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Collection Summary

Title: John Spencer Bassett Papers
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Creator: Bassett, John Spencer, 1867-1928
Extent: 25,450 items ; 63 containers plus 5 oversize ; 26.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: Historian, editor, and educator. Correspondence, diaries and journals, lectures, speeches, writings, research material, subject files, family correspondence, and collected historical manuscripts documenting Bassett's career as historian, editor and university professor.

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.

People
Adams, Herbert Baxter, 1850-1901.
Andrews, Charles McLean, 1863-1943.
Bassett, Jessie Lewellin.
Bassett, John Spencer, 1867-1928.
Bassett, Margaret Byrd.
Bassett, Richard H. (Richard Horace), 1900-1995.
Battle, Kemp P. (Kemp Plummer), 1831-1919.
Boyd, William Kenneth, 1879-1938.
Cable, George Washington, 1844-1925.
Claiborne, William C. C. (William Charles Cole), 1775-1817.
Crowell, J. Franklin (John Franklin), 1857-1931.
Daniels, Josephus, 1862-1948.
Dodd, William Edward, 1869-1940.
Donelson, Stockley, d. ca. 1804.
Earl, Ralph, 1751-1801.
Hart, Albert Bushnell, 1854-1943.
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845.
Jameson, J. Franklin (John Franklin), 1859-1937.
Page, Walter Hines, 1855-1918.
Phillips, Ulrich Bonnell, 1877-1934.
Roane, Archibald, 1759-1819.
Trent, William Peterfield, 1862-1939.
Tyrrell, William.
Watson, Henry. b. 1810.
Williams, Benjamin, 1751-1814.
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924.

Organizations
American Historical Association.
League of Nations.
Smith College--Faculty.
Trinity College (Durham, N.C.)--Faculty.

Subjects
Editors.

Educational change--Southern states.
Slavery--North Carolina.
Yazoo Fraud, 1795.

Places
North Carolina--History--Regulator insurrection, 1766-1771.
North Carolina--History.
Southern States--Politics and government--1865-1950.
Southern States--Race relations.
United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.

Titles
South Atlantic quarterly.

Occupations
Editors.
Educators.
Historians.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of John Spencer Bassett, historian, editor, and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by his son, Richard H. Bassett, in 1991. An addition was given by James Lutzweiler in 1993.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1994. Some boxes were renumbered in 2009 and the finding aid was revised.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	*Event*
1867, Sept. 10	Born, Tarboro, N.C.
1888	B.A., Trinity College, Randolph County, N.C. (later Duke University, Durham, N.C.)
1890	Instructor in English, Trinity College, Randolph County, N.C. Founded "9019," student scholarship group, Trinity College, Randolph County, N.C.
1892	Married Jessie Lewellin

1894	Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. Published *The Constitutional Beginnings of North Carolina, 1663-1729* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press. 73 pp.) Published *The Regulators of North Carolina, 1765-1771* (Washington: United States Government Printing Office. 72 pp.)
1894-1906	Professor of history, Trinity College, Randolph County, N.C.
1895	Published *Suffrage in the State of North Carolina, 1776-1861* (Washington: American Historical Association. 17 pp.)
1896	Published *Slavery and Servitude in the Colony of North Carolina* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press. 86 pp.)
1898	Published *Anti-Slavery Leaders of North Carolina* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press. 74 pp.)
1899	Published *Slavery in the State of North Carolina* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press. 111 pp.)
1901	Founder and editor, *South Atlantic Quarterly* (resigned as editor, 1905) Published *The Writings of "Colonel William Byrd, of Westover, in Virginia, Esqr."* (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, Page, & Co.)
1903	Published "Stirring Up the Fires of Race Antipathy." *South Atlantic Quarterly* 2 (Oct. 1903): 107-113
1906-1928	Professor of history, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.
1906	Published *The Federalist System, 1789-1801* (New York: Harper and Brothers. 327 pp.)
1911	Published *Life of Andrew Jackson* (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, Page, & Co. 2 vols.)
1913	Published *A Short History of the United States* (New York: Macmillan Co. 885 pp.)
1916	Published *The Plain Story of American History* (New York: Macmillan Co. 545 pp.)
1917	Published *The Middle Group of American Historians* (New York: Macmillan Co. 324 pp.) Published *Correspondence of George Bancroft and Jared Sparks, 1823-1832* (Northampton, Mass.: Department of History, Smith College. 77 pp.)
1918	Published *The Lost Fruits of Waterloo* (New York: Macmillan Co. 289 pp.)
1919	Published *Our War With Germany: A History* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. 386 pp.)
1919-1928	Secretary, American Historical Association
1920	Chairman, advisory group, Democratic National Committee
1922	Published *Letters of Francis Parkman to Pierre Margry* (Northampton, Mass: Department of History, Smith College. 86 pp.)

