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Accession # \*89M25

Location 27-N-5

Title New York Tribune. Gordon L. Ford Records,

Approximate inclusive dates 1858-1885; (1870s, bulk).

Date of receipt ca. 1902

Received from Ford family

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 5 boxes, 1 scrapbook. 2.5 linear ft.

Condition Good. Some letters are fragile; scrapbook is fragile and should be handled carefully.

Restrictions

Description

The New York Tribune was founded in 1841 by Horace Greeley, who served as its editor until his death in 1872. Whitelaw Reid was editor from 1872 until 1905. In 1924 the Tribune merged with the New York Herald - which had previously merged with the New York Sun - to form the New York Herald Tribune. The paper is now defunct.

Gordon Lester Ford, 1823-1891, lawyer and bibliographer, was the New York Tribune's business manager from 1873 to 1881, under the editorship of Whitelaw Reid.

DESCRIPTION:

These Tribune records were separated from the papers of Gordon Lester Ford. The bulk of the collection consists of letters, 1867-1880 (mostly January, 1875), from readers ordering subscriptions and special Tribune publications. Some concern the placement of advertisements and notices.

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

Temporary catalog card added entries

Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912

Ford, Gordon Lester, 1823-1891

de Annas y Cespedes, Jose

New York Associated Press (New York, N.Y.)

Newspapers

American newspapers

Accessioned by J. Miller

Date March 3, 1989

Most of the letters are numbered - each year begins a new sequence - and the numbers do not always correspond with chronological order. A group of letters found unsorted appears to be the remnants of A and B files. These have been maintained separately within each folder.

The rest of the Tribune records consists of: cancelled checks, 1863-1872 (some with Whitelaw Reid's signature); clippings of articles and cartoons; contracts, including one between the Tribune Association and Jose de Armas y Cespedes, 1873, to produce a Spanish language Tribuna de Nueva York; financial statements and accounts, 1872-1873 and n.d.; mortgages and leases, 1875-1876; promotional letters, 1877-1878, signed by Reid, sent to increase the newspaper's circulation and promote the Republican Party's candidate for president; letters and clippings, 1878, concerning the premium of a Webster's dictionary offered to subscribers; and correspondence, 1858-1885. The correspondence, largely from the 1870s, is among Tribune staff members (a significant amount is between Reid and Ford), and with readers, advertisers, and others. It concerns, business, personnel, and editorial matters; the 1877 strike; and matters relating to the Tribune Building. Included among the letters are notes, memoranda, some additional financial documents, meeting notices of the New York Associated Press, 1878 and 1880 (Ford was the secretary), and minutes of an April 10, 1877 staff meeting. Two folders of editorial correspondence, 1870-1880, of Whitelaw Reid are included.

Also included is a certificate of appreciation presented to Thomas N. Rooker, January 1, 1876, by his colleagues on the Tribune staff, and a large volume listing staff assignments of the City Department, March 25, 1867 - March 25, 1868. A City Department staff directory is on the first page.

New York Tribune - Container list

Box

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|   | <u>Subscription letters, 1867-1880; n.d.</u> |
| 1 | 1867; 1870-1874                              |
|   | <u>January, 1875</u>                         |
| 1 | Nos. 1980-2899                               |
| 2 | 2900-3999                                    |
| 3 | 4000-4799                                    |
| 4 | 4800-5599; 9459                              |
| 5 | 1875 (excluding January)-1880; n.d.          |
| 5 | <u>New York Tribune records, 1858-1885</u>   |

City Department volume, 1867-1868 - shelved with the collection

Thomas N. Rooker certificate of appreciation, January 1, 1876 - in oversized  
box N.