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Guide to the

George Haven Putnam correspondence

1864-1925

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Summary

Creator: Putnam, George Haven, 1844-1930

Title: George Haven Putnam correspondence

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Abstract: Letters to and from American soldier, publisher, and author George Haven Putnam relating to matters of writing, publishing, editorial concerns, and "a scheme for the incorporation of the Knickerbocker Press." One letter, dated February 11, 1864, is written to Putnam's parents George Palmer Putnam and Victorine Haven Putnam, and concerns his service in the Civil War. Other correspondents include Edward Jenks, Frank H. Vizetelly, Ralcy Husted Bell, Worthington Chauncey Ford, Emily Fowler Ford, and Gordon L. Ford.

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Creator History

George Haven Putnam (1844-1930) was a publisher and author best known for his commitment to the establishment of national copyright legislation in the U.S. and to American adherence to the international copyright Convention of Berne. After serving in the U.S. Civil War, he entered his father's publishing house, G.P. Putnam's Sons. He assumed the presidency of the firm in 1872 and became an authority on the legal implications of copyright. In 1886 he formed the American Publishers' Copyright League and the English Speaking Union in the U.S.

Custodial History

Some material was originally received as part of the Ford collection.

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Occupations

Publishers -- United States -- 19th century

Subjects

Publishers and publishing -- New York (State) -- New York

Names

Bell, Ralcy Husted, 1869-1931

Ford, Emily Ellsworth (Fowler), 1826-1893

Ford, Gordon Lester, 1823-1891

Ford, Worthington Chauncey, 1858-1941

Putnam, George Haven, 1844-1930 -- Correspondence

Putnam, George Palmer, 1814-1872 -- recipient

Vizetelly, Frank H., 1864-1938