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Guide to the

Lenox Library records

1866-1915

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Summary

Creator: Lenox Library

Title: Lenox Library records

Date: 1866-1915

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Abstract: NYPL Archives Record Group 2 consists of the records of the Lenox Library, a non-circulating research library founded by James Lenox (1800-1880) in New York City in 1870. In 1895 the Lenox Library was consolidated with the Astor Library and the Tilden Trust to form The New York Public Library.

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Creator History

The Lenox Library grew out of the private book collection of James Lenox (1800-1880). Lenox, a lifelong bachelor of Scottish Presbyterian descent, inherited a large fortune from his father's commercial import business augmented by astute real estate investments. In 1840 Lenox retired from business to oversee his investments and devote himself to his true passions: bibliography and his book and art

collections. With a genuine sense of philanthropic spirit Lenox decided to create a "public" library. In 1870 the act of incorporation was passed, a nine member board of trustees chosen, and plans were begun for a library building to house the collections held in Lenox's home. The architect selected was Richard Morris Hunt (1827-1895) and the site (given by Lenox) was Fifth Avenue between 70th and 71st streets in Manhattan. Construction continued for seven years until the first public exhibition was held in 1877.

In 1872 Lenox's friend and fellow bibliophile, George Henry Moore (1823-1892), formerly librarian of the New York Historical Society, became the Lenox Library's first Superintendent while also serving as a member of the board of trustees. An Americana specialist and noted bibliographer, Moore was responsible for the publication of short title lists and the Lenox catalog: *Contributions to a Catalogue of the Lenox Library* of which there were six volumes. Moore also was directly involved with almost every aspect of the operations of the Library, from annual reports to individual admission tickets.

In 1885 Wilberforce Eames (1855-1937) came to work for Moore as a private assistant. In 1892 Eames became assistant librarian, replacing the current librarian, S.A. Alibone, who retired. Eames, with little formal schooling, taught himself several languages and had become a highly accomplished bibliographer. After Lenox and Moore, Eames was the third dominant force in the history of the Lenox Library.

While both free and open to the public, the Lenox Library required the public to apply by mail for nontransferable admission tickets which were then returned to the applicant by mail and had to be presented to gain admission to the galleries. No one was admitted without a ticket. This policy, along with the fact that not only was the library non-circulating, but that most of its holdings were for display purposes only, led to a great deal of public antipathy towards the library. Especially in the press, the Lenox was regularly vilified as elitist and unwelcoming. For their part, the Lenox trustees had based their admission policy on the British Museum's system and given the rarity of their holdings saw nothing wrong with it. Perhaps part of the problem arose from the general perception that the term "Free Public Library" meant different things to different people. According to Charles Ammi Cutter, "Every librarian knows that the Lenox Museum as it should have been called, was not intended to be a free circulating library for the poor of New York, nor even a library of reference for the literary man anxious to throw off a magazine article...in the quickest possible time... One might as well complain that the Zoological Museum does not give up its stuffed birds to furnish Christmas dinners to the poor."

After the death of James Lenox in 1880, the Library continued to expand its holdings, mainly through gift and bequest. The library dropped its admission ticket policy in 1887 and made its book collections more accessible to scholars. While these and other liberalisms improved its public image somewhat, the trustees were growing increasingly concerned about their long-term financial viability. When, in the Spring of 1894, the Astor Library trustees began merger talks with the Tilden Trust, the Lenox trustees joined the discussions. The consolidation of the three in 1895 formed a new corporation: The New York Public Library.

Lenox Library Chronology

1800 James Lenox Born

1818 Graduated Columbia College

1821 Master's Degree Columbia/Princeton

1826 Joined father's import business

1840 Retired from business, residence at 53 Fifth Avenue. Began serious collecting.

1870 January 20 Lenox Library incorporated; 9 member Board of Trustees including Aaron B. Belknap, Secretary.

1870 March 15 Received endowment of \$300,000 from James Lenox.

1870 April 17 Received deed for future library site: 5th Avenue between 70th and 71st Streets. Richard Morris Hunt chosen as architect.

1871 May Foundation laid. Additional \$100,000 given by Lenox.

1872 October 3 George Henry Moore elected Trustee and appointed Superintendent of Library.

1876 Partial transfer of book and art collection from residence to new Lenox Library.

1877 First Library exhibition, paintings and sculpture only. Construction continues, Library open 2 days weekly. *Contributions to a Catalogue of the Lenox Library*, volume 1, *Voyages of Hulsius* published.

