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Guide to the

Thomas Paine letters and other material

ca. 1779-1808

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Summary

Creator: Paine, Thomas, 1737-1809

Title: Thomas Paine letters and other material

Date: ca. 1779-1808

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

Source: Gift of John Pierpont Morgan, 1899.

Abstract: Collection includes original and transcribed letters and other material by English-American political theorist Thomas Paine. Original material includes a January 14, 1779, letter to Henry Laurens with an account of "monies rec'd since I have been in America," and a manuscript copy of the poem "Castle in the Air." Transcriptions include the Laurens letter, as well as an 1808 exchange between Paine and London Corresponding Society activist Thomas Hardy.

Access: Advance notice required.

Alternative Form Available: Letters are published in The Complete Writings of Thomas Paine.

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Custodial History

Material was originally received as part of the Ford and Moore collections.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Poems

Occupations

Political scientists -- 18th century

Names

Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928

Laurens, Henry, 1724-1792 -- recipient