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Guide to the

**Michel Chevalier letters to Samuel Ruggles**

1839-1850

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## Summary

**Creator:** Chevalier, Michel, 1806-1879

**Title:** Michel Chevalier letters to Samuel Ruggles

**Date:** 1839-1850

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Abstract:** Six letters from French engineer and political economist Michel Chevalier to American politician and New York State commissioner of canals Samuel B. Ruggles. Letters concern the development of various public works in France and the United States; politics and revolutions in Europe (1848); Chevalier's meeting with American merchant William Henry Aspinwall, and Aspinwall's plans to build a railway across Panama; and Chevalier's requests for assistance in securing a position in the United States for his brother, Émile. In French

**Physical Location:** MssCol 22295

**Alternative Form Available:** Typed transcripts and translations available

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Civil engineering -- France -- 19th century

Engineers -- France -- 19th century

Public works -- France -- 19th century

### Occupations

Engineers -- France

### Geographic Names

Europe -- Politics and government -- 1815-1848

**Names**

Aspinwall, William Henry, 1807-1875

Ruggles, Samuel B. (Samuel Bulkley), 1800-1881