. 44	Caro, E. (Elme-Marie), 1826-1887	undated
b. 1, f. 45	Champagny, Franz, comte de, 1804-1882	no year November 13
b. 1, f. 46	Champfleury, 1821-1889	1882 March 14
b. 1, f. 47	Charmes, Francis, 1848-1916	1913 October 9
b. 1, f. 48	Colbert, Jacques-Nicolas, 1655-1707	1707 May 12

b. 1, f. 49	Constant, Benjamin, 1767-1830	no year April 13
b. 1, f. 50	Courteline, Georges, pseud.	undated
b. 1, f. 51	Crécy, Louis Verjus, comte de, 1629-1709	[1680 March 26?]
b. 1, f. 52	Cuvier, Georges, baron, 1769-1832	1808, undated
b. 1, f. 53	Cuvillier-Fleury, M. (Alfred-Auguste), 1802-1887	1862 February 12
b. 1, f. 54	Dacier, Bon-Joseph, 1742-1833	undated
b. 1, f. 55	Daru, Pierre-Antoine-Noël-Bruno, comte, 1767-1829	1821 December 17
b. 1, f. 56	Dekobra, Maurice, 1885-1973	1926 August 6
b. 1, f. 57	Delavigne, Casimir, 1793-1843	1835 May 14
b. 1, f. 58	Donnay, Maurice, 1859-1945 "The autograph collection of Howes Norris, Jr."	1910, undated
b. 1, f. 59	Dorgelès, Roland, 1886-1973	undated
b. 1, f. 60	Doucet, Camille, 1812-1895	1875 July 15
b. 1, f. 61	Dubois, Guillaume, 1656-1723	1722 April 3
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b. 1, f. 63	Dufaure, M. (Jules), 1798-1881	1840
b. 1, f. 64	Dupin, M. (André-Marie-Jean-Jacques), 1783-1865	no year April 11
b. 1, f. 65	Duras, Emmanuel-Céleste-Augustin de Durfort, duc de, 1741-1800	1770 June 4
b. 1, f. 66	Empis, M. (Adolphe Dominique Florent Joseph Simonis), 1795-1868	1846 May 7
b. 1, f. 67	Esménard, J. (Joseph), 1767-1811	1809 June 21
b. 1, f. 68	Estrées, César d', 1628-1714	1671?
b. 1, f. 69	Estrées, Louis-Charles-César Le Tellier, duc d', 1695-1771	1716 April 4
b. 1, f. 70	Étienne, Charles-Guillaume, 1777-1845	1833 August 27
b. 1, f. 71	Falloux du Coudray, Alfred-Frédéric-Pierre, comte de, 1811-1886	undated
b. 1, f. 72	Favre, Jules, 1809-1880	1841 July 16
b. 1, f. 73	Feletz, Charles-Marie, 1767-1850	no year February [20?]
b. 1, f. 74	Ferrand, Antoine-François-Claude, comte, 1751-1825	1814 August 27
b. 1, f. 75	Féval, Paul, 1817-1887	undated
b. 1, f. 76	Figuier, Louis, 1819-1894	undated

b. 1, f. 77	Fleury, André Hercule de, 1653-1743	1728 May 13
b. 1, f. 78	Flourens, P. (Pierre), 1794-1867	1839 April 4
b. 1, f. 79	Foncemagne, Étienne Lauréault de, 1694-1779	[1768] March 12
b. 1, f. 80	Fontanes, Louis, marquis de, 1757-1821	1813 August 27
b. 1, f. 81	François de Neufchâteau, Nicolas Louis, comte, 1750-1828	1790 April 29
b. 1, f. 82	Frayssinous, D. (Denis), 1765-1841	1819 June 3
b. 1, f. 83	Freycinet, Charles de, 1828-1923	1872 April 30
b. 2, f. 84	Garat, Dominique-Joseph, comte, 1749-1833	1793 March 14
b. 2, f. 85	Gay, Sophie, 1776-1852	1848 June 30
b. 2, f. 86	Gérard, Rosemonde, 1871-1953	undated
b. 2, f. 87	Ginisty, Paul, 1855-1932	undated
b. 2, f. 88	Goncourt, Jules de, 1830-1870	1859 January 26
b. 2, f. 89	Gratry, A. (Auguste), 1805-1872	undated
b. 2, f. 90	Gréard, Octave, 1828-1904	1891 March 24
b. 2, f. 91	Guillaume, Eugène, 1822-1905	1875 December 3
b. 2, f. 92	Guiraud, Alexandre, baron, 1788-1847	1841 June 3
b. 2, f. 93	Halévy, Léon, 1802-1883	1847 September 3
b. 2, f. 94	Haraucourt, Edmond	1888 October 22
b. 2, f. 95	Harcourt, François-Henri, duc d', 1726-1802	undated
b. 2, f. 96	Haussonville, comte d', 1843-1924	1883 January 15
b. 2, f. 97	Heredia, José-Maria de, 1842-1905	[1891?] March 29
b. 2, f. 98	Hermant, Abel, 1862-1950	1895 October 24
b. 2, f. 99	Hervé, Edouard	1872 November 17
b. 2, f. 100	Houssaye, Arsène, 1815-1896 Poem	undated
b. 2, f. 101	Janin, Jules, 1804-1874	1851 May 22
b. 2, f. 102	Jay, A. (Antoine), 1770-1854	[1820?] December 5
b. 2, f. 103	Jullian, Camille, 1859-1933	undated



