

**The New York Public Library
Humanities and Social Sciences Library
Manuscripts and Archives Division**

**Richard John Levy and Sally Waldman Sweet
Collection, 1766-1935**

**Jim Moske
September, 2001**

Table of Contents

SUMMARY	3
PROVENANCE NOTE	4
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE	4
ARRANGEMENT NOTE	4
CONTAINER LIST	5

Summary

- Main Entry:** Levy, Richard John, collector
- Title:** Richard John Levy and Sally Waldman Sweet Collection, 1766-1935
- Size:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes)
- Source:** Gift of Mr. And Mrs. Morris Sweet, December 13, 2000.
- Abstract:** The Richard John Levy and Sally Waldman Sweet Collection contains letters and documents signed by prominent political figures, military leaders, authors and scientists. The date span of the collection is from 1766-1935. Notable individuals include Susan B. Anthony, Robert Browning, Henry Clay, Charles Darwin, George Gissing, Ernest Hemingway, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, James Madison, James Monroe, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, George Washington, Daniel Webster and Woodrow Wilson.
- Access:** Collection is open for research.

Provenance Note

According to Sally Waldman Sweet, the items in this collection were acquired primarily by her first husband, Richard John Levy, and mostly by purchase from various manuscript dealers and auction houses. The donors reported that they added no items to the collection for several decades prior to its acquisition by The New York Public Library in 2000.

Scope and Content Note

The Richard John Levy and Sally Waldman Sweet Collection contains letters and documents signed by prominent political figures, military leaders, authors and scientists. The date span of the collection is from 1766-1935, with the bulk of the items being from the 19th century. Notable individuals include Susan B. Anthony, Robert Browning, Henry Clay, Charles Darwin, George Gissing, Ernest Hemingway, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, James Madison, James Monroe, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, George Washington, Daniel Webster and Woodrow Wilson. There are many items of exceptional content, such as a letter by Thomas Jefferson regarding financial support for a female slave freed by Jefferson's lifelong friend George Wythe, a letter by Robert Browning on the subject of Darwinism, a letter by Charles Darwin concerning his book *On The Origin of Species* and a letter by Susan B. Anthony on women's suffrage.

Arrangement Note

Items are arranged alphabetically by the last name of the author or signer. Box 2 Folder 27 contains letters and envelopes regarding Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War period, but does not include any items written or signed by Lincoln himself.

Container List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
1	1	Adams, John, 1797 Dec 05 (DS, appointing Thomas Crofts as Consul, Port of Bordeaux. Also signed by Secretary of State Timothy Pickering.)
2	1	Adams, John Quincy, 1784 Dec 15 (ALS, 3 pp., to the Hon. Richard Crouch describing the situation in Europe, from France.)
	2	Adler, Alfred, 1935 (AMs, 4 pp., "Bankrupts of Love" and ALS, 1 p., to William Viereck.)
	3	Anthony, Susan B., 1880 Mar 16 (ALS, 5 pp., to Senator H. B. Anthony regarding suffrage, from Rochester, NY.)
	4	Behring, Emil Von, 1895 (ALS, 4 pp.)
	5	Bell, Alexander Graham, 1883 Oct 29 (ALS, 2 pp., to the father of a deaf boy, from Washington.)
	6	Browning, Robert, 1881 Oct 11 (ALS, 4 pp., to "My Dear Furnivall" regarding Charles Darwin and Darwinism, from Venice.)
	7	Buchanan, James, 1841 Jan 19, 29 (ALS, 1 p., to Col. C. W. Gooch, regarding business and politics with statement of accounts signed by Gooch.)
		Chase, Salmon P. (See Box 1 Folder 4)
	8	Clay, Henry, 1842 Jul 11, 1847 Mar 01, 1848 Sep 12 (3 ALS, 1 p. each and 1 envelope, regarding Presidential nominations, American manufacturing and the tariff.)
	9	Cleveland, Grover, 1902 Oct 21 (ALS, 3 pp., regarding New York state politics.)
	10	Curie, Marie, 1908 Jan 12 (ALS, 1 p., from Paris.)
	11	Custer, George Armstrong, 1858 Feb 02 (AL, signature cut out, 4 pp., to Mollie, from West Point.)
	12	Darwin, Charles, 1860 Oct 20 (ALS, 4pp., to Mr. Thwaite, referring to <i>On The Origin of Species</i> .)
	13	Ehrlich, Paul, 1898 - 1900 (2 ALS, 4pp. total and 2 postcards signed. Regarding medical tests.)
	14	Farragut, David G., 1863 Mar 07 (LS, retained copy with initialed postscript, 1p., to Admiral Foote at New Orleans from U.S. Flag Ship Hartford, regarding arrival of recruits.)
	15	Frazer, James G., 1888 Aug 13 (ALS, 4 pp., to Prof. Mason.)
	16	Fremont, John C., 1888 Aug 16 (ALS, 2 pp., to Col. De Arnaud.)
	17	Gissing, George, 1880 - 1895 (13 ALS, 52 pp. total, to his brother Algernon, mostly regarding his writings and books.)
	18	Grant, Ulysses S., 1884 Nov 12 (ALS, 3 pp., with typed transcript, to Marcus J. Wright regarding his <i>Memoirs</i> , from New York.)
	19	Hamilton, Alexander, 1790 Jan 27, 1793 Aug 04 (1 printed leaflet signed, 3 pp. and 1 written circular signed, 1 p., both to Collectors of Customs.)
	20	Hancock, John, 1766 Jul 31 (DS, 1 p. separated into two pieces. Receipt regarding interest to John Jeffries.)
	21	Helmholtz, Hermann Von, 1868 Nov 01 (ALS, 2 pp.)
	22	Hemingway, Ernest, ca. 1915, ca. 1920, ca. 1932 (3 items: Oak Park and River Forest High School chemistry lab experiment form filled out in ink and pencil, 1p. ; AL, 5 pp., unfinished or incomplete letter to unidentified recipient; AMs, 1p., from the manuscript of <i>Death in the Afternoon</i> containing a passage not included in the printed book.)
	23	Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1888 Oct 10 (ALS, 3 pp., regarding his views on hygiene.)

