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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Location of Originals

Originals in Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Society Collection.

Other Finding Aids

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Available Formats

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Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

Scope and Contents

Letters, mainly from artists, and documents selected from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's miscellaneous manuscript collection (Society Collection). Letters are to various people; 46 of them are to Townsend Ward and a few are to John A. McAllister, photographer. Many of the letters refer to paintings, portraits, commissions, and awards.

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Writers of letters include: Edwin Austin Abbey, Mary Gertrude Abbey, F.W. Bayley, Albert Bierstadt, George Catlin, Joseph Ceracchi, John Gadsby Chapman, John Cheney, James Claypool, James Cox, F.O.C. Darley, Joseph Delaplaine, Humphrey Donnehue, William Dunlap, Pierre Eugene Du Simitiere, S. Eliot, Charles

Fevret De Saint-Memin, Charles Dana Gibson, Harold Edgar Gillingham, Horatio Greenough, George Harding, Levi Hollingsworth, William Morris Hunt, Daniel Huntington, Henry Inman, Horatio Gates Jones, James Reid Lambdin, Will Hicok Low, Edward Dalton Marchant, William Henry Moody, John Neagle, Albert Newsam, Bass Otis, Thomas Paine, Charles Willson Peale, Franklin Peale, James Peale, Jr., Mary Jane Peale, Rembrandt Peale, Titian Ramsay Peale, Joseph Pennell, Clement Penrose, Robert Piggot, Thomas Buchanan Read, William Trost Richards, Thomas Prichard Rossiter, Peter Frederick Rothermel, William Rush, John Sartain, Stephen Alonzo Schooff (to Townsend Ward), Russell Smith, Charles H. Stephens, Thomas Sully, Philip Syng, John Vanderlyn, N.P. Willis, Alexander Wilson and Patience Wright.

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Among the recipients of letters are Archibald Alexander, David S. Brown, William Belcher, Col. Brodhead, B. Burrell, Carey & Hart, Edward L. Carey, Henry C. Carey, Miss Clarke, Mr. Curren, Joseph Delaplaine, John Dickinson, Dr. Dickson, William Dillwyn, William Duane, James B. Elliott, Mrs. Langdon Elwyn, Mantle(?) Fielding, John W. Francis, Charles P. Hayes, David Hosack, Mr. Howell, Major William Jackson, Horatio Gates Jones, John W. Jordan, H.H. Kjmball, C.G. Leland, Joseph Leidy, J.B. Lippincott, George Livermore, James Madison, J. Hill Martin, John McAllister, James McMurtrie, James Monaghan, J. Murray, Albert Cook Myers, Rebecca and Isabella Nathans, John Neagle, C.S. Ogden, John Paca, Charles Willson Peale, Rembrandt Peale, David Rittenhouse, Albert Rosenthal, John Sartain, Jacob Schreiner, James Shrigley, James Ross Snowden, W.D. Snyder, Dr. Sommerville, J.C. Stanbridge, F.D. Stone, Henry Troth, Mr. Vaux, Townsend Ward, William Hill Wells, G.M. Wharton, Thomas Wharton, Henry J. Williams, and Samuel B. Wylie.

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Other items include a sonnet of S.T. Coleridge by Washington Allston; business card of Pannel Beale; catalog of medals and coins of silver in the possession of Hon. John Smith compiled by Du Simitière, 1772; printed address by Mrs. John C. Montgomery soliciting donations for the repair of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, destroyed by fire, 1845; William Morris Hunt's admission ticket to Peale's Museum, 1836, stating his height and weight; description of objects on display at the Peale Museum, 1820; a photograph and business card of Benjamin Randolph; invitations and notes to Gilbert Stuart; typescript by Frank H. Taylor on lithography, 1923; subscription book for engravings of paintings by John Trumbull; and a page from John Archibald Woodside's daybook, 1802-1803.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Art, American
Art, Modern -- 17th-18th centuries -- United States
Art, Modern -- 19th century -- United States

Names:

Abbey, Edwin Austin, 1852-1911
Abbey, Mary Gertrude, d. 1931
Alexander, Archibald, 1772-1851
Allston, Washington, 1779-1843
Bayley, Frank W.