1925	Published *The Southern Plantation Overseer as Revealed in His Letters* (Northampton, Mass.: Department of History of Smith College. 280 pp.)
1926	Published *Expansion and Reform, 1889-1926* (New York: Longmans, Green, and Co. 355 pp.)
1926-1935	Published *Correspondence of Andrew Jackson* (Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Institution of Washington. 7 vols.)
1928	Published *Makers of A New Nation* (New Haven: Yale University Press. 344 pp.) Published *The League of Nations: A Chapter in World Politics* (New York: Longmans, Green, and Co. 415 pp.)
1928, Jan. 27	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Spencer Bassett (1867-1928) span the years 1770-1978, with the bulk of the material dating from 1894 to 1928. The collection documents Bassett's teaching careers at Trinity College (later Duke University) in North Carolina and at Smith College in Massachusetts; his research and writings, including his seminal biography of Andrew Jackson and sometimes controversial writings on race relations; and his secretaryship of the American Historical Association. The papers are arranged in eight series: Diaries and Journals, Family Correspondence, General Correspondence, Collected Historical Manuscripts, Subject File, Lectures and Speeches, Research and Writings, and Oversize.

Diaries and journals kept by Bassett date between 1905 and 1927. Bassett was an inconsistent diarist who frequently picked up and dropped the practice of recording his daily activities. For many years, he maintained what he called a "literary record" in which he charted the daily progress of his research and writing. During other periods, he kept a more traditional diary in which he described conversations, interviews, meetings, colleagues, and national events, often at great length. He began the diary in the wake of what became known as the "Bassett Affair." In 1903, Bassett published "Stirring Up the Fires of Race Antipathy" in the *South Atlantic Quarterly*, a journal he founded while teaching at Trinity College. The article and its contention that Booker T. Washington was the greatest southerner apart from Robert E. Lee born in the past hundred years touched off a storm of controversy led chiefly by Josephus Daniels, editor of the *Raleigh News and Observer*. One of the first entries in Bassett's 1905 diary records his decision to resign as editor of the *South Atlantic Quarterly*. A later entry provides a detailed account of his meeting with Theodore Roosevelt, who agreed to speak on behalf of academic freedom at a stop in Durham, North Carolina, during his southern tour in 1905.

The Family Correspondence series contains lengthy correspondence between Bassett and his wife, Jessie Lewellin Bassett, written on an almost daily basis during academic breaks when Bassett taught summer school, researched, and attended American Historical Association meetings, and during Jessie Bassett's European travels. Apart from discussing family matters, Bassett's letters relate events and developments connected with his research, writing, and teaching. The series also includes correspondence between the Bassetts and their children, Richard H. Bassett and Margaret Byrd Bassett. Much of the correspondence between Richard Bassett and his parents occurred while he was a student at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, 1914-1915, and while he studied art in Europe.

The General Correspondence spans the length of Bassett's professional career. His early correspondence, dating from 1894 to 1906, consists largely of incoming correspondence. Much of it concerns Bassett's early research on North Carolina topics, such as the Regulator movement, slavery, and the antislavery movement, and includes letters from Hinton Rowan Helper and Daniel R. Goodloe. Letters from historian Herbert Baxter Adams reveal his ongoing mentorship after Bassett completed his doctoral work at Johns Hopkins University. A significant portion of Bassett's early correspondence concerns Trinity College. Bassett, who had been considered for Trinity's presidency in 1894, promoted scholarship at Trinity through his founding of the *South Atlantic Quarterly* in 1901 and his efforts to develop the library's book and manuscript holdings. The "Bassett Affair" is discussed in some of these letters.

