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Guide to the

**New York Times Company records. George Jones and Henry J. Raymond papers**

1838-1981 (bulk 1859-1869)

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## **Summary**

**Creator:** New York Times Company.

**Title:** New York Times Company records. George Jones and Henry J. Raymond papers, 1838-1981 (bulk 1859-1869)

**Size:** 1.09 linear feet (3 boxes)

**Source:** Donated by the New York Times Company, 2007

**Abstract:** George Jones was the first publisher of the New York Times and Henry J. Raymond was a New York politician and the first editor of the New York Times. Together with Edward B. Wesley they founded the New-York Daily Times in 1851. The collection consists of correspondence and documents by and about Jones, Raymond, and the early history of the New York Times assembled by the Times' publishers and staff, as well as correspondence regarding the collection.

**Access:** Apply in the Special Collections Office for admission to the Manuscripts and Archives Division.

**Preferred citation:** New York Times Company records. George Jones and Henry J. Raymond papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

## **Related collections**

George Jones papers. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

Henry J. Raymond papers. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

## **Creator history**

George Jones was the first publisher of the New York Times and Henry J. Raymond was a New York politician and the first editor of the New York Times. Together with Edward B. Wesley they founded the New-York Daily Times in 1851.

In 1841, Jones met Raymond while the two were working for Horace Greeley at the New York Tribune. The two became friends and often discussed starting their own newspaper. In 1851, with the help of Edward B. Wesley, Jones and Raymond amassed enough capital to found the New-York Daily Times. The Times was intended to fall between the sensationalism of James Gordon Bennett's New York

Herald and the idealism of Greeley's Tribune. Jones was the publisher, Raymond the editor, and Wesley the business manager.

Raymond was also a member of New York's Whig and Republican parties and active in state and national politics. During his political career, he was an assemblyman and later speaker of the New York State Assembly, lieutenant governor of New York, and a member of the United States House of Representatives. He died in 1869.

After Raymond's death Jones took over the editorship of the paper. Under his leadership, the Times was responsible for the downfall of William M. "Boss" Tweed in 1871. Jones died in 1891.

### **Scope and content note**

The collection consists of correspondence and documents by and about George Jones, Henry J. Raymond, and the early history of the New York Times assembled by the Times' publishers and staff, as well as their correspondence regarding the collection. The collected materials include correspondence between Henry J. Raymond and notable people of the time, legal documents, memorials to Henry J. Raymond, a manuscript of his son's article "Extracts from the Journal of Henry J. Raymond," photographs of Jones and Raymond, and newspaper clippings. The correspondence regarding the collection contains letters to and from Adolph S. Ochs, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Julius Ochs Adler, Clifton Daniel, and others regarding acquisition of letters and documents.

### **Arrangement**

The New York Times Company records. George Jones and Henry J. Raymond papers are organized into the following series:

Series I. Correspondence, 1838-1884, n.d.

I. A. George Jones, 1857-1884

I. B. Henry J. Raymond, 1838-1869, n.d.

I.C. Third party letters, 1854, 1866-1869

Series II. Subject files, 1850-1981, n.d.

Series III. Administrative files, 1853-1974, n.d.

Series IV. Artifacts

### **Key terms**

#### **Subjects**

American newspapers -- New York (State) -- New York

Newspaper publishing -- New York (State) -- New York

Publishers and publishing

#### **Names**

Griswold, Rufus W. (Rufus Wilmot), 1815-1857

Harper, Fletcher, 1806-1877

Jones, George, 1811-1891

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865, Recipient

New York Times Company.

Ochs, Adolph S. (Adolph Simon), 1858-1935

#### **Occupations**

Editors

Politicians

#### **Places**

New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government

New York (State) -- Politics and government

United States -- Politics and government

#### **Titles**

New York times

Raymond, Henry J. (Henry Jarvis), 1820-1869  
Sulzberger, Arthur Hays, 1891-1968  
Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874  
Weed, Thurlow, 1797-1882

**Special formats**

Artifacts  
Photographs

## Container list

### **Series I. Correspondence, 1838-1884, n.d.** (One box)

This series contains letters to and from George Jones and Henry J. Raymond. The majority of the series consists of Raymond's correspondence with prominent people of the time regarding politics. The majority of these letters are copies from other repositories collected by the New York Times. When the Times established an archives, many materials created by or relating to George Jones and Henry J. Raymond had already been acquired by other institutions. The Times attempted to reclaim these items and, when that was not possible, to acquire copies from the institution that held the originals. The majority of the copies in the collection come from the George Jones papers and Henry J. Raymond papers held in the Manuscripts and Archives Division of the New York Public Library. Other repositories that provided copies from their holdings include the Boston Public Library, Houghton Library, Massachusetts Historical Society, New York State Library, and a few private collections.