1878 November Gift of Duyckinck collection: 15,000 volumes, plus additional quantity of pamphlets and manuscripts.

1878 March 6 Samuel A. Allibone appointed Librarian.

1879 *Contributions to a Catalogue of the Lenox Library*, volumes 2-4 published.

1880 February 17 James Lenox dies.

1880 March Robert Lenox Kennedy (nephew) elected president of Board of Trustees.

1880 June 4 Aaron B. Belknap dies.

1880 *Contributions to a Catalogue of the Lenox Library*, volume 5 published.

1881 *Contributions to a Catalogue of the Lenox Library*, volume 6 published.

1884 Astoin collection gift: 5,000 volumes on French bibliography.

1885 Wilberforce Eames hired as assistant to Superintendant Moore.

1886 July 6 Henrietta Lenox dies. Her will leaves \$100,000 for purchase of books, as well as deed to land adjacent to Library with restrictions on future use.

1887 Use of admission tickets discontinued.

1887 October 6 Library notifies Alibone that his job will end on May 1, 1888 due to lack of funds.

1892 Stuart Collection bequest of 12,000 volumes and 240 paintings.

1892 May 5 George Henry Moore dies.

1892 October 7 Eames appointed Assistant Librarian, retroactive to May 1.

1893 June 3 Eames appointed Librarian.

1893 The library of George Bancroft purchased for \$84,492. Collection comprises 15,000 volumes, 5,000 pamphlets, 486 manuscripts.

1894 Emmet newspaper collection purchased.

1895 The New York Public Library is incorporated. Lenox Library building continues in use as division of the New York Public Library.

1896 Emmet manuscript and book collection given by John S. Kennedy.

1911 March 18 - April 12 Lenox collections moved to central building. Lenox Library building closed.

1912 Lenox building formally turned over to Henry Clay Frick, who had purchased it in 1906.

1912 July Building demolished.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Lenox Library span the years 1866-1915, with the bulk dating from 1870-1895. They document the founding and operation of the Library, including rare book purchases from Europe and America, reader's statistics, and general library administration. The records consist of handwritten, typed and printed documents, loose and in volumes.

A small number of items date from after the 1895 consolidation of the Lenox Library with the Astor Library and Tilden Trust to form The New York Public Library. After consolidation, NYPL Director John Shaw Billings established his office in the Astor Library building. The Lenox Library was administered, by Wilberforce Eames, as a self-contained research branch of the NYPL up to the move into the new Central Building in 1911. At that time part of the Lenox collection was kept intact to form the American History Division with Eames as its first chief.

Arrangement: The records are arranged in six series: I. Board of Trustees - General Administration; II. Board of Trustees - President; III. Board of Trustees - Secretary; IV. Board of Trustees - Treasurer; V. Superintendent; VI. Librarian. The arrangement of the records of the Lenox Library was made problematic by the fact that various administrative functions shifted from office to office over time. For example, reader's use statistics were first kept by the Superintendent's office under Moore, but then shifted to the Librarian's office under Eames. Financial records also shifted between the Superintendent, Treasurer and Librarian at different periods. Researchers should keep this in mind when using these records.

Key Terms

Subjects

Acquisitions (Libraries) -- New York (State) -- New York
Antiquarian booksellers
Book collecting
Librarians -- New York (State) -- New York
Libraries -- History -- 19th century
Libraries -- New York (State) -- New York
Library architecture
Rare books
Research libraries -- Acquisitions
Research libraries -- New York (State) -- New York

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Annual reports
Clippings
Financial records
Minutes

Names

Allen, E.G
Allibone, S. Austin (Samuel Austin), 1816-1889
Belknap, Aaron B
Billings, John S. (John Shaw), 1838-1913
Eames, Wilberforce, 1855-1937
Hunt, Richard Morris, 1827-1895
Kennedy, John S. (John Stewart), 1830-1909
Kennedy, Robert L.
Lenox, James, 1800-1880
Lockwood, I. Ferris
Maitland, Alexander, -1907
Moore, George Henry, 1823-1892
Quaritch, Bernard, 1819-1899
Stevens, Henry, Jr., 1819-1886
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Container List

Series I. Board of Trustees - General Administration 1870-1895 (2 linear feet)

The Lenox Library Board of Trustees consisted of nine members including a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The first board meeting was on January 28, 1870 with James Lenox as its President and Treasurer and Aaron B. Belknap as Secretary. In addition to directing this policy making body as its President, James Lenox oversaw much of the Library's bibliographic selections until his death in 1880 when he was succeeded by his nephew, Robert Lenox Kennedy. The last President of the Library was John Stewart Kennedy who served from 1887-1895.

