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Guide to the

Benjamin Apthorp Gould papers

1855-1867

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Summary

Creator: Gould, Benjamin Apthorp, 1824-1896

Title: Benjamin Apthorp Gould papers

Date: 1855-1867

Size: .21 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Transferred from USSC and Thomas J. Taylor collections, with an additional gift from Drayton Cochran.

Abstract: Collection consist predominantly of financial records relating to the personal investments of American astronomer Benjamin Apthorp Gould, including his business with the Whitehall Gas-light Company, including receipts, promissory notes, and financial statements. Very little correspondence is present, and only one letter to William Cranch Bond dating from 1855 addresses his work in the field of astronomy.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Accounts
Business records
notes

Occupations

Astronomers -- United States -- 19th century
Scientists -- United States -- 19th century

Subjects

Gas-lighting -- United States

Names

Bond, William Cranch, 1789-1859 -- recipient
Whitehall Gas-Light Company