#### **I. A. George Jones, 1857-1884** (2 folders)

##### Letters received

- b.1 f.1 Colfax, Schuyler, 1879
- b.1 f.1 Connolly, Richard B., 1868
- b.1 f.1 Jennings, Louis J. (Louis John), 1869
- b.1 f.1 Wells, A. H., 1857

##### Letters sent

- b.1 f.2 Einstein, B. F., 1884
- b.1 f.2 Prince, Bradford, 1875

#### **I. B. Henry J. Raymond, 1838-1869, n.d.** (0.75 box)

##### Letters received

- b.1 f.3 Adams, Charles F. (Charles Francis), 1869
- b.1 f.3 Anthony, Henry B. (Henry Bowen), 1864
- b.1 f.3 Appleton, William Henry, 1866
- b.1 f.3 Bancroft, George, 1854
- b.1 f.3 Beecher, Henry Ward, undated
- b.1 f.3 Beekman, James W. (James William), 1866
- b.1 f.4 Boucicault, Dion, 1854, n.d.
- b.1 f.4 Chandler, William E. (William Eaton), 1865
- b.1 f.4 Conkling, Roscoe, 1864
- b.1 f.4 Dana, Charles A. (Charles Anderson), 1864-1865
- b.1 f.4 Depew, Chauncey M. (Chauncey Mitchell), 1866
- b.1 f.4 Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1864
- b.1 f.4 Everett, Edward, 1854
- b.1 f.4 Field, Cyrus W. (Cyrus West), 1867
- b.1 f.4 Fish, Hamilton, 1869
- b.1 f.4 Fisk, James, 1869 (Includes Raymond's response to Fisk.)
- b.1 f.4 Folger, Charles J. (Charles James), 1866
- b.1 f.4 Greeley, Horace, 1864

**Series I. Correspondence, 1838-1884, n.d.** (cont.)

**I. B. Henry J. Raymond, 1838-1869, n.d.** (cont.)

Letters received (cont.)

- b.1 f.5 Harper, Fletcher, 1855-1856  
Includes legal documents from suit involving Harper, Fletcher Harper Jr., Raymond, George Jones, and Edward B. Wesley and letters addressed to all parties.
- b.1 f.6 Hay, John, 1864
- b.1 f.6 Jones, George, 1846, 1863, 1869
- b.1 f.6 Kossuth, Lajos, undated
- b.1 f.6 Morrissey, John, 1866
- b.1 f.7 Ordway, N. G., 1865  
Includes pass and photograph of the mourning badge worn by Raymond for the funeral of Abraham Lincoln. The mourning badge is housed in Box 3.
- b.1 f.8 Potter, Horatio, 1857
- b.1 f.8 Sanders, George Nicholas, 1854  
Schlemihl, Peter (See Wood, George)
- b.1 f.8 Seward, Frederick William, 1864
- b.1 f.8 Seward, William Henry, 1854, 1864
- b.1 f.8 Smedes, William C., 1860
- b.1 f.8 Sumner, Charles, 1861
- b.1 f.8 Taylor, Zachary, 1848
- b.1 f.8 Thackeray, William Makepeace, 1853
- b.1 f.8 Webb, J. Watson (James Watson), 1866, n.d.
- b.1 f.8 Weed, Thurlow, undated
- b.1 f.8 Wells, David Ames, 1866
- b.1 f.8 Wood, George, undated

Letters sent

This subseries includes letters from Henry J. Raymond to Rufus W. Griswold, George Jones, Abraham Lincoln, his children Henry Warren and Lucy M. Raymond, Charles Sumner, Thurlow Weed, and others.

- b.1 f.9 Anderson, D., 1860
- b.1 f.9 Andrew, John A. (John Albion), 1864
- b.1 f.9 Badeau, Adam, 1862, 1868
- b.1 f.9 Baker, George E., 1856
- b.1 f.9 Barrett, Joseph H. (Joseph Hartwell), 1866
- b.1 f.9 Biddle, Cadwallader, 1864
- b.1 f.10 Cameron, Simon, 1861, 1864
- b.1 f.10 Colfax, Schuyler, 1865
- b.1 f.10 Cozzens, S., 1853
- b.1 f.10 Davis, J. C. Bancroft (John Chandler Bancroft), undated
- b.1 f.10 DeForest, Edward, 1865

**Series I. Correspondence, 1838-1884, n.d.** (cont.)

**I. B. Henry J. Raymond, 1838-1869, n.d.** (cont.)

Letters sent (cont.)

