

Guide to the Fitz-Greene Halleck Collection

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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 562

CREATOR: Halleck, Fitz-Greene, 1790-1867

TITLE: Fitz-Greene Halleck collection

DATES: 1809 - circa 1864

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.67 linear feet (2 containers)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Collection consists of letters from and to Fitz-Greene Halleck, autograph manuscripts of several poems, a photograph portrait, and a day book. Correspondence, all autograph letters, signed, includes letters to John Bell Bouton and Frederic S. Cozzens and from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Samuel Ward. The "Day Book N. 10, R. Elliot" of Guilford, Connecticut, in the hand of Halleck, documents accounts for the period from June 1809 to May 1810.

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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

Acquired from various sources. The 2025 Addition, purchased from Bulls Head Rare Books on the D. Newton Barney Fund and the Danford N. Barney, Jr. Fund, 2025.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research

Preferred Citation

Fitz-Greene Halleck Collection. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

Former call numbers: Za Halleck, Uncat Za File 18, Uncat Za File 19, Uncat Za File 20, Uncat Za File 616.

Biographical / Historical

Fitz-Greene Halleck (1790-1867), poet.

Scope and Contents

Collection consists of letters from and to Fitz-Greene Halleck, autograph manuscripts of several poems, a photograph portrait, and a day book. Correspondence, all autograph letters, signed, includes letters to John Bell Bouton and Frederic S. Cozzens and from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Samuel Ward. The "Day Book N. 10, R. Elliot" of Guilford, Connecticut, in the hand of Halleck, documents accounts for the period from June 1809 to May 1810.

Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Correspondence, 1829-1867. II. Writings, 1809-18[64?]. III. Other Papers, 1809-1810. IV. 2025 Addition.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1829–1867

b. 1, f. 1	Alexander, [M. S.?)	18{?} January 14
b. 1, f. 2	Betts, [Frederick J.]	1862 August 16
b. 1, f. 3	Bouton, J[ohn] B.	1867 March 27
b. 1, f. 4	Cozzen, Frederic S.	1867 August
b. 1, f. 5	Foote, George Augustus	1829 May 21
b. 1, f. 6	Halleck, Maria	1848, 1868
b. 1, f. 7	Randall, H. J.	1853 November 29
b. 1, f. 8	Western, H.M.	1826 March 21
b. 1, f. 9	Wilde, R. H.	1844 December 26
b. 1, f. 10	Unidentified	[1813?] December 18

Series II: Writings, 1809 - circa 1864

b. 1, f. 11	"Asks she my name..."	1829 December 28
b. 1, f. 12	"Come from my..."	[1864]
b. 1, f. 13	"The Culprit Fay," poem, autograph manuscript, bound with illustrations	1816-1817
b. 1, f. 14	"Extract from 'Lines on Burns'"	1830 August 28
b. 1, f. 15	"Invocation to Sleep"	undated
b. 1, f. 16	"The lamentations of David"	1809 December 23
b. 1, f. 17	"Lines Published in the Columbian"	undated
b. 1, f. 18	"On the Death of lieut. William Howard..."	1823 February
b. 1, f. 19	"To the Baron Von Hoffman..."	1823 June 12
b. 1, f. 20	"Woman"	1825

Series III: Other papers, 1809–1810

b. 1, f. 21	Daybook	1809–1810
b. 1, f. 22	Catalog cards	undated

Series IV: 2025 September Addition, 1818–1865

The addition consists of correspondence, a portrait of Halleck, and a manuscript copy of "Young America."

Correspondence		
b. 2, f. 1	Butler, B. F.	1818 February 6
b. 2, f. 2	Cogsmill, Joseph Removed from: Drake, Joseph Rodman. The Culprit Fay and Other Poems.	1847 January 28
b. 2, f. 3	Duyckinck, Evert A.	1864 February 20
b. 2, f. 4	James, Isabella	1864 May 30
b. 2, f. 5	Kemble, Frances Anne "Fanny", regarding Halleck memorial	circa 1867
b. 2, f. 6	Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth to FGH	1864 January 20
b. 2, f. 7	Pickering, Henry	1825 January 17
b. 2, f. 8	Taylor, Bayard to FGH	1864 February 5
b. 2, f. 9	Ward, Samuel (to and from)	1865 February 25, 1865 May 23
b. 2, f. 10	Legal document related to Jacob Barker	1821 August 24
b. 2, f. 11	Portraits of Fritz-Greene Halleck Consists of a carte de viste and a printed etching of Halleck in the 1860s.	circa 1864
b. 2, f. 12	"Young America" autograph manuscript signed Bound manuscript in Halleck's hand. Later inscription, "Presented to the Metropolitan Society Fair by Robert Bonner".	circa 1864

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

American literature -- 19th century
Authors, American

Geographic Names

Guilford (Conn.)

Genres / Formats

Account books

Occupations

Poets -- United States -- 19th century

Names

Cozzens, Frederic S. (Frederic Swartwout),
1818-1869
Elliot, R.