The material in this series spans the years 1870-1895. It documents the founding of the library, the design and construction of the Library building, and general library history. The records consist of Annual Reports, Architectural Records, Records of Donors, 1870-72. The set of printed annual reports is complete, covering the period to consolidation. The set of draft reports, however, is not complete. Correspondents include Richard Morris Hunt (1828-1895).

- b. 1 **Corporation Records 1892-1895**
Papers and clippings regarding incorporation, Amendment to Act of Incorporation, Bylaws, Consolidation Agreement with Astor Library and Tilden Trust.
- b. 2 **Annual Reports 1871-1895 (Drafts in manuscript and printed copies)**
- b. 3 **Annual Reports 1879-1894 (Bound volume)**
- b. 4 f. 1 **Architect - R. M. Hunt - correspondence 1870-1875**
- b. 4 f. 2 **Architect - R. M. Hunt - certificates and receipts 1871-1875**
- b. 4 f. 3 **Architect - R. M. Hunt - certificates and receipts 1889-1893**
- b. 4 f. 4 **Architect - R. M. Hunt - building contracts 1871-1874**
- b. 4 f. 5 **Architect - R. M. Hunt - prints, drawings, plans n.d.**
- b. 5 f. 1 **Art Collection - Lenox Gallery**
- b. 5 f. 2 **Art Collection - Stuart Collection**
- b. 5 f. 3 **Art Collection - miscellaneous**
- b. 6 f. 1 **Clippings, unsorted**
- b. 6 f. 2 **Donors - Record of 1870-1877**
- b. 6 f. 3 **Donors - Mary Stuart will**
- b. 6 f. 4 **Donors - Henrietta Lenox will**
- b. 6 f. 5 **Donors - Tilden Art Gifts Correspondence 1863, 1874, 1875**
- b. 6 f. 6 **Exhibits**
- b. 6 f. 7 **Miscellaneous**
- b. 6 f. 8 **Publications - general**
- b. 6 f. 9 **Publications - Columbus letter 1893**
- b. 6 f. 10 **Superintendent and Librarian - duties of**
 - b. 7 **Artifacts: Book plate and exhibit labels**
 - b. 84 **Artifacts: Plates, Type & Stamps - Robert Stuart, Portrait and Signature (Steel Plate); Lenox Library Building exterior view, Bancroft Room, Statuary Hall, Lower Hall (Electrotype plates on wood)**
 - b. 85 **Artifacts: Binder's ornaments (3 punches); Type punches; Lenox Coat of Arms Binders Ornament's (wooden handle)**

Series I. Board of Trustees - General Administration (cont.)

- b. 86 Artifacts: James Lenox bookplate; Lenox Library Bookplate; Lenox Coat of Arms Binders Ornaments (2 Stamps); Lenox Crest and Motto (Lion and Garter); Binders ornament (small); N.Y.P.L. metal stamps (oval and rectangular); New Netherlands binder's titles (stamps); Opusculum De Insulis Mijer Inventis binder's titles (2 brass); New York 1860 (3 brass stamps)

Series II. Board of Trustees - President 1870-1880 (1.5 linear feet)

With the incorporation of the Lenox Library in 1870 James Lenox (1800-1880) became the first President of the Board of Trustees. In addition to giving the endowment, land, and collections for the library, he selected the architect and supervised the initial plans for the library building. Lenox was not simply a wealthy collector and library patron, but a capable and discerning bibliographer and scholar in his own right. In the early years of the library he remained the chief bibliographer, corresponding with booksellers such as Henry Stevens, B. Quaritch and E.G. Allen, making most of the library's acquisitions decisions himself. With the arrival of George Moore as Superintendent in 1872, these duties gradually shifted to Moore.

After the death of Lenox in 1880, his nephew, Robert Lenox Kennedy (1822-1887) was elected President. At this time all bibliographic duties became Supt. Moore's responsibility, leaving Kennedy to guide the Board's policy decisions for the Library. R.L. Kennedy died in 1887 during a return voyage from Europe and was succeeded as President by John Stewart Kennedy (1830-1909), who continued in this office until the formation of the New York Public Library in 1895. Kennedy then became one of the original Trustees of the NYPL.