b. 2, f. 104	Labiche, Eugène, 1815-1888.	1861 February 5
b. 2, f. 105	La Cépède, M. le comte de (Bernard Germain Etienne de La Ville sur Illon), 1756-1825	[1804 January 10]
b. 2, f. 106	Lacordaire, Henri-Dominique, 1802-1861	1833 October 9
b. 2, f. 107	Lacretelle, Charles, 1766-1855	undated
b. 2, f. 108	Lacretelle, Pierre-Louis de, 1751-1824	no year July 16
b. 2, f. 109	Lacué, Jean-Girard, comte de Cessac, 1752-1841	no year "1 brumaire"
b. 2, f. 110	La Force, Henri-Jacques-Nompar de Caumont, duc de, 1675-1726	1717 April 28
b. 2, f. 111	La Harpe, Jean-François de, 1739-1803	undated
b. 2, f. 112	Lalande, Joseph Jérôme Le Français de, 1732-1807	1789 February 23
b. 2, f. 113	Lally-Tolendal, Trophime-Gérard, marquis de, 1751-1830	undated
b. 2, f. 114	Laprade, Victor de, 1812-1883	1863 April 9
b. 2, f. 115	Le Brun, Ponce Denis Ecouchard, 1729-1807 Poem	undated
b. 2, f. 116	Lecomte, Georges, 1867-1958	undated
b. 2, f. 117	Lecomte, Jules	undated
b. 2, f. 118	Legouvé, Gabriel, 1764-1812	[1809 September]
b. 2, f. 119	Lemercier, Népomucène-Louis, 1771-1840	1816 May
b. 2, f. 120	Lemoine, John Marguerite Émile, 1815-1892	undated
b. 2, f. 121	Lemontey, Pierre-Edouard, 1762-1826	1807 September 10
b. 2, f. 122	Littré, Émile Maximilien Paul, 1801-1881	1873 July 31
b. 2, f. 123	Loyson, Hyacinthe, 1827-1912	1905 October 16
b. 2, f. 124	Madelin, Louis, 1871-1956	undated
b. 2, f. 125	Maindron, Maurice, 1857-1911	1909 August 1
b. 2, f. 126	Maret, Hugues-Bernard, duc de Bassano, 1763-1839	no year June 2
b. 2, f. 127	Marmier, Xavier, 1809-1892	undated
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b. 2, f. 129	Martin, Henri, 1810-1883	undated
b. 2, f. 130	Mathieu, cardinal, 1839-1908	undated

b. 2, f. 131	Mazade, Charles de, 1820-1893	no year August 18
b. 2, f. 132	Meilhac, Henri, 1831-1897	undated
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b. 2, f. 158	Prévost-Paradol, Lucien Anatole, 1829-1870	undated
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b. 2, f. 161	Radonvilliers, Claude François Lizarde de, 1710-1789	1773 February 20
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b. 2, f. 165	Rémusat, Charles de, 1797-1875	no year July 8
b. 2, f. 166	Renard, Jules, 1864-1910	no year January 4
b. 2, f. 167	Richelieu, Louis François Armand du Plessis, duc de, 1696-1788	1766 June 21
b. 2, f. 168	Roederer, P.-L. (Pierre-Louis), 1754-1835	1812 August 4
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b. 3, f. 177	Saint-Ange, Ange-François Fariau de, 1747-1810	no year November 19
b. 3, f. 178	Saint-Marc Girardin, 1801-1873.	undated
b. 3, f. 179	Saint-Priest, Alexis Guignard de, comte, 1805-1851.	undated
b. 3, f. 180	Sainte-Aulaire, comte de (Louis Clair de Beaupoil), 1778-1854	no year May 3
b. 3, f. 181	Salvandy, N.-A. de (Narcisse-Achille), 1795-1856.	1853 March 16

b. 3, f. 182	Sandeau, Jules, 1811-1883	undated
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b. 3, f. 188	Séгур, Philippe-Paul, comte de, 1780-1873	1844 June 3
b. 3, f. 189	Sicard, Roch Ambroise, 1742-1822	1809 October 13
b. 3, f. 190	Sorel, Albert, 1842-1906	1891 October 15
b. 3, f. 191	Soumet, Alexandre, 1788-1845	undated
b. 3, f. 192	Suard, J. B. A. (Jean Baptiste Antoine), 1734-1817	no year "12 messidor"
b. 3, f. 193	Tharaud, Jean, 1877-1952	undated
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b. 3, f. 199	Villars, Honoré-Armand, 1702-1770	1761 April 29
b. 3, f. 200	Vitet, Louis, 1802-1873	1845 September 23
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## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Names**

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