Bassett's correspondence reveals his interest in southern race relations, politics, and educational reform. Correspondence with southern colleagues continued following Bassett's departure from the South in 1906. Over time, however, Bassett's

focus on southern issues lessened and a greater percentage of his later correspondence concerns his subsequent research and writing, in particular his work on Andrew Jackson, and his administrative responsibilities with the American Historical Association and Smith College, his interest and involvement in national politics, and his support of the League of Nations. Prominent correspondents in the General Correspondence series include Charles McLean Andrews, Kemp P. Battle, William Kenneth Boyd, George Washington Cable, John Franklin Crowell, Josephus Daniels, William Edward Dodd, Robert L. Flowers, Albert Bushnell Hart, J. Franklin Jameson, John C. Kilgo, Edwin Mims, Walter Hines Page, Ulrich Bonnell Phillips, William Peterfield Trent, and Woodrow Wilson.

The papers also include a collection of historical manuscripts either purchased by Bassett or given to him by students and friends. While some of these were collected largely for their autographs, many have greater informational value. Among the more significant collections of papers is an exchange of letters between governors Benjamin Williams of North Carolina, Archibald Roane of Tennessee, and William Charles Coles Claiborne of the Mississippi Territory in 1802. These concern the extradition of Stockley Donelson and William Tyrrell, both implicated in western land frauds. The series also contains papers of artist Ralph E. W. Earl, who married Jane Caffery, a niece of Andrew Jackson, in 1818. Earl, who became known as "portrait painter to the king," enjoyed a close relationship with Jackson. He resided at the White House during Jackson's presidency and died at the Hermitage in Tennessee in 1837. Bassett also acquired papers of Henry Watson, a lawyer, banker, and planter who left his native Connecticut in the 1830s and settled in Alabama. Watson's diary, written between 1830 and 1831, and his correspondence, spanning the years 1830-1871, contain numerous references to southern life, economic conditions, politics, and sectionalism. The Watson family papers also include correspondence from Watson's grandfather to his father while the latter was trying to establish himself as a merchant in New York City between 1817 and 1820. Bassett collected various literary collections such as the papers of Sidney Woollett, Layton W. Crippen, and the publishing firm of Stone and Kimball. An alphabetical list of prominent correspondents in this portion of the papers is appended to the register.

The Subject File documents Bassett's professional associations, political activities, and, to a lesser extent, his teaching career. The major portion of the series pertains to Bassett's duties as secretary of the American Historical Association from 1919 to 1928. Files relating to the organization include correspondence, committee and executive council minutes and reports, and financial statements. Another sizeable group of material concerns Bassett's chairmanship of a Democratic National Committee advisory group during the 1920 presidential campaign. The group, charged with devising general strategy for the James M. Cox-Franklin D. Roosevelt campaign, focused most of its efforts on increasing public support for the League of Nations. Bassett sought to influence public opinion by soliciting and publishing articles written by prominent individuals in support of the League. The Subject File also includes newspaper clippings pertaining to Bassett's activities at Trinity College and correspondence, minutes, and reports relating to his teaching and administrative duties at Smith College. Miscellaneous material includes condolence letters on Bassett's death, notebooks, and publishing contracts.

Bassett's lecture files include complete drafts of lectures, outlines, and notes. More than half of these are identified as having been delivered at Smith College. Unidentified lectures include what appear to be Bassett's earliest lectures, some of which are written on Trinity College stationery. Bassett's speeches are grouped by topic since few are dated or have formal titles. Both his speeches and his lectures are useful in tracing Bassett's views on race relations, southern history and culture, and developments in the historical profession.

The Research and Writings series reflects Bassett's contributions to historical research through his exploration of slavery and the antislavery movement, plantation management, and nineteenth-century American historiography, as well as through his biography of Andrew Jackson and editorship of Jackson's letters. Bassett's research files include notes from his research in manuscript repositories, conversations and interviews, and access to privately held manuscripts. Correspondence in the research files pertains to his research on slavery in North Carolina and the search for letters of Andrew Jackson. The writings file contains drafts of many of Bassett's books as well as a large group of unidentified and miscellaneous writings and a collection of literary and poetical manuscripts, many of which pertain to southern themes.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eight series:

