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Guide to the

**Henry Adams papers**

1871-1938

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## Summary

**Creator:** Adams, Henry, 1838-1918

**Title:** Henry Adams papers

**Date:** 1871-1938

**Size:** .2 linear feet (1 box)

**Abstract:** Henry Adams (1838-1918) was an American historian, novelist, and critic. The collection consists of twenty-eight autograph letters signed by Henry Adams, 1871-1899; his undated autograph memoranda on the art of writing biography (4 p.); transcripts of letters to, from, and about Henry Adams made by Worthington C. Ford relating to his work *The Letters of Henry Adams*, 1867-1917; clippings and note concerning Henry Adams, 1938; and miscellaneous letters, including eight letters to Ford from various correspondents regarding Ford's book and Henry Adams, and one letter from Frances Adams to Mrs. Lowes, 1920-1937. The Henry Adams autograph letters, excepting letters to Samuel J. Tilden (9 Nov. 1871), and Mrs. Gordon Lester Ford (30 Mar. 1886), are written to Paul Leicester Ford and his brother Worthington Chauncey Ford, 1886-1899, the bulk to the latter in his capacity as Chief of the Bureau of Economic Statistics in Washington, D.C., discussing contemporary U.S. economic conditions.

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### Related Materials:

Related collections include the Worthington Chauncey Ford Papers; Manuscripts and Archives Division; New York Public Library

## Creator History

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## Scope and Content Note

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**Arrangement:** Adams autograph documents and transcripts arranged separately in chronological order

## Key Terms

### Occupations

Historians

### Geographic Names

United States -- Economic conditions -- 1865-1918

### Names

Adams, Henry, 1838-1918

Ford, Emily Ellsworth (Fowler), 1826-1893

Ford, Paul Leicester, 1865-1902

Ford, Worthington Chauncey, 1858-1941

Tilden, Samuel J. (Samuel Jones), 1814-1886