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Title Cyrus W. Field Papers

Approximate inclusive dates ³¹ ~~1843~~-1905 (inclusive); 1880-1890 (bulk)

Date of receipt June 22, 1948

Received from

Lord, Day and Lord (H. deforest
Baldwin) gift

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 20 boxes (AB) 8'

Condition Fair--

Restrictions none

Description

The Cyrus W. Field papers consists of **four** series: 1) General Correspondence 2) Business papers 3) Land **papers** 4) Field's estate and financial papers

Cyrus West Field, merchant, capitalist and promoter of the first Atlantic Cable, was born on November 30, 1819 in Stockbridge, Massachusetts to Submit Dickinson and David Dudley Field. Field's business ventures include his own firm the 'Cyrus W. Field & Co.; the New York Elevated Railroad and ownership of The Mail and Express Company. Field owned the latter from 1880-1890, until he had to sell the newspaper to pay off debts from a series of bad investments.

Field is well **known** for the first cable linking the United States with the European continent. This venture failed in 1858, after **working** ^{only} a few days but Field's determination made it a **sucess** in 1865/1866. Field **amassed** a great deal of wealth during his lifetime but through bad **advice, investments** and family problems Field died in bankruptcy on July 12, 1892. Field was survived by several children, his wife Mary Bryon Stone having died a year earlier.

The Papers consists of General Correspondence, **1846-1892;n.d.** mainly incoming regarding business activities. Business **Papers consists** of correspondence; legal and financial documents primarily of: the Atlantic Cable/ Atlantic Telegraph Company; New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company; Western Telegraph Company; New York, New England Railroad Company;

Special Formats Photographs Maps Audio Tapes Films Graphics
 Artifacts Machine-readable records
 Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog **card** added entries

see attached sheets

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Manhattan Elevated; New York Elevated; Metro Elevated Railroad; Field and Day Company; **Lapsley**, Field and Company; Newfoundland Land Company; the Mail and Express Company and various coal and iron companies. Land Papers: New York State, New York City and Massachusetts. Field's estate Papers: wills, claims against Field's **estate and insurance** policies. Financial papers: accounts, account books; funeral **expenses, stocks and** cancelled checks. The remaining materials are inventories of Field estate; notes; maps; papers regarding Major John Andre Monument and James A. Garfield Memorial; miscellaneous; printed material-- and photographs.

CYRUS W. FIELD PAPERS

Container list

Box 1. General Correspondence 1846-1885

2. 1886-1892;n.d.

Business Papers

3. **Atlantic** Cable/Atlantic Telegraph **Company**
Correspondence 1858-1873
contracts

New York, Newfoundland and **London** Telegraph **Company**
Correspondence 1872
Contracts 1867-1881

Western Union Telegraph Company
Correspondence 1881-1884
Contracts, etc. 1870-1885

New York, New **England** Railroad Company
Correspondence 1880-1886
Contracts, etc. **1877-1886;n.d.**

Manhattan Elevated; New York Elevated; Metro Elevated
Railroad.
Correspondence 1877-1889

4. Contracts, etc. **1877-1882;n.d.**
Financial statements **1880-1889;n.d.**

Various railroad companies (including Oregon and **Trans-**
Continental Railroad)

5. Field and Day **Company**
Balance sheets **1880-1881**

Lapsley, Field and Company
Correspondence; balance sheets 1880-1889

Newfoundland Land Company 1875-1886

Mail and Express **Company** (newspaper) 1880-1890

Coal and Iron companies-various
financial and legal documents 1860-1891

Maps-coal sites
watercolor **(2)**; blueprints **(3)**

Business Papers

- Box 6. Field and **Lindley Company**
land papers 1888-1890 (note flat oversize **box**)

Land Papers

7. New York State: Westchester County
Correspondence 1868-1891
land and legal **papers 1834-1885**
8. **1886-1895;n.d.**
miscellaneous; maps
9. **Croton Aqueduct Papers**
Correspondence 1886-1887
legal papers 1882-1888
maps: watercolor **(2)**; printed **material**
- New York City
Correspondence; financial and legal **papers** c. 1880
- Massachusetts Papers
Correspondence; financial and legal **papers** , 1851-1888

Field's Estate **Papers/** Claims **against** Field's estate

- Wills of Mary S. field, 1877-1892
10. Wills of Cyrus W. Field, ~~1891-1905~~
Settlement of estate of C.W. Field, 1891-1905
Papers regarding the **settlement** of C.W. Field's estate,
1889-1904
11. **Amzi** L. Barber. Correspondence 1897-1900; Papers
1895-1900
12. Cases against Field estate
C.W. Field vs. Henry & Marcia F. Butler; the
Ardsley Co., 1891-1892
- Romulus** R. Colgate vs. executors of C.W. Field's
estate, 1893-1894
- John V. **Cockcroft** vs. C.W. Field 1891-1893
- Jennie Hesse** vs. executors of C.W. Field's estate, 1894-1895
- Daniel **Lord** & Franklin B. executors of C.W. **FIELD's**
estate vs. Abram S. Hewitt, 1892-1893
- J. P. Morgan et al vs. ~~Raphael E. Minster et al~~;
estate, 1892-1893
- Frederick Stone vs. executors of Field's estate, 1893-1895
- Sutherland **Tenney** vs. "-----, 1892-1894
- George Waddington vs. "-----, 1892-1902

- Box 13.** Cases against Field estate
George **Weichers** vs. Central Transit Co., & Field's
estate, 1892-1896
Claims against his estate-releases
14. **Assorted legal papers**
Insurance **policies**; stock; assorted papers 1851-1896
15. **Passport-C.W. Field**
C.W. Field as executor of Henrietta B. estate, 1869-1891
" " John H. Cyrus Field, 1852-1889
- Estate financial **papers**/ financial papers
Accounts, receipts. funeral expenses
Insurance claims paid-estate
Accounts, receipts; estimates of expenses, 1843-1882
16. 1883-1892; account **books**
17. **n.d.; cancelled** checks
18. Cancelled checks
19. Inventory of **Cyrus** Field's estate (houses in NYC and
Irvington, NY)
20. Inventory... of furniture in Old Carriage house, etc.
Notes on the Field family
Major John **André** Monument **papers**
James A. Garfield Memorial papers
Miscellaneous Papers
20. Miscellaneous Papers
Printed Material
Photographs