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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 1173

CREATOR: Cortés, Nöel J. , collector

TITLE: Noël J. Cortés Collection of French Manuscripts

DATES: 1760–1927

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.43 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: Chiefly in French; some material in Italian and English.

SUMMARY: The collection consists of manuscript letters, writings, and documents, mostly in French, by writers, artists, historians, and philosophers, including Alexandre Dumas, Victor Hugo, Paul Morand, and George Sand.

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Requesting Instructions

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from David J. Holmes on various funds, 1989-1997.

Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all

collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

The collection is comprised of material formerly classed as Uncat MS Vault 548.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during basic processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Noël J. Cortés, collector

Noël J. Cortés was born in Manila in 1907, and becamed a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1932. He was a medical doctor and lived in Philadelphia where he was affiliated with the Drexel Institute of Technology. He was a collector of manuscripts, books, and artworks.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by writer.

Collection Contents

	Carco, Francis, 1886-1957	
b. 1	"Mon ami Jou," autograph manuscript, signed, in French, with corrections, essay on the painter, Louis Jou. With wrapper containing the bookplate of Dr. Noël J. Cortés.	undated
	Dumas, Alexandre, 1824-1895	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to "Madame"	undated
	Gautier, Judith, 1845-1917	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to "Cher ami" Letter laid in a copy of *The Daughter of Heaven* by Pierre Loti and Judith Gautier (New York: Duffield & Company, 1912), containing the bookplate of Herbert Boyce Satcher.	1915 June 28
	Halévy, Ludovic, 1834-1908	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to "Monsieur"	1906 January 21
	Hugo, Victor, 1802-1885	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to Barbey d'Aurevilly	1860 October 6
	[Knight, Richard Payne, 1751-1824]	
b. 1	Manuscript essay in Italian, believed to be in the hand of Knight, with English description of essay on verso of last page, "A very exact and curious account of the Pastoral life & Customs in abruzzo & Puglia--with reflections on the Worship of Priapus discovered to have existed in full force in the year 1780 at Isernia in Abruzzo & altho abolished at the time by H.S. [Majerty?] is still privately tolerated in that city--as I was informed by the Bishop's brother in the year 1795."	undated
	Marmontel, Jean François, 1723-1799	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to "Monsieur" [Voltaire?] With English typescript translation.	1760 August 5
	Meissonier, Jean Louis Ernest, 1815-1891	
b. 1	7 autograph letters, signed, in French, from Meissonier to various correspondents; 2 autograph letters, signed, in French, from Baron Michel de Intaigne; and 2 autograph notes, signed, in French, regarding transmittal of letters by Meissonier.	1863, 1882–1883, undated
	Montalembert, Charles Forbes, comte de, 1810-1870	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to an identified recipient With typed transcription and translation.	1852 November 5
	Morand, Paul, 1888-1976	

b. 1	"Fermé la nuit," page proofs, revised, with corrections With wrapper containing the bookplate of Dr. Noël J. Cortés.	1922 December
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in English, on Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, stationery to T. R. Smith	1927 March 25
	Morings, A.	
b. 1	Autograph note, signed, in French, to M. Souiller, with attached receipt	1797 March 6
	Régnier, Henri de,1864-1936	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to "Mon cher ami"	[1912 March?]
	Renan, Ernest, 1823-1892	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to "Cher Monsieur" With manuscript translation in an unidentified hand.	1863 June 27
	Rolland, Romain, 1866-1944	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to "Cher Monsieur"	1920 January 3
	Sand, George, 1804-1876	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to "Mon cher Monsieur" [Alexandre Ledru-Rollin?] With manuscript transcription and notes regarding George Sand on the stationery of Dr. Noël J. Cortés, and presumably in his hand.	undated
	Stern, Daniel, 1805-1876	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to [Paul de Saint-Victor] With manuscript description in an unidentified hand.	1859 March 24
	Symons, Arthur, 1865-1945	
b. 1	Autograph manuscript notes, signed, on John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester, with corrections	undated
	Wood, [Waite?]	
b. 1	Autograph letter, signed, in French, to [Du Glick?]	1779 April 29
	Unidentified	
b. 1	Manuscript letter, in French, to "Monsieur & ami"	1794 February 23

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

Artists -- France
Authors, French
Historians -- France
Historians -- France

Geographic Names

France -- Social life and customs

Occupations

Artists -- France
Authors -- France

Names

Cortés, Nöel J.
Dumas, Alexandre, 1824-1895
Hugo, Victor, 1802-1885
Morand, Paul, 1888-1976
Sand, George, 1804-1876