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Summary

Main Entry: Ruth and Herman Vollmer

Title: Collection. 17th-20th centuries; 1922-1959

Size: 1.5 linear ft. (7 boxes)

Source: Gift of Estate of Ruth Vollmer

Restrictions: None

Description: The autograph collection consists of manuscript letters, documents, musical scores, photographs, and other papers of European, British, and American composers, musicians, authors, novelists, poets, playwrights, historians, philosophers, painters, sculptors, scientists, physician, politicians, statesmen, royalty, and others spanning the period from the 17th to the 20th centuries. The family correspondence (1922-1959) which is in German includes correspondence of the Vollmers (scattered in the autograph collection), and correspondence of Ruth Vollmer with family and friends in Europe just prior to the outbreak of World War II.

Biographical Note

Hermann Vollmer was a pediatric physician of German-Jewish origin who practiced pediatric medicine in Heidelberg, Germany in the early 1920s. By the late 1930s he and his wife Ruth Vollmer (née Landshoff) had emigrated to the United States and settled in New York City. The Vollmers were evidently well acquainted socially as evidenced by their correspondence with many distinguished persons in the arts and sciences. Ruth Vollmer, a sculptress, was the daughter of the German conductor, musicologist, and editor Ludwig Landshoff (1874-1941). Ruth Vollmer, who died in January of 1982, bequeathed to the Library her husband's autograph collection.

Scope & Content Note

The autograph collection consists of manuscript letters, documents, musical scores, photographs, and other papers of European, British, and American composers, musicians, authors, novelists, poets, playwrights, historians, philosophers, painters, sculptors, scientists, physician, politicians, statesmen, royalty, and others spanning the period from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Composers represent the strongest category (55 items), followed by novelists (37), poets (30), painters (27), authors (20), and physicians (19). The most outstanding item in the collection is a fragment (1 p.) musical score attributed to Mozart. Several letters from literary figures are addressed to Harvey Breit of *The New York Times Book Review*, a friend of the Vollmers. Many letters by painters are addressed to Kurt Valentin who appears to have been an art dealer. There are several letters by prominent persons, addressed to the Vollmers. The manuscripts are filed in cellophane envelopes in six loose-leaf binders and are described in alphabetical order on a 27 p. preliminary listing. The family correspondence (1992-1959) which is in German includes correspondence of the Vollmers (scattered in the autograph collection), and correspondence of Ruth Vollmer with family and friends in Europe just prior to the outbreak of World War II. The correspondence reflects in part the efforts of Ludwig Landshoff to obtain permission from the French government to reside in Paris in order to escape persecution as a Jew in his native Germany. There are also 68 letters in German from the musicologist Alfred Einstein (180-1952) addressed to Philippine Landshoff, wife of Ludwig Landshoff. These letters are personal and social in nature and relate in part to the publication of works by Landshoff after his death in 1941. Present also are two volumes of facsimiles of French historical manuscripts.

Arrangement Note

- I. Autographs
- II. Family Correspondence
- III. Facsimiles of French Historical Manuscripts

Box Listing

Box

	Autographs
1	A-E
2	F-K
3	L-O
4	P-S
5	T-Z
6	Oversized items
7	Family correspondence Facsimiles of French historical manuscripts (2 vols.)

Autograph List

NOTE: THIS IS A NAME LISTING ONLY. FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REFER TO INVENTORY IN ROOM 328.

Box 1

Abderhalden, Emil, 1877-

Abt, Isaac A.

Albrecht [of Rostock]

Albufera, Duchess d' [wife of Louis Gabriel Suchet, 177-1826]

Arago, François, 1786-1853

Armitage, Merle, 1893-

Aronson, Boris

Arp, Hans, 1887-

Auber, Daniel François Esprit, 1782-1871

Auden, Wystan Hugh, 1907-1973

Bach, Philippe Emmanuel [son of Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750]

Balzac, Honoré de, 1794-1850

Barbier, Marie Louisa [wife of Paul Jones Barbier, 1825-1901?]

