

# Guide to the Letters to Jeremiah Day

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1959

**CREATOR:** Day, Jeremiah, 1773-1867

**TITLE:** Letters to Jeremiah Day

**DATES:** 1797-1863

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4.17 linear feet (10 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** Circa 1,600 autograph letters, mostly signed, addressed to Jeremiah Day, 1797-1863. Letters pertain chiefly to Day's role as President of Yale College (1817-1846).

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- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source unknown.

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During processing, letters were removed from the 22 volumes to which they were previously adhered to better facilitate use of the collection. The order established in these volumes (alphabetical) has been maintained. The original card index identifying the volume and page number for each letter is present in the collection (Box 9-10). Photocopies of the catalog cards from which this finding aid was made are housed with the collection (Box 1). The catalog cards are not exhaustive--for a full listing of collection contents, consult the card index.

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## Related Materials

Associated material: Day Family Papers (MS 175), Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Jeremiah Day (1773-1867) (Yale 1795, MA 1789), American academic, Congregational minister, and President of Yale College from 1817 to 1846.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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George Bliss, Jr., Daniel Boardman, Hermann Bokum, Nathaniel Bowditch, John Bowring, Thomas K. Brace, James Breckenridge, Josiah Brewer, James Brewster, Brocklesby, Tillotson Bronson, Erastus F. Brown, Francis Brown, Matthew Brown, Thomas C. Brownell, Horace Bushnell, John C. Calhoun, Henry C. Carleton, James Carnaham, Ezekiel F. Chambers, Henry Channing, Calvin Chapin, Asa Chapman, Charles Chauncey, Jr., William Chauvenet, Rufus Choate, Sheldon Clark, John M. Clayton, Joseph Cogswell, William Cogswell, Calvin Colton, Sherman Converse, Timothy M. Cooley, Elias Cornelius, Samuel Cox, and Elliott Cresson.

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David Daggett, Samuel W. Dana, Noyes Darling, Charles Davies, Henry Davis, John H. DeForest, William H. DeLancey, Joseph Delaplaine, Edward C. Delavan, Charles Denison, Henry W. De Saussure, Chester Dewey, Thomas DeWitt, James T. Dickinson, Ezra Doolittle, Mark Doolittle, Levi Doolittle, David B. Douglass, Daniel Drake, William A. Duer, George Duffield, William M. Dunn, John P. Durbin, Aaron Dutton, Matthew R. Dutton, Sereno E. Dwight, Theodore Dwight, Amos Eaton, Bela B. Edwards, Justin Edwards, Ninian W. Edwards, Samuel A. Eliot, Andrew Ellicott, John Elliott, Henry Ellsworth, William Ellsworth, David Ely, Joseph Emerson, Nathanael Emmons, and Jeremiah Evarts.

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Asa Hopkins, Mark Hopkins, Samuel M. Hopkins, Jacob Ide, Indiana Historical Society, Samuel B. Ingersoll, Joseph H. Ingraham, Jacob B. I'on, Chester Isham, Ebenezer Jenks, Charles Jewett, Stephen Jewett, Samuel S. Jocelyn, Nathan Johnson, Samuel W. Johnson, Walter R. Johnson, Daniel Jones, George Jones, Henry Jones, Stephen F. Jones, Bethel Judd, Chauncey P. Judd, Philo Judson, George Justin, Elias K. Kane, John K. Kane, John Keep, Sanford B. Kellogg, Green Kendrick, James Kent,

Algernon S. Kennedy, Thomas Kennedy, Eugene Keteltas, James Kimball, Dennis Kimberly, Charles King, Jonas King, Andrew Kinsbury, James L. Kingsley, Edward N. Kirk, John T. Kirtland, James Knox, John Knox, Jonathan H. Lane, John Langdon, Christopher Lathrop, John H. Lathrop, Samuel Lathrop, John S. Law, Samuel A. Law, Robert C. Learned, William L. Learned, Elias W. Leavenworth, Mrs. Emilia Leavitt, Joshua Leavitt, Chauncey Lee, Thomas S. Leads, Isaac S. K. Legare, William Lester, Addin Lewis, Isaac Lewis, James D. Lewis, Zechariah Lewis, [Increase] Sumner Lincoln, Philip Lindsley, Joel H. Linsley, James H. Linsley, Mrs. Sophia B. Linsley, Charles Little, John N. Lloyd, John Locke, Benjamin Lockwood, Rufus A. Lockwood, Charles Long, William H. Long, Hubbel Loomis, Daniel Lord, David N. Lord, Eleazar Lord, Nathan Lord, 1st Congregational Church & Society of Lowell, Massachusetts, Chauncey Lusk, Asa Lyman, Erastus Lyman, Rev. Dr. Joseph Lyman, Judge Joseph Lyman, Solomon Lyman, William H. Lyman, James McDowell, John McElhenny, Abel McEwen, Charles P. McIlvaine, Joseph McKean, Thomas L. McKenney, James W. McLane, Edward McLaughlin, Jane N. McLaughlin, Archibald Maclay, Erasmus D. MacMaster, Hector McNeill, John B. McPhail, Seagrove W. Magill, Garrick Mallery, Erastus Maltby, Edward D. Mansfield, Jared Mansfield, John Marsh, John T. Marsh, William J. Mastin, Oliver W. Mather, James Matheson, James M. Mathews, Enoch Matson, William Maxwell, John L. Mayer, Lewis Mayer, Darius Mead, Mark Mead, William Meade, George A. Meech, Stephen W. Meech, Benjamin C. Meigs, Josiah Meigs, Mrs. Clarissa B. Mewin, Miles T. Merwin, Samuel Merwin, Volney Metcalfe, Elijah Middlebrook, Samuel Miller, Asahel P. Mills, George L. Mills, Samuel J. Mills, Sr., Sidney Mills, James Milnor, Lucius H. Minor, Simeon H. Minor, Matthew Minor, Jr., William T. Minor, Alfred Mitchell, Walter H. J. Mitchell, James Monroe, Sheldon Moore, Daniel Moores, Allen C. Morgan, Frederick Morgan, James Morris (of Morrisania), James Morris (Yale 1775), John Morris, Lewis Morris, William R. Morris, Jedidiah Morse, William A. Muhlenburg, Abraham Murdock, James Murdock, Hamilton Murray, John R. Murray, and Washington Murray.

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