- 24 Jackson, Andrew, 1824 Mar 27 (ALS, 1 p., to Mr. Lee regarding dispute about captured property, from Washington.)
- 2 25 Jefferson, Thomas, 1780 Jul 01, 1807 Apr 18 (ANS, 1 p., to Mr. Short regarding a court case, from Richmond; ALS, 1 p., to Messrs. Gibson and Jefferson regarding financial assistance to a freed woman slave, from Monticello)
- 1 2 Jefferson, Thomas, 1807 Apr 20 (DS, sea letter for the Brig Active signed by Jefferson and James Madison.)
- 3 Johnson, Andrew, 1869 Feb 11 (DS, 3 pp., separated at horizontal fold. Regarding pardon of a prisoner at Albany, also signed by William Seward)
- 2 26 Koch, Robert, 1902 Apr 26(ALS, 4 pp., from Berlin.)
- 1 4 Lincoln, Abraham, 1861 Jul 29 (DS, appointing William B. Farwell as Naval Officer for District of San Francisco, also signed by Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase.)
- 2 27 [Lincoln, Abraham], 1864 - 1865 (Political cover printed with Union Party slogans; 3 ALS, 10 pp. total, with envelopes, from U.S. citizens regarding Lincoln's death and end of the Civil War.
- 28 Lister, Joseph, 1897 Oct 23 (ALS, 4 pp., to Prof. Macalister regarding medical theories.)
- 29 Madison, James, 1800 Oct 23, [1827] Jul 17 (2 ALS, 3 pp. total, to John Mercer regarding 1800 election; to Dolly Madison regarding domestic matters. See Box 1 Folder 2 for another Madison item.)
- 30 Marconi, Guglielmo, 1929 Mar 19 (TLS, 1 p., to a boy studying wireless, from Los Angeles.)
- 31 Marshall, John, 1788 Feb 03, 1828 Apr 07 (2 ALS, 5 pp. total, to Charles Lee regarding business accounts, from Richmond; to a nephew on business affairs, from Richmond.)
- 32 Monroe, James, 1804 Dec 20, 1813 Apr 28, 1825 Dec 28 (3 items: ALS, 2 pp., to Sen. John Breckenridge, from Bayonne, France; DS, 4 pp. leaflet, to Collector of Customs in Baltimore regarding an appointment; ALS, 3 pp., on a political matter, from Oak Hill.)
- 33 Morse, Samuel F. B., 1849 Feb 02 (ALS, 3 pp., to William M. Goodrich regarding telegraph and cases of "telegraph failures," from New Orleans.)
- 34 Ogle, G. B., 1851 - 1857 (Pocket letter book, 18 pp., 4 newsletters with printed pages and containing 2 ALS; all items concerning San Francisco and the Gold Rush.)
- 35 Osler, William, [1908] (ALS, 2 pp., to Mr. Everett)
- 36 Pasteur, Louis, 1886, 1888 (2 ALS, 1 p. each, and one envelope.)
- Pickering, Timothy (See Box 1 Folder 1)
- 37 Polk, James K., 1840 Apr 17 (ALS, 2 pp., to Col. Laughlin, from Nashville.)
- 38 Roosevelt, Franklin D., 1931 May 02 (TLS, 1 p., to John Tazewell Jones regarding stamp and book collection, from Albany.)
- 39 Roosevelt, Theodore, 1912 - 1913 (3 items: TLS, 1 p., with envelope, to Theodore Morgan regarding upcoming political convention; TLS, 2 pp., to Governor William Sulzer regarding election reform and impeachment proceedings against Sulzer; TLS, 2 pp., from Sulzer to Max Hirsch.)
- 40 Ross, Ronald, 1902 - 1931 (6 ALS and 1 photostat copy.)
- 41 Rush, Benjamin, 1803 Apr 06 (ALS, 3 pp., to his daughter Mary regarding a settlement of money on her move to Canada, from Philadelphia.)
- Seward, William (See Box 1 Folder 3.)

- 42 Sherman, William Tecumseh, 1885 Aug 25 (ALS, 4 pp., to Charles Braden regarding a mutual military friend, from West Point.)
- 2 43 Stephens, Alexander H., 1849 Sep 07 (ALS, 3 pp., to Mr. Crawford regarding politics, from Crawfordville, Georgia.)
Sulzer, William (See Box 2 Folder 39)
- 44 Virchow, Rudolf, 1846 - 1849 (4 ALS, 12 pp. total)
- 45 Washington, George, 1786 Sep 06, 1799 May 05 (2 items: DS, 1 p. separated at horizontal fold, receipt for cash paid for bills made out and signed by Richardson Stuart, Potomack Company; ALS, 2 pp., to Secretary of War James H. McHenry, from Mount Vernon.)
- 46 Webster, Daniel, 1830 Dec 21, 1849 Oct 25 (2 items: ALS, 2 1/2 pp., to Joseph Story regarding politics; ALS, 2 pp., on social and political matters.)
- 47 Webster, Noah, 1830 Dec 21 (ALS, 2 pp., to his wife, from Washington.)
- 48 Whitney, Eli, Feb 09 (ALS, 3 pp., to Congressman Timothy Pitkin regarding a bill concerning the manufacture of arms, from New Haven.)
- 49 Wilson, Woodrow, 1907 Aug 08 (TMsS, 3 pp., An essay or speech on his theory of government.)