The office of the president contains only records from James Lenox's term. The annotated booksellers catalogs, in addition to their bibliographical value, contain information relating to the provenance of some of the library's holdings.

- b. 8 Unsorted correspondence & Notes; Annotated bookseller's catalogs
- b. 9 Annotated bookseller's catalog
- b. 10 Annotated bookseller's catalog
- b. 11 f. 1 Booksellers - Allen, E. G., correspondence 1874-1879
- b. 11 f. 2 Booksellers - Allen, E. G., invoices and statements 1870-1879
- b. 11 f. 3 Booksellers - Quaritch, B., correspondence 1874-1880
- b. 11 f. 4 Booksellers - Stevens, H., correspondence 1871-1872
- b. 11 f. 5 Booksellers - Stevens, H., correspondence 1873, 1875, 1877

Series III. Board of Trustees - Secretary 1870-1895 (.5 linear feet)

The Secretary of the Lenox Library was responsible for keeping the Minutes of the Board of Trustees and for general correspondence. Aaron B. Belknap, the first Secretary of the Lenox Library served from 1870-1876, when he became Treasurer. George H. Moore, Superintendent of the Library in 1872, succeeded Belknap and held both offices until his death in 1892. Alexander Maitland was the last Secretary, serving from 1892 until consolidation in 1895, when he became a Trustee of the New York Public Library.

The bulk of this collection fall into the years 1893-1895. This is due to the fact that G. H. Moore was both Superintendent and Secretary from 1876-1892 and consequently most of his Secretarial records are among the Superintendent's. The collection has been arranged by incumbent.

- b. 12 f. 1 Aaron B. Belknap - correspondence 1872, 1874, 1876
- b. 12 f. 2 George H. Moore - minutes 1876-1892
- b. 12 f. 3 Alexander Maitland - minutes 1892, 1893, 1895
- b. 12 f. 4 Alexander Maitland - minutes of Library Committee 1894-1895
- b. 12 f. 5 Alexander Maitland - correspondence, A-Z 1893-1895

Series IV. Board of Trustees - Treasurer 1870-1896 (2.5 linear feet)

James Lenox served as the first treasurer of the Lenox Library 1870-1876. He was succeeded by Aaron B. Belknap, who had been Secretary to the Board prior to his appointment as Treasurer. Belknap in turn was succeeded in 1880 by Alexander Maitland, who remained Treasurer until the NYPL consolidation in 1895. For the last few years (1893-1895) of his term as Treasurer he was also Secretary to the Board, and he became one of the NYPL Trustees.

This series spans the years 1870-1896, with the bulk of the material falling into Maitland's term, 1880-1895. It consists of manuscript statements of accounts, financial ledgers, vouchers, receipts, cancelled checks, bank books and memoranda. The collection has been arranged by incumbent.

- b. 13 f. 1 James Lenox - statements of accounts 1870-1875
- b. 13 f. 2 James Lenox - financial ledger 1870-1871
- b. 13 f. 3 James Lenox - canceled checks 1871-1875
- b. 13 f. 4 Aaron B. Belknap - statements of accounts 1876-1880
- b. 13 f. 5 Aaron B. Belknap - vouchers and receipts 1878-1879
- b. 13 f. 6 Alexander Maitland - statements of accounts 1880-1895
- b. 14 f. 1 Alexander Maitland, - receipts, unarranged 1884-1894
- b. 14 f. 2 Alexander Maitland - receipts, A-Z 1893-1894
- b. 14 f. 3 Alexander Maitland - receipts, A-Z 1894-1895
- b. 15 f. 1 Alexander Maitland - payroll records, receipts 1887, 1892-1893
- b. 15 f. 2 Alexander Maitland - payroll records, ledger 1893-1894
- b. 15 f. 3 Alexander Maitland - receipts for officer's salaries 1894
- b. 15 f. 1 Alexander Maitland - receipts 1894-1896
- b. 16 f. 1 Alexander Maitland - receipts, Moore to Maitland 1883-1892
- b. 16 f. 2 Alexander Maitland - financial ledger 1871-1891
- b. 16 f. 3 Alexander Maitland - list of securities belonging to Lenox Library 1893
- b. 16 f. 4 Alexander Maitland - bank books, Chemical National Bank 1870-1888
- b. 16 f. 5 Alexander Maitland - bank books, Central Trust 1887-1895
- b. 16 f. 6 Alexander Maitland - canceled checks 1888-1895
- b. 16 f. 7 Alexander Maitland - check stubs 1887-1891
- b. 16 f. 8 Alexander Maitland - check stubs 1893-1896