Beale, Pennel
Belcher, Wm. (William)
Bierstadt, Albert, 1830-1902
Brodhead, Col
Burrell, B.
Carey & Hart
Carey, Edward L., 1806-1845
Carey, Henry Charles, 1793-1879
Catlin, George, 1796-1872
Ceracchi, Giuseppe, 1751-1801
Chapman, J. G. (John Gadsby), 1808-1889
Cheney, John, 1801-1885
Clarke, Miss
Claypoole, James, Sr., 1720-1796
Coleridge, Samuel Taylor, 1772-1834
Cox, James, 1751-1834
Curren, Mr
Darley, Felix Octavius Carr, 1822-1888
Delaplaine, Joseph, 1777-1824
Dickinson, John, 1732-1808
Dillwyn, William, 1743-1824
Donnehue, Humphrey
Du Simitière, Pierre Eugène, ca. 1736-1784
Duane, William J. (William John), 1780-1865
Dunlap, William, 1766-1839
Eliot, S.
Elliott, James B.
Elwyn, Langdon, Mrs.
Fielding, Mantle, 1865-1941
Francis, John W. (John Wakefield), 1789-1861
Gibson, Charles Dana, 1867-1944
Gillingham, Harrold E. (Harrold Edgar), 1864-1954
Greenough, Horatio, 1805-1852
Harding, George, 1882-1959
Hayes, Charles P.
Hollingsworth, Levi, 1739-1824
Hosack, David, 1769-1835
Howell, Mr.
Hunt, William Morris, 1824-1879
Huntington, Daniel, 1816-1906
Inman, Henry, 1801-1846
Jackson, William
Jones, Horatio Gates, 1822-1893
Jordan, John W. (John Woolf), 1840-1921
Kimball, Henry H. (Henry Hastings), b. 1835
Lambdin, James Reid, 1807-1889
Leidy, Joseph, 1823-1891
Leland, Charles Godfrey, 1824-1903
Lippincott, J. B. (Joshua Ballinger), 1813-1886
Livermore, George, 1809-1865
Low, Will Hicok, 1853-1932
Madison, James, 1751-1836
Marchant, Edward Dalton, 1806-1887
Martin, John Hill, 1823-1906

McAllister, John A.
McMurtrie, James, fl. 1843-1864
Monaghan, James
Montgomery, John C., Mrs.
Moody, William H. (William Henry), 1853-1917
Murray, J.
Myers, Albert Cook, 1874-1960
Nathans, Isabella
Nathans, Rebecca
Neagle, John, 1796-1865
Newsam, Albert, 1809-1864
Ogden, C. S.
Otis, Bass, 1784-1861
Paca, John
Paine, Thomas, 1737-1809
Peale's Museum (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Peale, Charles Willson, 1741-1827
Peale, Franklin, 1795-1870
Peale, James, 1789-1876
Peale, Mary Jane, 1827-1902
Peale, Rembrandt, 1778-1860
Peale, Titian Ramsay, 1799-1885
Pennell, Joseph, 1857-1926
Penrose, Clement B. (Clement Biddle), 1832-1911
Piggot, Robert, 1795-1887
Randolph, Benjamin, 1737 or 8-1791
Read, Thomas Buchanan, 1822-1872
Richards, William Trost, 1833-1905
Rittenhouse, David, 1732-1796
Rosenthal, Albert, 1863-1939
Rossiter, Thomas Prichard, 1818-1871
Rothermel, Peter Frederick, 1812-1895
Rush, William, 1756-1833
Saint-Mémin, Charles Balthazar Julien Fevret de, 1770-1852
Sartain, John, 1808-1897
Schoff, Stephen Alonzo, 1818-1904
Schreiner, Jacob
Shrigley, James, 1814-1891
Smith, Russell, 1812-1896
Snowden, James Ross
Snyder, W. D.
Somerville, Dr.
Stanbridge, J. C.
Stephens, Charles H., 1855?-1931
Stone, Frederick D. (Frederick Dawson), 1841-1897
Stuart, Gilbert, 1755-1828
Sully, Thomas, 1783-1872
Syng, Philip, 1703-1789
Taylor, Frank H. (Frank Hamilton), 1846-1927
Troth, Henry, 1794-1842
Trumbull, John, 1756-1843
Vanderlyn, John, 1775-1852
Vaux, Mr
Ward, Townsend, 1817?-1885

Wells, William Hill, 1769-1829
Wharton, Geo. M. (George Mifflin), 1808-1870
Wharton, Mr
Wharton, Thomas Kelah, 1814-1862
Williams, Henry, 1828-1893
Willis, Nathaniel Parker, 1806-1867
Wilson, Alexander, 1766-1813
Woodside, John Archibald, 1781-1852
Wright, Patience Lovell, 1725-1786
Wylie, Samuel B. (Samuel Brown), 1773-1852