Barbusse, Henri, 1873-1935

Barry, Jeanne du, SEE: du Barry, Comtesse

Bartholmé, Paul Albert, 1848-1928

Beauharnais, Eugénie Hortense de, 1783-1837

Becker, John

Beckman, Max, 1884-1950

Beer-Hofmann, Richard, 1866-1945

Behring, Emil von, 1854-1917

Benes, Eduard, 1884-1948

Beranger, Pierre Jean de, 1780-1857

Bergson, Henri Louis, 1859-1941

Berlin, Irving, 1888-

Berlioz, Hector, 1803-1969

Bernard, Claude, 1813-1878

Bernhardt, Sarah, 1844-1923
Berryer, Pierre Antoine, 1790-1868
Bieber, Margarete
Billroth, Theodor, 1829-1894
Bismarck, Otto Eduard Leopold von, 1815-1898
Bjornson, Bjornstjerne, 1832-1910
Blumenthal, Ph.
Boieldieu, François Adrien, 1775-1834
Bonaparte, Charles Lucien Jules Laurent, 1803-1857
[Bonaparte, Jérôme, 1784-1860]
Bosquet, Pierre François Joseph
Boulanger, George Ernst Jean Marie, 1837-1891
Brahms, Johannes, 1833-1897
Braque, Georges, 1882-
Braun, Felix, 1885-
Brecht, Bertolt, 1898-
Browning, Elizabeth Barrett, 1806-1881
Browning, Gordon
Brown-Sequard, Charles Edward, 1817-1894
Brunetière, Ferdinand, 1849-1906
Buber, Martin, 1878-
Bunsen, Christian Karl Josias von, 1791-1860
Busch, Wilhelm, 1832-1908
Busoni, Ferruccio Benvenuto, 1866-1924
Byron, Lady Noel [née Annabella Milbanke]
Cage, John Milton, 1912-
Calder, Alexander, 1898-
Cambon, Jules, 1845-1935
Camerarius, Joachim, 1500-1574
Caproni, Gianni, 1886-
Carlyle, G. Welsh [wife of Thomas Carlyle]
Carlyle, Thomas, 1795-1881
Casals, Pablo, 1876-
Catherine de Medicis, 1519-1589
Charcot, Jean Martin, 1825-1893
Chargoff, Erwin
Charles X (of France), 1757-1836
Cherubini, Maria Luigi Carlo Zenobio Salvatore, 1760-1842
Chevreul, Michel Eugène, 1786-1889
Churchill, Winston Leonard Spencer, 1874-
Clarétie, Jules, 1840-1913
Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1835-1910
Cochin, Augustin Denys Marie, 1876-1916
Cocteau, Jean, 1891-
Connolly, Cyril, 1903-
Conrad, Joseph, 1857-1924

Cooper, James Fenimore, 1789-1856
Corti, Gerty Theresa, 1896-
Cortot, Alfred (Denis), 1877-
Cowell, Henry Dixon, 1897-1965
Crump, Edward Hull, 1876-
Dafoe, Allan Roy, 1883-1943
D'Annunzio, Gabriele, 1863-1938
Daubigny, Charles François, 1917-1878
Daudet, Alphonse, 1840-1897
Dean, Abner
Debré, Robert
Delacroix, Ferdinand Victor Eugène, 1799-1863
Delibes, Clément Philibert Léo, 1863-1891
Demeur, Anne Charton, 1824-1892
Doerr, Robert, 1871-
Domagk, Gerhard, 1888-
du Barry, Comtesse, 1746-1793
Dukas, Paul, 1865-1935
Dumas, Alexandre, 1802-1870
Dupuytren, Guillaume, 1777-1835
Duran, Carolus, 1837-1917
Dvorak, Antonio, 1841-1904
Edison, Thomas Alva, 1847-1931
Ehrlich, Paul, 1854-1915
Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955
Elgar, (Sir) Edward William, 1857-1934
Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974
Ellis, Havelock, 1859-1939
Encken (?), R.
Enders, John F.
Evans, Walker, 1903-

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Falla, Manuel de, 1876-1946
Faraday, Michael
Fauré, Gabriel, 1845-1924
Febre, Frederic, 1835-1916
Feininger, Lyonel Charles Adrian, 1871-
Finkelstein, Heinrich, 1865-1942
Flagstad, Kirsten, 1895-
Flanagan, John, 1865-1952
Flaubert, Gustave, 1821-1880
Flotow, Baron Friedrich von, 1812-1883
Foncieres, Victorin
Fontane, Theodor, 1819-1898

