



Guide to the Cyrus Parker Bradley Papers, 1818-1838

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Cyrus P. Bradley, 1818-1838

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The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

One half box containing seven folders. 134 items.

Abstract:

The Cyrus Parker Bradley Papers, 1818-1838, contain papers written while at Phillips Exeter Academy and Dartmouth College (1830-1837), letters to and from family and friends (1836-1838), and correspondence about contributions to his autograph collection.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

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Processing Information:

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Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information

Cyrus P. Bradley was born in 1818 in Canterbury, NH. In 1829, Cyrus moved with his family to Concord, NH when his father was appointed as State librarian. In 1828, Cyrus was sent to Phillips Exeter Academy, NH as a "charity scholar." He graduated from Exeter in four years and entered Dartmouth College, NH. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1837. He returned home to Concord, NH where he became severely ill and died on July 6, 1838.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Cyrus P. Bradley Papers, 1818-1838, contain four basic types of materials related to Cyrus Parker Bradley. The first type of material is essays that Bradley wrote while he was at school at Phillips Exeter Academy, NH and Dartmouth College, NH. The second type of material is personal letters written to his family and received from friends. Principal among the latter are 18 letters from John Farmer, one from Jacob Bailey Moore, three from Edward D. Very, and two from Cyril C. Cady. Both Very and Cady were classmates of Bradley's while he attended Dartmouth. The third type of material is largely

correspondence relating to Bradley's autograph collection. It appears that most of the prominent autographs have been separated from the collection, and what remains are autographs from lesser political figures. The fourth type of material in the collection is four volumes of Bradley's diaries.

Arrangement:

Within box 1, the materials have been arranged by genre. Essays (folders 1 and 2) and personal letters (folders 3 and 4) are in reverse chronological order, while correspondences about autographs (folders 5-7) are arranged alphabetically.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 1 Essays written at Dartmouth College, 1832-1837 [16 items]
- Folder 2 Essays written at Phillips Exeter Academy, 1830-1832 [9 items]
- Folder 3 Letters
 - CPR to his sister describing college, 1836 [3 items]
 - Cyril C. Cady to CPR describing a shipwreck and a southern town, 1837 [2 items]
 - Jacob Bailey Moore to CPR, advice, 1830 [1 item]
 - Edward D. Very to CPR, describing life at Bangor Theological Seminary, 1837-1838 [3 items]
- Folder 4 Letters, John Farmer to CPR, about history, slavery, temperance, state papers, etc., 1830-1838 [18 items]
- Folder 5 Autograph correspondence, A-F [22 items]
 - Archer, William S. US Congressman, VA, 1820-1835
 - Atherton, Charles Humphrey. US Congressman, MA, 1815-1817
 - Bache, Franklin. Philadelphia
 - Bell, Samuel. US Senator, NH, 1823-1835; Governor, NH, 1819-1823
 - Boon, Ratliffe. Governor, IN, 1822; Lt. Governor; US Congressman, IN, 1825-1839
 - Boyle, John. US Navy Department
 - Brogham, G. Georgetown, re George Brogham
 - Burke, Edmund. Copy of letter from CPB to Burke and to D.D. Fiske, publisher of *The Literary Gazette*
 - Calhoun, Joseph. Calhounville, SC
 - Carr, L.W. Washington
 - Chamberlain, Levi.
 - Cleland, Charles W. Detroit (response to impressions of the west)
 - Davis, Gilman. Exeter, NH (schoolmate)
 - Dearborn, J.M. Roxbury, MA (2 letters re Dearborn genealogy)

Ellsworth, William A. Hartford, CT. US Congressman, CT, 1829-1834;
Governor, CT, 1838-1842
Ellsworth, Henry L. US Patent Office
Frost, George T. (2 letters re genealogy)
Folder 6 Autograph correspondence, G-O [29 items]
Gardner, Hon. C.K. (on verso, list of correspondents dated July 19)
Genet, Mrs. E.C. (re: Dr. Metcalf)
Gilbert, J. (copy of letter re Captain Hale)
Gilman, George B. Rockingham
Gilman, Nicholas. Portland
Gould, M.F. Newburyport, MA
Hale, S. Keene, NH. US Congressman, NH, 1817-1819
Hale, S.J. [Sara Josepha?], Boston, MA
Hill, Isaac. Concord, NH. Governor, NH, 1836-1839; US Senator, NH,
1831-1836 Newspaper publisher. Letter introducing CPB to Robert Lucas,
Governor of Ohio
Huntington, Abel. US Congressman, NH, 1833-1837
Kimball, Joseph Horace. Concord, NH. Re *Herald* (of Freedom). Will
visit West Indies on behalf of the Anti-Slavery Society
King, John P. Augusta, GA. US Senator, GA, 1833-1837
Lee, Robert E. Warrenton, VA. Re signature of his father, Charles Lee
Lyon, Chittendon. Eddyville, KY. US Congressman, KY, 1827-1835.
Lists 10 signatures enclosed [not in collection]
Mach, Ebenezer. Ithaca, NH. Postmaster
McKean, Samuel. US Senator, PA, 1833-1839
McKim, Isaac. Baltimore, MD. US Congressman, MD, 1825-1825, 1833-
1838
McLaren, John M. Abbeville, SC
Merrill, Timo. Montpelier, VT
Milligan, John J. US Congressman, DE, 1831-1839
Moore, Gabriel. Washington. Governor and US Senator, AL, 1821-1831.
Autobiographical
Murphy John. Washington. Governor, AL, 1825-1829; US Congressman,
AL, 1833-1835
Naudain, Arnold, M.D. Wilmington, DE. US Senator and Congressman,
DE, 1830-1836.
Biography and genealogy
Neal, J. to Dr. R.D. Mussey, Professor of Anatomy at Dartmouth College
Osgood, Gayton P. North Andover, MA. US Congressman, MA, 1833-
1835
Folder 7 Autograph correspondence, P-Z [31 items]
Patton, John M. Fredericksburg, MD. US Congressman, VA, 1830-1838
[2 letters]
Pinkney, J. Baltimore, MD
Porter, General A.B. Black Rock, NY
Prentiss, Samuel. US Senator, VT, 1831-1842 [2 letters]

