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ACCESSION SHEET

Accession #\* 82 M 43

Location Annex: 7-1/j-1/6(L)

Title Ford. Autograph Collection.

Approximate inclusive dates 1589-1898; bulk dates: 1750-1890

Date of receipt 1898

Received from J. Pierpont Morgan

Volume on arrival Apprex. 60,000 items

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 55 AB's

Condition The overall condition is fair. Newspaper clippings and a small portion of the letters are quite brittle.

Restrictions None

Description The Ford Autograph Collection was compiled between 1840 and 1898 by Gordon Lester Ford and his sons, Worthington Chauncy Ford and Paul Leicester Ford. The collection was purchased in 1898 by J. Pierpont Morgan, who kept a portion of the material for his own collection and donated the remainder to the New York Public Library that same year. Gordon L. Ford, born in Connecticut in 1823, was the longtime business manager of the New York Tribune and had substantial banking and railroad interests. He died in New York City in 1891. His oldest son, Worthington, was born in Brooklyn in 1858 and died in 1941. He was educated at Columbia University and was the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the State and Treasury Departments in Washington from 1885-1898, the chief of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress from 1903 to 1909, and an editor of the Massachusetts Historical Society from 1909 to 1929. He then retired to France, where he lived throughout the remaining years of his life. Worthington's younger brother, Paul, was born in Brooklyn in 1865 and lived in New York until his death in 1902. He was a journalist, novelist, bibliographer, biographer, and historical editor.

The collection contains the autograph letters of American Presidents, heads of governmental agencies, congressmen, governors, generals, and a great many artists, as well as those of distinguished European politicians, dating from 1589 to 1898. A substantial portion of the 18th century material, including autographs by the signers of the Declaration of Independence and other figures of the American Revolution have been transferred to the Division's Miscellaneous Papers. The Ford Autograph Collection also includes correspondence of the Ford family.

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

Temporary catalog card added entries

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Box Listing--

Box #

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|----|-------------------------|
| 1  | A (unsorted) - Azambuja |
| 2  | B (unsorted) - Bell     |
| 3  | Bellarb - Bowden        |
| 4  | Bowen - Burnham         |
| 5  | Burns - Carons          |
| 6  | Carpendale - Cheshire   |
| 7  | Chester - Colden        |
| 8  | Cole - Cozzens          |
| 9  | Crabtree - Dampmartin   |
| 10 | Dana - Delaplane        |
| 11 | Denman - Donohue        |
| 12 | Doo - E (unsorted)      |
| 13 | Eads - Ely              |
| 14 | Emanuel - Farnham       |
| 15 | Farnsworth - Fitzroy    |
| 16 | Fitzsimmons - F. Foster |
| 17 | G. Foster - Fyshe       |
| 18 | G (unsorted) - Gillmore |
| 19 | Gilman - Greely         |
| 20 | Green - Hagadom         |
| 21 | Hageman - Hammond       |
| 22 | Hampden - Harper        |
| 23 | J. Harper - Hilgard     |
| 24 | Hill - Holman           |

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Box Listing (cont.) --

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25	Holmes - Hungerford
26	Hunken - Ingram
27	Innes - Joseph
28	Joskin - Kyle
29	L (unsorted) - Lefaire
30	Lefebvre - Lodge
31	Loeser - M (unsorted)
32	Macalester - Magruder
33	Mahn - Melville
34	Memminger - Moore
35	Morrow - Nevin
36	Nevine - O'Mally
37	Ombrots - Patten
38	Patterson - Pitts
39	Place - Powers
40	Powis - Rauzan
41	Rawan - Rochlitz
42	Rockwell - Ryland
43	S (unsorted) - Schoonmaker
44	Schrenckendorffiar - Shewell
45	Shiraz - Smirke
46	A. Smith - Sprague
47	Sprawley - Stuart
48	Stubb - Thomas

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Box Listing (cont.) --

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49	Thomson - Tyson
50	U (unsorted) - Vulzind
51	W (unsorted) - Wallace
52	Waller - Wetmore
53	Whipple - Winter
54	Wirrett - Zurman
55	UNSORTED