- b.1 f.11-12 Delerchuze, Elizabeth M., circa 1850s
- b.1 f.13 Deming, Henry Champion, 1867
- b.1 f.13 Dwight, J F., 1866
- b.1 f.13 Durfee, Zoheth Sherman, 1859
- b.1 f.13 Griswold, Rufus W. (Rufus Wilmot), 1838-1840, 1845
- b.1 f.13 Jenkins, Howard Malcolm, 1866
- b.1 f.13 Jenks, John H., 1859
- b.1 f.14 Jones, George, 1859, 1865-1868, n.d.
- b.1 f.15 Kauffmann, Samuel Hay, 1854
- b.1 f.16-17 Lincoln, Abraham, 1860-1865, n.d.
- b.1 f.18 Lossing, Benson John, 1855
- b.1 f.18 McPherson, Edward, 1864
- b.1 f.18 Morgan, Edwin D. (Edwin Denison), 1862-1866
- b.1 f.18 Murray, N., 1853
- b.1 f.18 Nagle, John T., 1866
- b.1 f.19 Otto, [Judge], 1865
- b.1 f.19 Palmer, Oliver Hazard, 1869
- b.1 f.19 Parmeighi, E., 1869
- b.1 f.19 Potts, George, 1851
- b.1 f.19 Raymond, Henry Warren, undated
- b.1 f.20 Raymond, Lucy M., 1864-1869, n.d.
- b.1 f.21 Rhees, J., 1855
- b.1 f.21 Risley, undated
- b.1 f.21 Robinson, W. E., 1856
- b.1 f.21 Ryan, John J., 1867
- b.1 f.22 Seaver, 1866
- b.1 f.22 Smithers, Nathaniel B. (Nathaniel Barratt), 1864
- b.1 f.22 Stuart, 1869, n.d.
- b.1 f.22 Sumner, Charles, 1856, 1861, n.d.
- b.1 f.22 Tuckerman, Henry T. (Henry Theodore), 1866
- b.1 f.23 Weed, Thurlow, 1854, 1863-1866
- b.1 f.24 Whipple, Edwin Percy, 1860, 1866
- b.1 f.25 Wixon, W. J., 1859
- b.1 f.26 Addressee unknown, 1854, 1858-1866, n.d.

**I.C. Third party letters, 1854, 1866-1869** (1 folder)

This subseries contains letters written by others regarding George Jones, Henry J. Raymond, the *New-York Daily Times*, and other topics.

**Series II. Subject files, 1850-1981, n.d.** (0.75 box)

The subject files were created by the New York Times and contain correspondence and clippings regarding the Times' policies, accolades awarded the Times and Times' staff, a thesis on the Civil War and the Times, and a subscription form for a speech by Henry J. Raymond.

- b.1 f.28 Abraham Lincoln, Henry Raymond, the New York times, and slavery, 1989 (Master's essay by Michael S. Green)
- b.1 f.29 Articles and books about George Jones, 1876, 1891, 1931, 1937, 1950, 1963-1966, n.d.
- b.2 f.1 Articles and books about Henry J. Raymond, 1856, 1860-1862, 1867-1870, 1886, 1898, 1935, 1945, 1951, 1963-1964, 1971, n.d.
- b.2 f.2 Associated Press correspondence, 1863  
Handwritten copies of correspondence regarding matters involving agents of the Associated Press. One of the letters is addressed to Henry J. Raymond.
- b.2 f.3 Awards, decorations, tributes, and honors, 1857, 1954, 1966, 1972-1973
- b.2 f.4 Essay and clipping about James Gordon Bennett, 1951, 1972
- b.2 f.5 Fletcher Harper law suit, 1853, 1856, 1859  
Clippings and case report regarding a suit in 1856 over a number of New York Times shares purchased by Fletcher Harper Sr. and a subsequent suit in 1858 pertaining to the dividends over these shares.
- b.2 f.6 Journal of Henry J. Raymond, 1850, 1863  
Undated typed transcript of selected entries, with annotations.
- b.2 f.7-10 Raymond, Henry W. "Extracts from the Journal of Henry J. Raymond," n.d.  
Extracts with commentary by Raymond's son, Henry W. Raymond. Manuscript with emendations, in four parts, published in Scribner's Monthly, 1879-1880.
- b.2 f.11 Legal documents, 1858-1860  
The legal documents include a contract between Henry J. Raymond and Edward B. Wesley regarding shares in the New York Times, a lease renting the basement of the Times building to a printer, and documents regarding a libel suit brought by James Gordon Bennett against the Times.
- b.2 f.12 Policy, 1851  
Copy of the New York Daily-Times general policy published in the first issue, September 18, 1851.
- b.2 f.13 Portraits of Jones and Raymond, undated
- b.2 f.14 Souvenirs and mementos, 1843, 1861, 1869, 1881
- b.2 f.15 Subscription form for speech given by Henry J. Raymond, 1866
- b.2 f.16 Will and estate of George Jones, 1891, 1902, 1930-1931, n.d.

**Series III. Administrative files, 1853-1974, n.d.** (3 folders)

This series contains correspondence between the publishers and editors of the New York Times and scholars and collectors regarding material concerning George Jones and Henry J. Raymond. There are also lists of names to be found in the correspondence series and clippings from auction catalogs of Raymond items.

Correspondence, 1901-1974

**Series III. Administrative files, 1853-1974, ... (cont.)**

Correspondence, 1901-1974 (cont.)

- b.2 f.17 1901  
A lace bag and miniature portrait of Elizabeth M. Delerchuze, which she sent to Adolph S. Ochs, are housed in Box 3.
- b.2 f.18 1912, 1919, 1930, 1934, 1950-1951, 1954, 1969-1970, 1973-1974
- b.2 f.19 Name lists and clippings, undated

b.3 **Series IV. Artifacts** (1 box)

Advance permission of Curator of Manuscripts required. The artifacts consist of a lace bag and a miniature portrait of Elizabeth M. Delerchuze which she sent to Adolph S. Ochs in 1901, and the mourning badge worn by Henry J. Raymond at the funeral of Abraham Lincoln.