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Accession # *88 M 12

Location 3-e-5

Title Ford Family. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1833-1910

Date of receipt Unknown

Received from Ford Family

Volume on arrival Unknown

Number of boxes (after reboxing) ⁸/₇ AB - 3½ linear feet

Condition Good

Restrictions None

Description

(SEE ATTACHED SHEETS)

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

Temporary catalog card added entries

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Accessioned by

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Date

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Biographical Note

The collection described here represents the papers of three generations of Ford family members which are not separately accessioned. The Gordon Lester Ford (1823-1891) of the Gordon L. Ford Papers was a businessman, lawyer, a prominent collector of Americana, and a resident of Brooklyn, New York. The collection incorporates papers of Gordon Ford's father, Lester Ford (1798-1888) of Lebanon, Connecticut, of his mother, Eliza Burnham Ford (d.1834), and of his stepmother, Lucy Burnham Ford (cousin to Eliza). Burnham papers include those of Gordon Burnham (1803-1885), brother of Eliza, who at the time of her death took her son Gordon into his New York City home and business. Mrs. Farrer, née Annie McLane, who figures in the collection, was a relative of the Burnham family. In addition, there are papers of Gordon Ford's siblings, Marcia, Eliza, William, and Henry B. Ford. Eliza Ford (d. ca.1886), a schoolteacher, worked in Brooklyn for many years. The bulk of the collection is material of four children of Gordon Ford; Kathleen Ford Turle (b.1856), Rosalie Ford Barr (b.1859), Mabel Ford Mayo-Smith (b.1863), and Malcolm Webster Ford (1862-1902), a successful amateur athlete of his day. Along with that of Gordon Ford there are separate collections for his wife Emily Fowler Ford (1826-1893) and the rest of their children, Worthington (1858-1941), Paul (1865-1902), and Emily Ford Skeel (1867-1958). The accession records of these collections contain further biographical information. Also it must be noted that some of the early correspondence of the Gordon L. Ford Papers overlaps with early Ford family correspondence.

*Also, Fowler and Chauncey family letters & documents
esp. corresp of Wm. C. Fowler & Harriet Fowler*

Scope and Content

The Ford Family Papers consist of these series; Ford Correspondence, Burnham Correspondence, General and Unidentified Correspondence, Personal and Family Papers, Notes and Memoranda, Unidentified Papers, and Printed Matter.

Series Description

The Ford Correspondence (1833-1910) consists of family letters along with a few letters of a more general nature. Letters from a family member marked "to family" are filed here. Other letters include those of Eliza and Lucy Burnham Ford. Burnham Correspondence (1834-1864) includes letters of Gordon Burnham and Annie McClane. General and Unidentified Correspondence (1833-1906) contains letters found among these papers whose sender or receiver cannot be determined. Some letters addressed to "Mr. Ford", "Sir", etc. are filed here. Also included are letters of individuals who are apparently unrelated to the Ford family. Other documents are unidentified fragments of letters. Personal and Family Papers contain juvenalia, school records, and memoranda of activities of Malcolm Ford and his sisters. Also here are various calling cards and ephemera. Notes and Memoranda consist of ephemera, either not of a personal nature or only indirectly concerned with the Fords. Some unsigned notes are included; some of these may, on further examination, be found to be in the hand of Gordon or Worthington Ford. Unidentified Papers consist of short writings and documents whose place in the collection is unclear. The collection ends with unsorted Printed Matter.

Added: Chauncey and Fowler family correspondence + documents.

FORD FAMILY PAPERS

CONTAINER LIST

Box

Contents

	Ford Correspondence
1	1833-1910, nd
	Burnham Correspondence
2	1834-1864, nd
	General and Unidentified Correspondence
3	1833-1906, nd
4	Personal and Family Papers; Notes and Memoranda
5	Notes and Memoranda; Unidentified Papers
6	Printed Matter (Clippings)
7	Printed Matter

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*Chauncey - Fowler family ~~papers~~ Papers
(esp. corresp of William C. Fowler
and Harriet Fowler).*

Ford Family Papers in Oversize Box XX-1:

One folder containing 4 items:

Illustrated certificate of thanks to Gordon Ford from the Committee on the Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration of George Washington. Dated July 4, 1889.

Harriet French Ford. Diploma from New Haven High School, April 16, 1885.

Certificate made out to Paul Leicester Ford for one share of stock in the Yorktown Centennial Association. Celebrating the surrender of Cornwallis 1781/1881. Illustrated.

Certificate made out to Worthington C. Ford for one share of stock in the Yorktown Centennial Association. Celebrating the surrender of Cornwallis 1781/1881. Illustrated.