Series V. Superintendant 1866-1896 (8 linear feet)

The Superintendent of the Lenox Library was responsible for the day to day operations of the Library. For the first two years of its independent existence the Lenox Library did not have a Superintendent. In 1872 James Lenox offered his friend George H. Moore (1823-1892) the position and a place on the Board of Trustees. In addition to being a librarian, Moore was known for his historical and bibliographic work on the American Colonial period.

Moore's duties at the Lenox included examining and purchasing books, daily operations, staff administration, and overseeing maintenance of the Library building. For much of his term as Superintendent, Moore also served as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Upon Moore's death his duties were divided among three people: Alexander Maitland, who became Secretary, assumed that office's general functions; I. Ferris Lockwood, who became Superintendent, assumed responsibility for the Library's physical plant and certain related operational expenses; and Wilberforce Eames, who became Librarian. After consolidation in 1895, Lockwood became the first Business Superintendent of NYPL.

Series V has been arranged in two subseries: A. George H. Moore; B. I. Ferris Lockwood. Records include correspondence, handlists, memoranda, minutes, reports, statistics, attendance records, financial accounts, invoices and receipts and a check book. This material spans the years 1866-1895, with the bulk dating from Moore's term of 1872-1892. Moore's files include correspondence, financial papers, records on Lenox Library holdings and readers and a "Daily Calendar" containing reader use and cataloging statistics as well as personal and professional appointments, notes and memos. Moore's correspondence with James Lenox predates his position with the Lenox Library. Lenox was an old friend and Moore advised him regarding the purchase of Americana. Moore also corresponded with Henry Stevens, the antiquarian bookseller, and his brother, B. F. Stevens.

I. Ferris Lockwood's records include correspondence, reports and financial records. Of particular interest is Lockwood's correspondence with Richard M. Hunt concerning alterations to the Lenox Library building.

A. George H. Moore

- b. 17 f. 1 Correspondence, James Lenox to Moore 1866-1880
- b. 17 f. 2 Correspondence, Moore to James Lenox 1875, 1878-1880
- b. 17 f. 3 Correspondence, B.F. Stevens to Moore 1877-1883
 - b. 18 General Correspondence 1873-1877
 - b. 19 General Correspondence 1878-1879
 - b. 20 General Correspondence 1880-1881
 - b. 21 General Correspondence 1882-1883
 - b. 22 General Correspondence 1884-1885
 - b. 23 General Correspondence 1886-1888
 - b. 24 General Correspondence 1890-1892
- b. 25 f. 1 General Correspondence 1872-1884, 1886-1892
- b. 25 f. 2 General Correspondence regarding James Lenox Memorial n.d.
- b. 25 f. 3 Lenox Library Holdings - Common place book
- b. 25 f. 4 Lenox Library Holdings - Handlists
- b. 26 f. 1 Lenox Library Holdings - Handlists and books
- b. 26 f. 2 Lenox Library Holdings - Memoranda and notes of books received
- b. 26 f. 3 Lenox Library Holdings - Art Collections, memos, notes, lists, correspondence
- b. 26 f. 4 Financial Records - Record of expenses 1875-1879
- b. 26 f. 5 Financial Records - Memoranda and statements of expenses 1874-1880
- b. 26 f. 6 Financial Records - Orders for supplies and services 1878-1886

Series V. Superintendant (cont.)

A. George H. Moore (cont.)

- b. 27 f. 1 Financial Records - Invoices and receipts 1880-1892
- b. 27 f. 2 Financial Records - Invoices and receipts 1875-1880
- b. 28 Financial Records - Invoices and receipts 1881-1892
- b. 29 f. 1 Lenox Library readers - attendance cards and records n.d.
- b. 29 f. 2 Lenox Library readers - attendance cards and records 1877 Dec. - 1880 May
- b. 29 f. 3 Lenox Library readers - attendance cards and records 1880 May - 1885 Dec
- b. 29 f. 4 Lenox Library readers - Readers & use statistics; catalogs received 1877-1887, 1882, 1889-1890
- b. 29 f. 5 Lenox Library readers - Reading room tickets
- b. 29 f. 6 Lenox Library readers - Sample forms and stationary
- b. 29 f. 7 Lenox Library readers - Rules and regulations
- b. 30 Lenox Library readers - Reader's register 1890
- b. 31 f. 1 Daily calendar 1876-1882
- b. 31 f. 2 Daily calendar 1884-1888
- b. 32 Daily calendar 1889-1891

