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Guide to the

**Bayard Taylor papers**

1855-1878

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## Summary

**Creator:** Taylor, Bayard, 1825-1878

**Title:** Bayard Taylor papers

**Date:** 1855-1878

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift of John Pierpont Morgan, 1899, with additional gifts and purchases.

**Abstract:** Bayard Taylor (1825-1878) was an American poet, literary critic, translator, and travel writer. His papers consist chiefly of letters and travel essays written to the New York Tribune between October 1856 and December 1857 while on his extensive trip to Northern Europe. These letters were republished in 1857 under the title *Northern Travel: Summer and Winter Pictures*. Also present is correspondence regarding speaking engagements, social matters, a trip to Africa, and the writing and publishing of his work; canceled checks; a detailed "specification for repairing main home at the county seat Cedarcroft of Bayard Taylor, Esq. at Kinnet Square, PA;" an annotated copy of "The Obsequies in Rome;" and a manuscript copy with watercolor illustration of a portion of "Duke Ernst of Saxe-Coburg."

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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**Related Materials:**

Forms part of Ford collection

## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Geographic Names**

Africa -- Description and travel -- 19th century  
Europe -- Description and travel -- 19th century  
Scandinavia -- Description and travel

### **Occupations**

Authors, American -- 19th century

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Checks (bank checks)  
Poems  
Watercolors (paintings)

### **Subjects**

Real property -- Pennsylvania -- Chester County

### **Names**

Ford, Gordon Lester, 1823-1891 -- recipient  
Taylor, Bayard, 1825-1878 -- Correspondence  
New York Herald Tribune (Firm)