Preston, William C. US Senator, SC, 1833-1842
 Priestly, Joseph R. Northumberland, PA. son of Joseph Priestly
 Root, David. Dover, NH. Will lecture on slavery at Hanover, NH on
 November 8, 1836
 Shepley, Ether. Washington. US Senator, ME, 1833-1836. To his son,
 George F.
 Sigourney, L.H. Hartford, CT. With poetry for the *Literary Gazette*.
 [poems were published in the *Gazette* on 3/6/1835, 1/2/1835, 3/20/1835]
 Smith Francis O.J. US Congressman, ME, 1833-1839
 Smith [Samuel?]. Washington. US Senator, MD, 1822-1833
 Sparks, Jared. Cambridge [list of correspondents on verso]
 Sprague, Peleg. Washington [not son of former US Congressman from
 NH]
 Stevenson, Andrew. Washington. US Congressman, VA, 1821-1834
 Sullivan, William. Boston, MA
 Swift, Benjamin. Washington. US Representative and Senator, VT, 1827-
 1839 [3 letters]
 Talmadge, Nathaniel Pitcher. US Senator, NY, 1833-1844
 Wayne, James M. US Representative, GA, 1829-1835; US Supreme Court
 Justice, 1835-1867
 Willett, Marinus. Rushville, IN
 Woodbridge, M. Detroit, MI
 Worcester, N. Brighton
 Worcester, J.E. Editor of an almanac, re obituary notices [3 letters and
 copy of CPB's to Worcester]

- Box 2** Transcriptions of Bradley's Diary, 1832-1837 done by Herbert Hill
Box 3 Transcriptions of Bradley's Diary, 1832-1837 done by Herbert Hill
Box 4 Cyrus P. Bradley's Diary, 1832-1837 describing Bradley's trip to Ohio
 Volume 1 (Journal 8), begins at Phillips Exeter Academy, May 29, 1832,
 and ends in Concord, NH, 1835
 Volume 2 (Journal 9), April 12, 1835 (Concord, NH) to October 6, 1835
 (Dartmouth College, Hanover NH) and includes a journey to Ohio
 Volume 3 (Journal 10), October 7, 1835 to August 17, 1837 (Concord,
 NH)
 Volume 4 ("Mnemonics"), a sort of lexicon

Subject Terms

People:

Bell, Samuel
 Bouton, Rev. Nathaniel
 Burke, Edmund
 Fiske, D.D.
 Chamberlain, Levi, 1788-

Davies, Gilman, 1818-
Dearborn, John M.
Hale, Salma
Gilman, Nicholas
Hale, S.J.
Hill, Isaac
Kimball, Joseph Horace, 1813-
Moore, Gabriel
Moore, Jacob Bailey, 1772-
Mussey, Reuben Diamond, 1780-
Prentiss, Samuel
Sigourney, Lydia H.H., 1791-1865
Sparks, Jared, 1789-1866
Swift, Benjamin
Worcester, Joseph Emerson, 1784-1865

Organizations:

Dartmouth College
Phillips Exeter Academy
United States House of Representatives
United States Senate

Subjects:

Autographs

Locations:

Exeter, NH
Hanover, NH

Occupations:

Governors.
Jurists.
Physicians.

Related Materials

Kimball Mss. Two letters from CPB to Joseph Horace Kinabl, editor of *Herald of Freedom*, May, June 1836

Cyrus Parker Bradley to Jeremiah Mason, Jeremiah Mason Papers, 1962.006. New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.

Extracts from Cyrus Parker Bradley's diaries were published in the *Ohio Archeological and Historical Society Publications*, Volume 15, 1906. pp. 207-270. There were at least 11 volumes, of which only these four are in the New Hampshire Historical Society. The

others were apparently from an earlier period and were written in smaller, less permanent notebooks. Their whereabouts is not presently known.

Published materials other than the above diaries:

Biography of Isaac Hill of New Hampshire. Anonymous. Concord, NH, 1835. 920.H6466