B. I. Ferris Lockwood

- b. 33 f. 1 Correspondence 1893-1895
- b. 33 f. 2 Reports and Minutes - Finance Committee 1894-1895
- b. 34 f. 1 Superintendent's Reports 1893-1895
- b. 34 f. 2 Unsorted files - material on bookplates, cash received, stationary, electrical, wages, etc.
- b. 34 f. 3 Financial records 1893-1895
- b. 34 f. 4 Financial records - Checkbook "A" 1893
- b. 35 f. 1 Financial records - Bids and proposals, unsorted 1892-1895
- b. 35 f. 2 Financial records - Bills, unsorted 1892-1895
- b. 35 f. 3 Bancroft Room Stack Proposal 1896

Series VI. Librarian 1879-1915 (21 linear feet)

After James Lenox, the first Librarian of the Lenox Library was S. Austin Allibone, who held that position from 1879-1888. From 1888 until his death in 1892, Superintendent G. H. Moore was also the defacto librarian, overseeing both administration and acquisitions. Wilberforce Eames, originally hired as an assistant by Moore in 1885, was named assistant Librarian in 1892 and Librarian in 1893.

Allibone's duties were largely bibliographical; he worked on four of the seven volumes of the of the *Contributions to a Catalogue of the Lenox Library*. Eames' responsibilities, however, were more varied and ranging -- assuming both Allibone's bibliographical research and Moore's administrative duties. Eames examined and selected new material, supervised the Lenox staff, and coordinated cataloging and reference services.

In 1895, after the consolidation that formed the New York Public Library, Eames assumed responsibility for the administration of the Lenox building, reporting directly to NYPL Director John Shaw Billings. The title and position of Librarian of the Lenox Library persisted 16 years after the formation of the NYPL, up until the holdings of the Lenox Library were fully integrated with those from the Astor Library. This occurred in 1911, with the opening of the 42nd Street building; in that year Eames became first Chief of the American History Division, which housed the rare book, manuscripts, and map collections.

The material in this series spans the years 1879 to 1915 with the bulk of it falling into the period of Eames' term as Librarian, 1893-1915. It consists of correspondence, letterbooks, monthly reports, manuscript and printed catalogues, address books, memos and scrapbooks. The bulk of this collection has been arranged by incumbent. Also included is a subgroup of General Library Records.

Of Allibone's records (Subseries A) little has survived. Eames' records have been arranged into seven subseries: B. Correspondence, C. Letterbooks, D. Reports, E. Lenox Library Holdings, F. Lenox Library Staff and Building, G. Scrapbooks and H. Catalogs. Eames' correspondence, arranged chronologically, has been divided into internal and external correspondence, reflecting its original order. Correspondents include J.S. Billings, and J.S. Kennedy. Within the subseries Lenox Library Holdings is material relating to the purchase of the libraries of George Bancroft, Charles Kalbfleisch and the Stuart collection of paintings and art works. This subseries also contains a bibliography of Lenox holdings on Venezuela and British Guyana, 1500-1799; along with correspondence relating to their border dispute, ca. 1903-1905.

A. S. Austin Allibone

- b. 36 f. 1 Correspondence
- b. 36 f. 2 Notes
- b. 36 f. 3 Clippings

B. Wilberforce Eames - Correspondence

- b. 36 f. 4 A - M 1892
- b. 37 f. 1 N - Z 1892
- b. 37 f. 2 A - Q 1893
- b. 38 f. 1 R - Z 1893
- b. 38 f. 2 A - C 1894
- b. 39 D - Z 1894
- b. 40 A - M 1895
- b. 41 f. 1 N - Z 1895
- b. 41 f. 2 A - H 1896
- b. 42 f. 1 I - Z 1896
- b. 42 f. 2 A - C 1897
- b. 43 f. 1 D - Z 1897
- b. 43 f. 2 A - O 1898
- b. 44 f. 1 P - Z 1898

Series VI. Librarian (cont.)