Forster, Edward Morgan, 1879-
Fouché, Joseph, 1763-1820
Fould, Achille, 1800-1867
Foushimi, Tadanaru
Fowler, Gene, 1890-
France, Anatole, 1844-1924
Frederick II (of Prussia), 1712-1786
Freud, Lucian
Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939
Froehlich, Alfred, 1871-
Gajani, Guglielmo
Gandhi, Mohandas Karamchand, 1869-1948
Garani, [?]
Garbo, Greta, 1906-
Gauss, Karl Friedrich, 1777-1855
Gautier, Théophile, 1811-1872
Gavarni, Paul, 1804-1866
Gay-Lussac, Joseph Louis, 1778-1850
George, Stefan, 1869-1933
Gershwin, George, 1898-1937 (removed to Box 6)
Giacometti, Alberto, 1901-
Gide, André, 1869-1951
Giordani, Pietro, 1774-1848
Gleichen-Russwurm, Baron von
Godowsky, Leopold
Goldstein, Kurt, 1876-
Goncourt, Edmond Louis Antoine Huot de, 1822-1896
Goncourt, Jules Alfred Huot de, 1830-1870
Gorki, Maxim, 1868-1936
Gottes, Earl Philip von (removed to Box 6)
Gounod, Charles François, 1818-1893
Graf Zeppelin
Grant, Ulysses Simpson, 1822-1885
Grieg, Edward Hagerup, 1843-1907
Grimm, Jakob Ludwig Karl, 1785-1863
Grimm, Wilhelm Karl, 1786-1859
Grosz, George, 1893-
Hahn, Otto, 1879-
Hahnemann, Samuel Christian Friedrich, 1755-1843
Halévy, Joseph, 1827-1917
Hammerstein, Oscar
Hamsun, Knut, 1859-1952
Hare, Jacqueline
Hausenstein, Wilhelm
Hegel, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich, 1770-1831
Heine, Heinrich, 1797-1856

Hemingway, Ernest, 1898-1961
Henry IV (of France), 1553-1610
Herder, Johann Gottfried von, 1744-1803
Hess, Alfred S.
Hillebrand, Karl
Hindemith, Paul, 1895-
Hinrichsen, Walter
Hoover, Herbert Clark, 1874-1964
Hoyle, Fred
Huch, Ricarda, 1864-1947
Hugo, Victor Marie, 1802-1885
Humboldt, Baron Alexander von, 1769-1859
Hume, David, 1711-1776
Humperdinck, Engelbert, 1854-1921
Husserl, Edmund, 1859-1938
Ibsen, Henrik, 1828-1906
Ingres, Jean Auguste Dominique, 1780-1867
Isabella II (of Spain), 1830-1904
Ives, Charles Edward (removed to Box 6)
Jackson, Charles
James, Henry, 1843-1916
James, Francis, 1868-1938
Jones, Robert Edmond, 1887-
Joyce, James, 1882-1941
Kaiser, Georg, 1878-1945
Karr, (Jean Baptiste) Alphonse, 1808-1890
Kipling, Rudyard, 1865-1936
Knaths, Karl
Koch, Robert, 1843-1910
Kodály, Zoltán, 1882-
Koestler, Arthur, 1905-
Kokoschka, Oskar, 1886-
Koneakin, Prince
Konoye, (Prince) Fumimard
Kramer, E.
Krenek, Ernst, 1900-
Kupka, Frantisek, 1871-

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[Labat?], Louis
Lafayette, Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert du Motier de, 1757-1834
Lafitte, Jacques, 1767-1844
Lalo, Édouard Victor Antoine, 1823-1892
Lamartine, Alphonse Marie Joseph de Prat de, 1790-1869
Landauer, Gustav

