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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Washington Irving Letter
Date:	1852-12-27
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0084
Creator:	Paterson, George P., fl. 1850s (Correspondent) Irving, Washington, 1783-1859 (Correspondent)
Source:	McKaig, W. Wallace (Donor) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Domestic Life
Extent:	1 Item (8"x10")
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Washington Irving Letter

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by W. Wallace McKaig, September 5, 1963

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of W. Wallace McKaig, 1963.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Domestic Life (now the Division of Cultural and Community Life).

Processing Information

Collection processed by Robert Harding, 1986.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions on Access

Very fragile condition, requires special care.

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Biographical Note

Major American author.

Scope and Contents

Letter from Washington Irving, of Sunnyside, Irvington, N.Y., to George P. Paterson, apparently a friend or business associate. Irving wrote to thank Paterson for books he had sent him, which he notes arrived on Christmas morning. Fragile condition; torn or broken at folds into separate fragments.

General

Original catalog no. 64.160.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Acknowledgments -- 1850-1860
- Books -- Gifts -- 1850-1860
- Christmas -- Gifts -- 1850-1860
- Gifts -- 1850-1860

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence -- 19th century
- Letters (correspondence) -- 1850-1860

Names:

- McKaig, W. Wallace
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Domestic Life

Places:

- Sunnyside (Irvington, N.Y.) -- 1850-1860

Container Listing

Box 1 (Shared box),
Folder 1

[Washington Irving letter], December 27, 1852

3 Pages (Ink on paper; 8." x 5.0".)

[Image\(s\)](#)

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Author: Irving, Washington, 1783-1859

Language: English.

Notes: AC0084-0000001-01 (AC Scan)

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Genre/Form: Letters