B. Wilberforce Eames - Correspondence (cont.)

- b. 44 f. 2 A - Z 1899
- b. 45 f. 1 A - Z 1900
- b. 45 f. 2 A - C 1901
- b. 46 f. 1 D - Z 1901
- b. 46 f. 2 A - L 1902
- b. 47 f. 1 M - Z 1902
- b. 47 f. 2 A - Z 1903
- b. 48 f. 1 A - Z 1904
- b. 48 f. 2 A - M 1905
- b. 49 f. 1 N - Z 1905
- b. 49 f. 2 A - Z 1906
- b. 50 A - Z 1907
- b. 51 f. 1 A - Z 1908
- b. 51 f. 2 A - Z 1909
- b. 52 f. 1 A - Z 1910
- b. 52 f. 2 A - Z 1911
- b. 53 f. 1 A - Z 1912
- b. 53 f. 2 A - Z 1913
- b. 53 f. 3 A - Z 1914
- b. 53 f. 4 A - Z 1915
- b. 53 f. 5 Unsorted 1895-1910
- b. 54 f. 1 Internal correspondence 1894-1897
- b. 54 f. 2 Internal correspondence 1898-June 1902
- b. 55 Internal correspondence July 1902-June 1906
- b. 56 f. 1 Internal correspondence July 1906- Oct. 1911
- b. 56 f. 2 Internal correspondence - unsorted notes 1893-1910
- b. 57 f. 1 Record of letters received 1894

C. Wilberforce Eames - Letterbooks

- v. 1 1892, May 28 - 1894, June 8
- v. 2 1894, May 31 - 1894, Oct. 16
- v. 3 1894, Oct. 19 - 1895, Mar. 23
- v. 4 1895, Mar. 24 - 1896, Jan. 25
- v. 5 1896, Jan. 30 - 1896, Dec. 24
- v. 6 1896, Dec. 31 - 1897, Dec. 21
- v. 7 1897, Dec. 21 - 1899, July 5
- v. 8 1899, July 7 - 1900, Oct. 17
- v. 9 1900, Oct. 18 - 1901, Dec. 14
- v. 10 1901, Dec. 14 - 1903, Feb. 14
- v. 11 1903, Feb. 16 - 1903, Dec. 31
- v. 12 1904, Jan. 6 - 1904, Oct. 3
- v. 13 1904, Oct. 4 - 1905, Apr. 28

Series VI. Librarian (cont.)

C. Wilberforce Eames - Letterbooks (cont.)

- v. 14 1905, Apr. 28 - 1906, Feb. 7
- v. 15 1906, Feb. 8 - 1907, Mar. 16
- v. 16 1907, Mar. 16 - 1908, Feb. 24
- v. 17 1908, Feb. 27 - 1909, Mar. 26
- v. 18 1909, Mar. 26 - 1910, June 22
- v. 19 1910, June 24 - 1912, Feb. 24
- v. 20 1912, Feb. 24 - 1916, Jan. 23

D. Wilberforce Eames - Reports

- b. 57 f. 2 Monthly reports on readers, volumes used, subjects consulted, gallery and exhibit attendance, accessions, Manuscript Department, Shelf Department, staff, donors 1895-1898
- b. 58 Monthly reports on readers, volumes used, subjects consulted, gallery and exhibit attendance, accessions, Manuscript Department, Shelf Department, staff, donors 1893-1896
- b. 59 Monthly reports on readers, volumes used, subjects consulted, gallery and exhibit attendance, accessions, Manuscript Department, Shelf Department, staff, donors 1899-1905
- b. 60 f. 1 Monthly reports on readers, volumes used, subjects consulted, gallery and exhibit attendance, accessions, Manuscript Department, Shelf Department, staff, donors 1906-1911
- b. 60 f. 2 Memoranda for monthly reports 1892, 1894, 1895-1896, 1898-1899
- b. 60 f. 3 Reports on cataloging and classification
- b. 60 f. 4 Unsorted reports and memoranda

E. Wilberforce Eames - Lenox Library Holdings

- b. 61 f. 1 American Statute Laws
- b. 61 f. 2 Art Collections
- b. 61 f. 3 Astor Library transfers
- b. 61 f. 4 Bancroft Collection
- b. 61 f. 5 Deutsch Amerikanishes
- b. 61 f. 6 Fine Arts, Stuart Collection
- b. 61 f. 7 Genealogy and local history reference
- b. 61 f. 8 Government Documents
- b. 61 f. 9 Kalbfleisch books
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