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Benson J. Lossing letters

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Benson J. Lossing letters
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.lossbens
<b>Date:</b>	1854-1880
<b>Creator:</b>	Lossing, Benson John, 1813-1891
<b>Extent:</b>	0.2 Linear feet ((on 3 partial microfilm reels))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1958 by Argosy Book Stores of New York City.

### Related Materials

Benson John Lossing papers also at Syracuse University.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels D8-D10 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Wood engraver; Poughkeepsie and New York City, N.Y. Apprenticed to a watchmaker in Poughkeepsie, but became joint editor of a newspaper and literary magazine soon thereafter. Learned wood engraving from Joseph Alexander Adams and in 1838 established himself in New York City as an engraver. In 1848, he began work on his PICTORIAL FIELD-BOOK OF THE REVOLUTION and subsequently produced many works based on American history and biographies.

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## Scope and Contents

Letters to Lossing from the following people: Henry Carey Baird, Mr. Barnard, William W. Belknap, Charles Campbell, L. L. Doty, Lyman C. Draper, Theodor F. Dwight, Charles W. Parsons, Anna T. Harrison, and James Grant Wilson. Most of the correspondents are historians, government officials, or relatives of prominent political figures.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Wood-engraving -- Printing

### Names:

Baird, Henry Carey, 1825-1912  
Barnard, Mr  
Belknap, William W. (William Worth), 1829-1890  
Campbell, Charles, 1905-  
Doty, L. L.  
Draper, Lyman Copeland, 1815-1891  
Dwight, Theodore F.  
Parsons, Charles R., 1821-1910  
Taylor, Anna Tuthill Harrison, 1813-1865  
Wilson, James Grant, 1832-1914

### Occupations:

Engravers -- New York (State) -- New York