

# **George P. Merrill Correspondence and Autographs**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** George P. Merrill Correspondence and Autographs

**Span Dates:** 1803-1926

**Creator:** Merrill, George P. (George Perkins), 1854-1929

**Extent:** 1,800 items; 5 containers; 2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Repository:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** Geologist. Autographs and letters from various scientists, especially geologists. Includes letters addressed to James Hall, F. V. Hayden, and others. Collected by Merrill while he was writing *First One Hundred Years of American Geology* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1924).

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Personal Names

Abbe, Cleveland, 1838-1916--Correspondence.

Agassiz, Louis, 1807-1873--Correspondence.

Binney, Amos, 1802-1878--Correspondence.

Cooper, Thomas, 1759-1839--Correspondence.

Gray, Asa, 1810-1888--Correspondence.

Hall, James, 1811-1898--Correspondence.

Hayden, F. V. (Ferdinand Vandever), 1829-1887--Correspondence.

King, Clarence, 1842-1901--Correspondence.

Merrill, George P. (George Perkins), 1854-1929.

Peary, Robert E. (Robert Edwin), 1856-1920--Correspondence.

Pumpelly, Raphael, 1837-1923--Correspondence.

Redfield, W. C. (William C.), 1789-1857--Correspondence.

Schoolcraft, Henry Rowe, 1793-1864--Correspondence.

Storer, David Humphreys, 1804-1891--Correspondence.

Suess, Eduard, 1831-1914--Correspondence.

Torrey, John, 1796-1873--Correspondence.

### Subjects

Geology.

Geology--United States.

Science--United States.

### Occupations

Geologists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The correspondence and autographs of George P. Merrill, geologist, were given to the Library of Congress by Katherine Merrill in 1954.

### Transfers:

One hundred eighty-eight letters have been transferred to the Smithsonian Institution. These items bear numbers from Smithsonian files.

**Copyright Status:**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George P. Merrill is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

**Access and Restrictions**

The correspondence and autographs of George P. Merrill are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

**Preferred Citation:**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, George P. Merrill Correspondence and Autographs, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The correspondence and autographs of George P. Merrill (1854-1929) span the year 1803-1926. In addition to letters written to Merrill from other scientists, there is correspondence addressed to James Hall, F. V. Hayden, and others collected by Merrill for use in writing *The First One Hundred Years of American Geology* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1924). The correspondence pertains principally to geology, although there are letters from paleontologists, mineralogists, and petrologists. Correspondents include Cleveland Abbe, Louis Agassiz, Amos Binney, Thomas Cooper, Asa Gray, Clarence King, Robert E. Peary, Raphael Pumpelly, W. C. Redfield, Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, David Humphreys Storer, Eduard Suess, and John Torrey.

## Arrangement of the Papers

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
<b>BOX 1</b>	Autographs, 1889, 1899, undated
<b>BOX 1</b>	Correspondence, 1803-1926, undated
<b>BOX 1</b>	A-C (9 folders)
<b>BOX 2</b>	D-G (12 folders)
<b>BOX 3</b>	H-L (14 folders)
<b>BOX 4</b>	M-R (15 folders)
<b>BOX 5</b>	S-Z (13 folders)