



Guide to the Dorothy Whitney Presidential Autographs Collection, 1776-1907

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Dorothy Whitney Presidential Autographs Collection, 1776-1907

Repository:

New Hampshire Historical Society
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Author of Finding Aid:

Katelynn Vance

Creator:

Dorothy Whitney

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box

Abstract:

Set of autographs of Presidents from Washington to Wilson. Also includes letters from many of the Presidents' wives.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

Gift of Dorothy Whitney, July 1925.

Processing Information:

The finding aid was updated by Katelynn Vance in October 2014. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:

Dorothy Whitney, collected and created this collection, which was donated to the New Hampshire Historical Society in July 1925.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

This collection of correspondence was compiled by collector Dorothy Whitney. The collection contains letters written by United States Presidents and their wives.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by the President's last name.

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John Adams, 1735-1826

1. Letter, from John Adams, Dr. Tufts, March 1776; re: the war
2. Letter, from Abigail Adams, to John Cranch, October 21, 1786
3. Letter, from John Adams, to Legislature of New Hampshire, June 1798

John Quincy Adams, 1767-1848

1. Letter, from John Quincy Adams, to Edmund Quincy, July 1838; re: slavery and that he cannot attend anti-slavery meeting
2. Letter, from John Quincy Adams, to Cotton Tufts, June 18, 1790; re: office and money
3. Letter, from John Quincy Adams, to Thornton, July 1844; re: repairs to house by Louisa Adams

Chester Arthur, 1829-1886

1. Letter, from Chester Arthur, to Grover Cleveland, February 1885; re: call for extra session of Senate

James Buchanan, 1791-1868

1. Letter, from James Buchanan, to Lewis Cass, August 1836; re: thank you for appointment of a friend

Grover Cleveland, 1837-1908

1. Letter, from Grover Cleveland, to F. F. Stockwell, December 1891
2. Letter, from Frances Cleveland, to Mrs. Potter, June 1886; re: thank you for a scarf
3. Letter, from Frances Cleveland, to Mr. Bailey, July 1907; re: the President is sick and they cannot entertain

Millard Filmore, 1800-1874

1. Letter, from Millard Filmore, to A. Dickens – Secretary of State, November 1854; re: thank you for Senate Documents

James Garfield, 1831-1881

1. Letter, from James Garfield, to Secretary of State, August 1871; re: send copy of Comm. Of Taxation Report
2. Letter, from Lucretia R. Garfield, February 1882; re: thank you for the sympathy note

Ulysses S. Grant, 1822-1885

1. Letter, from Ulysses S. Grant, to Edwin M. Stanton – Secretary of War, December 1864; re: promotion of General Thomas, includes newspaer clipping re: General George Meade
2. Letter, from Julia Dent Grant, to Mrs. Hillyer, August 1874; re: promotion of son
3. Letter, from Ulysses S. Grant, to Onslow Stearns – Governor of New Hampshire, December 27, 1874; re: invitation to a reception

Benjamin Harrison, 1833-1901

1. Letter, from Benjamin Harrison, to Col. Alexander Kelly McClure, May 1900; re: thanks for the book
2. Letter, from Mary Scott Lord Harrison, to Publishing Society of New York, April 1907; re: about a picture

William Henry Harrison, 1773-1841

1. Letter, from William H. Harrison, to Bank of United States, May 1803; re: payment to be made
2. Letter, from Anna Harrison, to Reverend William Sprague, October 15, 1843; re: sending autograph

Rutherford B. Hayes, 1822-1893

1. Letter, from Rutherford B. Hayes, to Edna D. Proctor, August 1892; re: thank you for copy of Stores Family Genealogy
2. Typed note, October 11, 1886

Andrew Jackson, 1767-1845

1. Letter, from Andrew Jackson, to Counsel White and Company, April 1843; re: cotton shipment

Thomas Jefferson, 1743-1826

1. Letter, from Thomas Jefferson, to William Dunbar, January 1804; re: meteorological diary, weather

Andrew Johnson, 1808-1875

1. Letter, from Andrew Johnson, to Daniel Clark – Senator of New Hampshire, February 1864; re: impossible to visit New Hampshire
2. Letter, from Andrew Johnson, to Daniel Clark – Senator of New Hampshire, March 1864; re: impossible to visit New Hampshire
3. President of the United States of America , Promotion of T.A. Ripley to Brigadier General, signed by Andrew Johnson and Edwin Stanton

Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865

1. Letter, to Mrs H. Lippinco, April 1864; re: thanks for book
2. Letter, from Mary Todd Lincoln, to James Orne, May 1870; re: acknowledging kindness and sympathy
3. Typed paper

James Madison, 1751-1836

1. Letter, from James Madison, to Samuel Anderson, July 1823; re: army pay, no longer president
2. Letter, from Dolly P. Madison, to friend, April 1834; re: husband's health

William McKinley, 1843-1901

1. Letter, Department Telegraph Lines, signed by William McKinley, Jr

James Monroe, 1758-1831

1. Letter, March 1816: re: acceptance to run for President
2. Letter, July 1817

Franklin Pierce, 1804-1869

1. Letter, from Franklin Pierce, to George Lunt, May 28th; re: just received note, and thank you

James Polk, 1795-1849

1. Letter, from James Polk, to members of the New Hampshire Legislature, June 1847; re: will visit state

Theodore Roosevelt, 1858-1919

1. Letter, from Theodore Roosevelt, to Mr. Potts, May 1899; re: thank you for idea

William Howard Taft, 1857-1930

1. Letter, from William Taft, to Fannie Pace, April 1912; re: job in Washington DC
2. Letter, from William Taft, to T. D. Whitney, May 1914; re: autograph letter
3. Letter from William Taft, to T. D. Whitney, June 1914; re: thank you for gift

Zachary Taylor, 1784-1850

1. Letter, from Zachary Taylor, to General John Muriel, June 1830; re: Indians and treaties

John Tyler, 1790-1862

1. Letter, from John Tyler, to his son, March 1832; re: son's studies, education
2. Letter, from Julia G. Tyler, to William E. Chandler, - Secretary of the Navy, April 1884; re: solicit donations to Home for Disabled Soldiers

Martin Van Buren, 1782-1862

1. Letter, from Martin Van Buren, to General Van [illegible], 1826; re: can he help John Duer?

George Washington, 1732-1799

1. Letter, from George Washington, to "My Lord Stirling," May 1, 1778; re: concerning payment of accounts

Woodrow Wilson, 1856-1924

1. Letter, from Woodrow Wilson, to David Sickles, January 1914; re: thank you for suggestions of Mexico

Separated Materials:

Photographs that arrived with this collection are available in the New Hampshire Historical Society's Photograph Collection. The following is a list of images of Presidents removed from Dorothy Whitney Presidential Autographs Collection:

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 James Buchanan
 Grover Cleveland
 Millard Filmore
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 Ulysses S. Grant
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 William H. Harrison
 Rutherford B. Hayes
 Andrew Jackson
 Thomas Jefferson
 Andrew Johnson
 James Madison
 William McKinley
 James Madison
 James Monroe
 Franklin Pierce
 James Polk
 Theodore Roosevelt

William Taft
Zachary Taylor
John Tyler
Martin Van Buren
George Washington

Subject Terms

People:

Adams, John, 1735-1826
Adams, Abigail, 1744-1818
Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848
Adams, Louisa, 1775-1852
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Quincy, Edmund, 1808-1877
Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868
Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866
Chandler, William E. (William Eaton), 1835-1917
Clark, Daniel, 1809-1891
Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908
Cleveland, Francis Folsom, 1864-1947
Dickens, A.
Dunbar, William
Filmore, Millard, 1800-1874
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881
Garfield, Lucretia Rudolph, 1832-1918
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885
Grant, Julia Dent, 1826-1902
Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901
Harrison, Mary Lord, 1858-1948
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841
Harrison, Anna Tuthill Symmes, 1775-1864
Hayes, Rutherford B., 1822-1893
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
Lincoln, Mary Todd, 1818-1882
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Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826
Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875
Madison, James, 1751-1836
Madison, Dolley, 1768-1849
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McKinley, William, 1843-1901
Meade, George Gordon, 1815-1872
Monroe, James, 1758-1831

Orne, James
Pace, Fannie
Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849
Proctor, Edna Dean, 1829-1923
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919
Sprague, William B. (William Buell), 1795-1876
Stanton, Edwin M. (Edwin McMasters), 1814-1869
Stearns, Onslow, 1810-1878
Stockwell, F. F.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930
Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850
Tyler, John, 1790-1862
Tyler, Julia Gardiner, 1820-1889
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862
Washington, George, 1732-1799
Whitney, T. D.
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924

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