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Guide to the
David Ames Wells papers
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Summary

Creator: Wells, David Ames, 1828-1898

Title: David Ames Wells papers, 1847-1895

Size: .5 linear foot (2 boxes)

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Abstract: David Ames Wells was an engineer, economist, textbook author, and advocate for lower tariff rates. This collection contains correspondence with Gordon L. Ford, Worthington C. Ford, and others; clippings; a manuscript draft of Protection: The Poor Man's Friend; and a lecture Wells delivered on free trade in 1882

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Arrangement

The David Ames Wells papers are organized into the following series:

- I. Correspondence
 - I.A. General correspondence
 - I.B. Correspondence with Gordon L. Ford
 - I.C. Letters to Worthington C. Ford
 - I.D. Letters to Paul L. Ford, undated
- II. Writings
- III. Clippings

Key terms

Subjects

Free trade -- 19th century

Occupations

Economists -- 19th century

Names

Wells, David Ames, 1828-1898

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I.A. General correspondence

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I.B. Correspondence with Gordon L. Ford

- b.1 f.11-12 1871-1888
- b.2 Postcards, 1879-1891, undated
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I.C. Letters to Worthington C. Ford

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- b.2 f.6-7 Undated

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II. Writings

- b.2 f.9 *Free Trade Essential to Future National Prosperity and Development*
Lecture delivered February 8, 1882 at the Young Men's Democratic Club and Revenue Reform Club
- b.2 f.10 *Protection: The Poor Man's Friend*
Manuscript, with corrections by Worthington Chauncey Ford
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