

# Preliminary Guide to the Ralph B. Little Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1354

**CREATOR:** Little, Ralph Bulkley , collector

**TITLE:** Ralph B. Little collection

**DATES:** 1861-1965

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Autograph collection of Ralph B. Little, containing prints and letters of American presidents and other public figures.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Ralph B. Little, 1982.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Ralph B. Little, Sr., was born around 1890. He received his veterinarian's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1914. In the following decades, he made significant advances in preventative veterinary medicine and died on July 27, 1965. Little's son, of the same name and also a doctor, appears to have inherited his father's collection of letters and autographs of presidents and other important historical figures.

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## **Scope and Contents**

Autograph collection of Ralph B. Little, containing prints and letters of American presidents and other public figures.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Hoover, Herbert [drawing with autograph]	undated
b. 1, f. 2	Taft, William Howard [drawing]	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Taft, William Howard [ALS]	1917 June 27
b. 1, f. 4	Lincoln, Abraham [photographic negative from 1864]	1891
b. 1, f. 5	Lincoln, Abraham [ANS]	1864 November 20
b. 1, f. 6	Anderson, Robert [photograph]	1861
b. 1, f. 7	Anderson, Robert [ALS to "Gentlemen"]	1861 May 2
b. 1, f. 8	Agnew, Spiro T. [photograph with autograph]	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Nixon, Richard [TLS to "Dr. Little"]	1960 June 30
b. 1, f. 10	Harrison, Benjamin [image from publication]	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Harrison, Benjamin [ALS to William Bernard Gilpin]	1894 January 19
b. 1, f. 12	Grant, Ulysses S. [drawing]	undated
b. 1, f. 13	Lincoln, Robert T. [drawing]	undated
b. 1, f. 14	Grant, Ulysses S. [ALS]	1877 February 13
b. 1, f. 15	Harding, Warren G. [drawing]	undated
b. 1, f. 16	Harding, Warren G. [TLS to Howard W. Bible]	1917 August 14
b. 1, f. 17	Eisenhower, Dwight D. [drawing]	undated
b. 1, f. 18	Eisenhower, Dwight D. [TLS to "Dr. Little"]	1965 September 18
b. 1, f. 19	Eisenhower, Dwight D. and Richard Nixon [photograph with both autographs]	undated
b. 1, f. 20	Kennedy, John F. [photograph with ANS to Ralph B. Little]	undated
b. 1, f. 21	Welles, Gideon [photograph]	undated
b. 1, f. 22	Welles, Gideon [ALS to I.A. Dahlgren]	1861 December 27
b. 1, f. 23	Garfield, James A. [drawing]	undated
b. 1, f. 24	Olmsted, Helen M. [TLS to Richard Townsend]	1937 July 16
b. 1, f. 25	Lincoln, Abraham [photograph]	undated
b. 1, f. 26	Lincoln, Abraham [ALS to E.M. Stanton with several signatures including Lincoln]	1863 December 11
b. 1, f. 27	Roosevelt, Theodore [photograph]	undated

b. 1, f. 28	Roosevelt, Theodore [TLS to Curtis Guild]	1897 November 5
b. 1, f. 29	Johnson, Lyndon [TLS to Ralph B. Little]	1959 July 27
b. 1, f. 30	Johnson, Lyndon [photograph with autograph]	undated
b. 1, f. 31	Garfield, James A. [ALS to Jennie Encell]	1880 November 2

## **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.

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Politics and government

### **Genres / Formats**

Autographs (manuscripts)

### **Occupations**

Presidents