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### **Jerome Alexander correspondence**

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** Alexander, Jerome, 1876-1959

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**Abstract:** Jerome Alexander (1876-1959) was the pre-eminent American scientist in the field of colloidal chemistry, the study of substances neither in suspension nor solution, which was pertinent to many other areas of chemistry. In addition to translating a seminal work in the field, Richard Zsigmondy's *Colloids and the Ultra-Microscope*, he wrote *Colloid Chemistry* (1919), and edited and contributed to *Colloid Chemistry: Theoretical and Practical*, the seven-volume standard work in the field. He also published poetry and essays. Collection consists of correspondence, 1880-1953, primarily letters exchanged with chemists and physicists, including many Nobel Prize winners, concerning their contributions to *Colloid Chemistry: Theoretical and Practical*. Correspondents include Mario Ascoli, W. Bancroft, W.M. Bayless, Lord Beaverbrook, Sir William Henry Bragg, Sir William Lawrence Bragg, C. Bridges, A.H. Compton, P. Debye, Albert Einstein, H. Eyring, W.B. Harvey, H.B. Jennings, Alfred Korzybski, E.O. Lawrence, W.J. Mayo, R.A. Millikan, G.B. Pegram, W. Ramsey, A.B. Searle, T. Svedberg, E.C. Urey, E.B. Wilson, and Richard Zsigmondy.

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## Key Terms

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### Occupations

Chemists

### Names

Alexander, Jerome, 1876-1959  
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Ascoli, Mario  
Bancroft, Wilder D. (Wilder Dwight), 1867-1953  
Bayless, W. M  
Beaverbrook, Max Aitken, Baron, 1879-1964  
Bragg, William Henry, 1862-1942  
Bragg, William Lawrence, Sir, 1890-1971  
Bridges, C  
Compton, Arthur Holly, 1892-1962  
Debye, Peter J. W. (Peter Josef William), 1884-1966  
Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955  
Eyring, Harden Romney  
Jennings, H. B  
Korzybski, Alfred, 1879-1950  
Lawrence, Ernest Orlando, 1901-1958  
Mayo, William James, 1861-1939  
Millikan, Robert Andrews, 1868-1953  
Pegram, George Braxton, 1876-1958  
Ramsey, William, Sir, 1852-1916  
Searle, Alfred B. (Alfred Broadhead), 1877-1967  
Svedberg, Theodor, 1884-1971  
Urey, Harold Clayton, 1893-1981  
Wilson, E. Bright (Edgar Bright), 1908-  
Zsigmondy, Richard