Landowska, Wanda
Landshoff, Ludwig (removed to Box 6)
Lange, F
Laplace, Pierre Simon de, 1749-1827
Larnet-Holania, Alex
Laska-Schuler, Else
Laube, Heinrich, 1806-1884
Lavater, Johann Kaspar, 1741-1801
Lechter, Melchior
Le Corbusier [Charles Édouard Jeanneret], 1877-
Leibowitz, René
Lichtwitz, Leopold, 1876-1943
Liebig, Baron Justus von, 1803-1873
Li Huang-Chang, c.823-1901
Lilienthal, David Eli, 1899-
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
Lipmann, Fritz Albert, 1899-
Liszt, Franz, 1811-1886 (removed to Box 6)
Loewi, Otto, 1873-
Lombroso, Cesaire, 1836-1909
Loti, Pierre, 1850-1923
Louis XIII (of France), 1601-1643
Louis XVI (of France), 1754-1793
Loyson, Charles [called Père Hyacinthe], 1827-1912
Lunnière(?), Louis
Luther, Martin, 1483-1546
McKellar, Kenneth Douglas, 1869-
Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911
Mahler-Werfel, Alma
Malesherbes, Chrétien Guillaume de Lamoignon de, 1721-1794
Mamiani della Rovere, Count Terenzio, 1799-1885
Manet, Édouard, 1833-1883
Mann, Thomas, 1875-
Marcks, Gerhardt
Marini, Marino
Marquand, John Phillips, 1893-1960
Martinů, Bohuslav Jan, 1890-
Marx, Karl, 1818-1883
Masereel, Frans, 1889-
Massenet, Jules Émile Frédéric, 1849-1912
Masson, André, 1896-
Matisse, Pierre
Maugham, W. Somerset, 1874-1965
Maupassant, Guy de, 1850-1893
Meissner, Otto, 1880-1953
Mendelssohn, Felix, 1809-1847

Menhuhin, Yehudi, 1917-
Merle d'Aubigné, Jean Henri, 1794-1872
Meyerbeer, Giacomo, 1791-1864
Michaelis, Leonor, 1875-1949
Michel, Louise, 1830-1905
Michener, James Albert, 1907-
Milhaud, Darius, 1892-
Mill, John Stuart Mill, 1806-1873
Miller, Henry Valentine, 1891-
Mirabeau, Comte de, 1749-1791
Miró, Joan, 1893-
[Modigliani, Amedeo], 1884-1920
Mommsen, Theodor, 1817-1903
Monet, Claude, 1840-1926
Moore, Henry S., 1898-
Morgenstern, Christian, 1871-1914
Moscheles, Ignaz, 1794-1870
Motherwell, Robert
Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus, 1756-1791 (removed to Box 6)
Napoleon I, 1769-1821
[Negro Slave Bill]
Newton, Isaac, 1642-1727
Niedermeyer, Louis, 1806-1861
Nietzsche, Friedrich Wilhelm, 1844-1900
Noailles, Emmanuel Henri Victorien, 1830-1900
Offenbach, Jacques, 1819-1880
O'Keefe, Georgia, 1887-
Oldenberg, Prince Pierre d'
Orozco, José Clemente, 1883-1949
Osborn, A S
Osborne, Robert
Osler, William, 1849-1919

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Pappenheim, A
Park, Edwards Albert, 1877-
Pasteur, Louis, 1822-1895
Paton, Alan
[Patti, Adelina, 1843-1919]
Pelletan, Pierre Clément Eugène, 1813-1884
Persian Ms.
Pfauder, A
Pfaundler, Meinhard von, 1872-1947
Picasso, Pablo, 1881-
Piper, John

Pirquet, Clemens von, 1874-1929
Pisk, Paul
Pissarro, Camille, 1830-1903
Planck, Max Karl Ernst Ludwig, 1858-1947
Pollock, Jackson, 1912-1956
Porter, Katherine Anne, 1890-
Priestley, John Boynton, 1894-
Proudhon, Pierre Joseph, 1809-1865
Proust, Marcel, 1871-1922
Puccini, Giacomo, 1858-1924
Raabe, Wilhelm, 1831-1910
Rachmaninoff, Sergei Vassilievich, 1873-1943
Raffaelli, Jean François, 1850-1923
Ramon, Gaston, 1886-
Ranke, Leopold von, 1795-1886
Rasmussen, Knud Johan Victor, 1979-1933
Rathaus, Karol (removed to Box 6)
Reger, Max, 1873-1916
Reinhardt, Max, 1873-1943
Richter, Jean Paul Friedrich, 1763-1825
Riegger, Wallingford
Rilke, Rainer Maria, 1875-1926
Riqueti, Honoré-Gabriel, SEE: Mirabeau, Comte de
Rodin, Auguste, 1840-1917
Rolland, Romain, 1866-1944
Rondthaler, Edward
Roosevelt, Anna Eleanor, 1884-1962
Roosevelt, Franklin Delano, 1882-1945
Rossini, Gioachino Antonio, 1792-1868
Rousseau, Jean Jacques, 1712-1778
Rouvroy, Claude-Henri de, SEE: Saint-Simon
Roux, Pierre Paul Emile, 1853-1933
Rudolf of Hapsburg, 1858-1889
Ruggles, Carl
Russell, Bertrand Arthur William, 1872-
Rutherford, Ernst, 1871-1937
Sade, Donatien Alphonse François, 1740-1814
Saint-Saens, Charles Camille, 1835-1921
Saint-Simon, Comte de [Claude-Henri de Rouvroy], 1760-1825
Sakel, Manfred Joshua, 1900-
Salmon, André, 1881-
Sand, George, 1804-1876
Saphir, Moritz Gottlieb, 1795-1858
Sarasate y Navascues, Pablo Martín Meliton, 1844-1908
Satie, Erik, 1866-1925 (removed to Box 6)
Schick, Béla, 1877-1967