- Diaries and Journals, 1905-1927
- Family Correspondence, 1889-1932
- General Correspondence, 1891-1930

- Collected Historical Manuscripts, 1770-1927
- Subject File, 1895-1978
- Lectures and Speeches, 1902-1926
- Research and Writings, 1884-1928
- Oversize, 1856-1920

Description of Series

Container	*Series*
BOX 1-2	**Diaries and Journals, 1905-1927** Diaries and journals kept by Bassett. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 2-15	**Family Correspondence, 1889-1932** Correspondence between Bassett and his wife, Jessie Lewellin Bassett, and from each of them to their children, Richard H. Bassett and Margaret Byrd Bassett. Arranged alphabetically by name of family member and therein chronologically.
BOX 15-29	**General Correspondence, 1891-1930** Correspondence with related attachments. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 30-33	**Collected Historical Manuscripts, 1770-1927** Correspondence, diaries, receipts, legal documents, writings, photographs, and printed matter collected by Bassett. Arranged alphabetically by name, topic, or type of material. A list of prominent correspondents is contained in an appendix.
BOX 33-43	**Subject File, 1895-1978** Correspondence, minutes, reports, financial records, academic files, address book, notebook, and printed matter, largely concerning teaching and professional positions held by Bassett. Arranged alphabetically by name, topic, or type of material.
BOX 43-47	**Lectures and Speeches, 1902-1926** Drafts, outlines, and notes from lectures and speeches delivered by Bassett. Lectures are organized by place delivered and alphabetically therein by topic. Speeches are organized alphabetically by topic.
BOX 47-67	**Research and Writings, 1884-1928** Drafts of writings and research files consisting of notes, correspondence, and printed matter. Research files are organized alphabetically by topic. Writings are arranged alphabetically by type of publication and alphabetically therein by title. Unidentified and miscellaneous writings are arranged alphabetically by topic.
BOX OV 1-OV 5	**Oversize, 1856-1920** Oversize material consisting of printed ephemera and research cards files. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

Container List

Container	*Contents*
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	Diaries and journals kept by Bassett.
	Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1	1905-1924
	(7 folders)
BOX 2	1925-1927
BOX 2-15	**Family Correspondence, 1889-1932**
	Correspondence between Bassett and his wife, Jessie Lewellin Bassett, and from each of them to their children, Richard H. Bassett and Margaret Byrd Bassett.
	Arranged alphabetically by name of family member and therein chronologically.
BOX 2	Bassett, Jessie Lewellin (wife)
	June 1889-Dec. 1902
	(11 folders)
BOX 3	Mar. 1903-Aug. 1911
	(8 folders)
BOX 4	Sept. 1911-Feb. 1912
	(8 folders)
BOX 5	Mar.-Sept. 1912
	(6 folders)
BOX 6	Feb. 1913-Apr. 1921
	(10 folders)
BOX 7	May 1921-Jan. 1925
	(10 folders)
BOX 8	Feb. 1925-Mar. 1927, undated
	(4 folders)
	Bassett, Margaret Byrd (daughter)
	May 1911-Apr. 1924
	(6 folders)
BOX 9	May 1924-Dec. 1927, undated
	(7 folders)
	Bassett, Richard H. (son)
	circa 1903-1914
	(2 folders)
BOX 10	1915-1916
	(8 folders)
BOX 11	1917-1919
	(8 folders)
BOX 12	1920-1922
	(8 folders)

Container	*Contents*
BOX 13	1923-1925
	(8 folders)
BOX 14	1926-1927, undated
	(6 folders)
	Other family members
	1892-1902
	(2 folders)
BOX 15	1903-1932, undated
	(6 folders)
BOX 15-29	**General Correspondence, 1891-1930**
	Correspondence with related attachments.
	Arranged chronologically.
BOX 15	Feb. 1891-June 1896
	(3 folders)
BOX 16	July 1896-Dec. 1901
	(9 folders)
BOX 17	Jan. 1902-Dec. 1905
	(8 folders)
BOX 18	Jan. 1906-Dec. 1908
	(9 folders)
BOX 19	Jan. 1909-Oct. 1911
	(8 folders)
BOX 20	Nov. 1911-Apr. 1914
	(8 folders)
BOX 21	May 1914-June 1916
	(7 folders)
BOX 22	July 1916-Dec. 1917
	(8 folders)
BOX 23	Jan. 1918-Aug. 1919
	(7 folders)
BOX 24	Sept. 1919-Feb. 1921
	(8 folders)
BOX 25	Mar. 1921-July 1922
	(9 folders)
BOX 26	Aug. 1922-Apr. 1924
	(9 folders)
BOX 27	May 1924-June 1925
	(7 folders)
BOX 28	July 1925-Aug. 1926
	(8 folders)
BOX 29	Sept. 1926-Jan. 1930, undated
	(9 folders)
BOX 30-33	**Collected Historical Manuscripts, 1770-1927**
	Correspondence, diaries, receipts, legal documents, writings, photographs, and printed matter collected by Bassett.

Container	*Contents*
	Arranged alphabetically by name, topic, or type of material. A list of prominent correspondents is contained in an appendix.
BOX 30	Alger, Abby L., 1881-1885, undated
	Alger, William Rounseville, 1856-1869
	Ashmead, H. G., 1854-1897
	"A" miscellaneous, 1781-1897, undated
	Belden, William, 1864-1884, undated
	"B" miscellaneous, 1772-1883, undated
	Chard, Louise Cable, 1913-1918, undated
	Clark, Cynthia Williams, 1869-1878, undated
	(4 folders)
	Clarke, Chauncey, 1838-1852
	Crippen, Layton W.
	Correspondence, 1908-1915, undated
	(3 folders)
	Newspaper clippings, 1913-1914
	"C-D" miscellaneous, 1786-1913, undated
	(2 folders)
BOX 31	Earl, Ralph E. W., family
	Earl, Jane Caffery, 1815-1818, undated
	(2 folders)
	Earl, Ralph E. W.
	Correspondence
	From, 1818-1829
	To, 1816-1837, undated
	(9 folders)
	Inventory of possessions at the Hermitage, Nashville, Tenn., at time of death, 1838-1839
	Passport, 1815
	Writings, 1813-1825, undated
	Jackson, Andrew, correspondence to, 1828-1840, undated
	Miscellany, undated
BOX 32	Everett, Edward, 1839, 1854
	Fitch, John, 1878-1883, undated
	"F-G" miscellaneous, 1770-1886, undated
	Hamlin, Lizzie Lord, 1863-1894
	"H-L" miscellaneous, 1792-1912, undated
	(2 folders)
	Marsh, Luther R., 1882-1886, undated
	Marvin, Samuel W., 1890-1913, undated
	Massachusetts, Northampton, 1869-1870, undated
	"M-O" miscellaneous, 1791-1909, undated
	Pennsylvania, 1788-1856, undated
	Preble, Edward E., 1861-1867, undated
	Printed ephemera, 1776-1889
	Pyle, Walter L., 1896-1918, undated
	"P" miscellaneous, 1810-1877

Container	*Contents*
	Roosevelt, Theodore, autograph manuscript pages from *The Winning of the West*, undated
	"R" miscellaneous, 1803-1839
	Stanwood, Joann, 1837-1840
	Stone and Kimball, 1894-1897, undated
	"S-V" miscellaneous, 1775-1865, undated
	(2 folders)
	Watson, Henry, family
	Correspondence
	circa 1803-1830
	(2 folders)
BOX 33	1831-1871, undated
	(4 folders)
	Diaries and reminiscences, 1830-1831, 1927
	Miscellany, 1802-1869, undated
	Printed matter, 1843-1884, undated *See also Oversize*
	Western land fraud, 1798-1802
	Woollett, Sidney, 1875-1902, undated
	"W-Y" miscellaneous, 1811-1904, undated
	Unidentified, 1816-1883, undated
BOX 33-43	**Subject File, 1895-1978**
	Correspondence, minutes, reports, financial records, academic files, address book, notebook, and printed matter, largely concerning teaching and professional positions held by Bassett. Arranged alphabetically by name, topic, or type of material.
BOX 33	Address book, 1927, undated
	American Historical Association
	Committees
	Appointments to, 1895-1919
	(2 folders)
BOX 34	Lists of, 1906-1927, undated
	(2 folders)
	Minutes and reports, 1909-1927, undated
	(9 folders)
BOX 35	Correspondence
	Oct. 1918-Dec. 1921
	(10 folders)
BOX 36	Jan. 1922-Sept. 1924
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BOX 37	Oct. 1924-Dec. 1925
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	Executive Council
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Container	*Contents*
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	Secretary's reports, 1919-1927, undated
	Financial statements and reports, 1916-1925, undated
	Membership lists and statistics, 1920-1925
	Miscellany, 1920-1926, undated
	Other organizations, 1920-1927, undated
	Printed matter, 1910-1927, undated
	Condolences on death, 1928
	(2 folders)
BOX 40	Democratic National Committee, advisory group
	General correspondence, 1920, undated
	(4 folders)
	Miscellany, 1920, undated *See also Oversize*
	Notes, 1920, undated
	Veterans Cox-Roosevelt Club, 1920, undated
	(2 folders)
BOX 41	Writings and statements, 1919-1920, undated
	(5 folders)
	Historical and research organizations, 1899-1926
	Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., notebook, 1892
BOX 42	Notebooks, 1896-1897, 1924, undated
	Publishers
	Contracts, 1902-1916
	Royalty statements, 1915-1928
	Real estate and financial matters, 1906-1924, undated
	Smith College, Northampton, Mass.
	Correspondence, 1909-1918, undated
	History Department
	Curriculum, notes on, 1918, undated
	Examination questions, grades, and assignments, 1907-1919, undated
	Reports and minutes, 1915-1919, undated
	Smith College Studies in History, 1915-1917, undated
	Printed matter, 1906, 1914-1917
	Reports and regulations, 1909-1917, undated
	Trinity College, Randolph County, N.C. (later Duke University, Durham, N.C.)
	Miscellany, 1897-1960, undated
BOX 43	Newspaper clippings, 1895-1978, undated
	(4 folders)
BOX 43-47	**Lectures and Speeches, 1902-1926**
	Drafts, outlines, and notes from lectures and speeches delivered by Bassett.
	Lectures are organized by place delivered and alphabetically therein by topic. Speeches are organized alphabetically by topic.
BOX 43	Lecture material
	Smith College, Northampton, Mass., United States history, undated
	On chronological periods

Container	*Contents*
	1492-1788
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	(3 folders)
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	1816-1860
	(2 folders)
	1861-1865
	1866-1877
	(2 folders)
	1878-1919
	(1 folder)
BOX 45	(2 folders)
	On general topics
	Unidentified academic institutions, undated
	European history
	(4 folders)
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BOX 46	United States history
	On chronological periods
	1492-1788
	(4 folders)
	1789-1865
	1866-1925
	(2 folders)
BOX 47	On general topics
	African-American history
	Legal and constitutional history
	Nineteenth-century historians
	North Carolina
	Yale University, New Haven, Conn., summer school, undated
	Speeches
	African-American history, undated
	History, study and production of, 1916-1926, undated
	Miscellaneous topics, undated
	Southern history and culture, 1902, undated
BOX 47-67	**Research and Writings, 1884-1928**
	Drafts of writings and research files consisting of notes, correspondence, and printed matter. Research files are organized alphabetically by topic. Writings are arranged alphabetically by type of publication and alphabetically therein by title. Unidentified and miscellaneous writings are arranged alphabetically by topic.
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	African-American history
	Correspondence, 1896-1899
	Notes, undated
	(2 folders)

Container	*Contents*
	Printed matter, 1886-1905, undated
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	(3 folders)
	England, undated
	(3 folders)
BOX 49	Historians and historiography, undated
	Card file *See Oversize*
	Miscellaneous notes
	(3 folders)
	Interviews and conversations, accounts of, 1911-1926, undated
	Jackson, Andrew
	Adams, John Quincy, undated
	Blair, Montgomery, family, undated
	(2 folders)
BOX 50	(2 folders)
	Broadsides, undated
	Correspondence re research, 1903-1926, undated
	(2 folders)
	Duane, William J., undated
	Lists of Jackson letters, undated
	Military career, undated
	(2 folders)
BOX 51	Miscellaneous notes, undated
	Card file nos. 1-3 *See Oversize*
	Numbered series and assorted topics
	(3 folders)
	Newspapers, extracts from, undated
	Politics and presidency, undated
	Portraits and other illustrations, undated
	Printed matter, 1903-1927
	Property and miscellaneous financial accounts, undated
	State Department, records of, undated
	Transcribed Jackson correspondence, undated
	Bound
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	Van Buren, Martin, papers, undated
	Western land fraud, undated
	League of Nations
	Documents and printed matter, 1920-1927, undated
	(3 folders)
BOX 53	Notes
	(2 folders)
	North and South Carolina, undated
	Plantation overseers, undated
	Jackson, Andrew, plantation, Tenn.
	Jones, George, plantation, Fla.

Container	*Contents*
	Miscellaneous
	Polk, James K., plantations, Tenn. and Miss.
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BOX 54	World War I, undated
	(4 folders)
	Writings
	Articles
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	(3 folders)
	Drafts of books, undated
	Correspondence of George Bancroft and Jared Sparks, 1823-1832
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	Expansion and Reform, 1889-1926
	(3 folders)
	The Federalist System, 1789-1801
	(3 folders)
BOX 56	"History Writing in the State of New York" (unpublished)
	(7 folders)
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BOX 57	(2 folders)
	Letters of Francis Parkman to Pierre Margry, explanatory note
	Life of Andrew Jackson
	(7 folders)
BOX 58	*Major Howell Tatum's Journal*, introduction
	Middle Group of American Historians
	(3 folders)
	Our War with Germany
	(4 folders)
	The Plain Story of American History
	(2 folders)
BOX 59	(4 folders)
	Selections from the Federalist, introduction
	A Short History of the United States (incomplete)
	(5 folders)
BOX 60	(5 folders)
	The Southern Plantation Overseer as Revealed in His Letters
	(4 folders)
BOX 61	*The Westover Journal of John A. Selden, Esqr.*
	The Writing of History
	Literary manuscripts
	Miscellaneous, undated
	(2 folders)
	Poetry, 1884-1917, undated
	(2 folders)
	Reviews

Container	*Contents*
	By Bassett, 1907-1923, undated
	Of works by Bassett
	1894-1911
BOX 62	1913-1928
	(2 folders)
	Student papers, 1886-1892, undated
	Unidentified and miscellaneous
	African-American history, circa 1896-1908, undated
	Biographical sketches, undated
	(3 folders)
	Byrd family of Virginia, undated
	Education, 1912, undated
	England, undated
	History, study and production of, undated
	(1 folder)
BOX 63	(1 folder)
	Jackson, Andrew, undated
	North Carolina, undated
	Southern history, culture, and politics, 1917, undated
	Trinity College, Randolph County, N.C. (later Duke University, Durham, N.C.), 1897, undated
	United States colonial history from 1689 to 1750, undated
	(2 folders)
	World War I and League of Nations, undated
BOX OV 1-OV 5	**Oversize, 1856-1920**
	Oversize material consisting of printed ephemera and research cards files.
	Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
BOX OV 1	Collected Historical Manuscripts
	Watson, Henry, family
	Printed matter, 1856-1857 (Container 33)
	Subject File
	Democratic National Committee, advisory group
	Miscellany, 1920 (Container 40)
BOX OV 2	Research and Writings
	Historians and historiography
	Card file, undated (Container 49)
BOX OV 3	Jackson, Andrew
	Miscellaneous notes, undated
	Card file no. 1 (Container 51)
BOX OV 4	Card file no. 2 (Container 51)
BOX OV 5	Card file no. 3 (Container 51)

Appendix: List of Prominent Correspondents in Collected Historical Manuscripts Series

Name of Correspondent	Date	Folder
Adams, Charles Follen	1896	Woollett, Sidney
Agnew, D. Hayes	1883	"A" miscellaneous
Alger, R. A.	1897	"A" miscellaneous
Arnold, Edwin (1832-1904)	undated	"A" miscellaneous
Atlee, Samuel John	1781	"A" miscellaneous
Bancroft, George (1800-1891)	1867	Alger, William Rounseville
	1838-1841	Clarke, Chauncey
Bartlett, John (1820-1905)	1878	"B" miscellaneous
Bassett, Richard (1745-1815)	1772	"B" miscellaneous
Beecher, Henry Ward	1865, undated	"B" miscellaneous
Belknap. