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Read family papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Read family papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.readread
<b>Date:</b>	1848-1935
<b>Creator:</b>	Read family
<b>Extent:</b>	229 Items ((on partial microfilm reel))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1979 by Denison L. Burton.

### Location of Originals

Originals returned to the lender, Denison Burton, after microfilming.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 1478 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

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

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## Biographical / Historical

Thomas Buchanan Read was a poet, a portrait and history painter, and sometime sculptor, and worked in the U.S. and abroad.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence between Read family members, Thomas Buchanan Read, Mary Pratt Read, Mary Alice Read, and Harriet Denison Butler Read, and notable military, literary, political, and artistic figures, particularly of the 19th century. Correspondents include Albert Bierstadt, Frederic Edwin Church, William Whiteman Fosdick, Harriet Goodhue Hosmer, Ludwig Knaus, Hiram Powers, Thomas Addison Richards, Randolph Rogers, John Sartain, William Wetmore Story, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, John Greenleaf Whittier, Philip Sheridan, James Garfield, and William Tecumseh Sherman, among others.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Names:

Bierstadt, Albert, 1830-1902  
Church, Frederic Edwin, 1826-1900  
Fosdick, W. W. (William Whiteman), 1825-1862  
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881  
Hosmer, Harriet Goodhue, 1830-1908  
Knaus, Ludwig, 1829-1910  
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882  
Powers, Hiram, 1805-1873  
Read, Harriet Denison Butler, 1837-1935  
Read, Mary Alice, 1845-1870  
Read, Mary Pratt, 1818-1855  
Read, Thomas Buchanan, 1822-1872  
Richards, T. Addison (Thomas Addison), 1820-1900  
Rogers, Randolph, 1825-1892  
Sartain, John, 1808-1897  
Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1831-1888  
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891  
Story, William Wetmore, 1819-1895  
Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892

### Occupations:

Poets  
Portrait painters