Scholdkraut, Joseph, 1896-
Schipa, Tito, 1889-
Schnabel, Artur, 1882-1951
Schnitzler, Arthur, 1882-1931
Schönberg, Arnold Franz, 1874-1951
Schumann, Clara Josephine, 1819-1896
Scott, Walter, 1771-1832
Shahn, Benjamin, 1898-1969
Shapley, Harlow, 1885-1972
Shaw, George Bernard, 1856-1950
Signac, Paul, 1863-1935
Sintenis, Renée
Sobotta,
Sonnenthal, Baron Adolf von, 1834-1909
Spencer, Herbert, 1820-1903
Spender, Stephen, 1909-
Spontini, Gasparo Luigi Pacifico, 1774-1851
Springer, Julius
Staël, Madame de [Anne-Louise-Germaine de, *nee* Necker], 1766-1817
Stendhal [Marie Henri Beyle], 1783-1842
Steuerman, Edward
Stevenson, Adlai Ewing, 1900-1965
Stokowski, Leopold, 1882-
Strauss, Johann, 185-1899
Stravinsky, Igor Fëdorovich, 1882-1971
Sutherland, Graham, 1903-
Swert, Jules de, 1843-1891
Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909
Szigeti, Joseph, 1892-
Szilard, Leo, 1894-1964

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Tagawa,
Taine, Hippolyte Adolphe, 1828-1893
Talleyrand-Perigord, Charles Maurice de, 1754-1838
Tauentzien, Graf Borislav von Wittenberg, 1760-1824
Tieck, Ludwig, 1773-1853
Toch, Ernst
Tolstoy, Lev Nikolayevich, 1828-1910
Toscanini, Arturo, 1867-1957
Toynbee, Arnold Joseph, 1882-
Trier, Walter
Tully, Grace G.
Turgenyev, Ivan Sergeyevich, 1818-1883
Tyndall, John, 1820-1893

Valentin, Curt
Varèse, Edgard, 1883-1965
Verdi, Giuseppe, 1813-1901
Verlaine, Paul, 1844-1896
Verne, Jules, 1829-1905
Victoria [Alexandrina Victoria], 1819-1901
Virchow, Rudolf, 1821-1902
Vishniac, Roman
Voltaire [François Marie Arouet], 1694-1778
Voss, Johan Heinrich, 1751-1826
Wagner, Cosima, 1837-1930
Waksman, Selman Abraham, 1888-1973
Wallgren, Arvid
Walter, Bruno, 1876-
Weber, Carl Maria Friedrich Ernst von, 1786-1826 (removed to Box 6)
Wedekind, Benjamin Franklin, 1864-1918
Wedekind, Tilly
Weimar, Augusta Lake
Weingartner, Paul Felix Elder
Wellington, Duke of [Arthur Wellesley], 1769-1852
Wesendonck, Mathilde
Weston, Edward, 1866-1958
Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892
Wickersheim, Philipp Heinrich von
Wigglesworth, Frank
Wilde, Oscar, 1856-1900
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924
Windaus, Adolf, 1876-
Wu T'ing-Fang
Yates Edmund Hodgson, 1831-1894
Zimbalist, Efrem, 1889-
Zola, Emile, 1840-1902
Zuckmayer, Carl, 1896-
Zweig, Stefan, 1881-1942

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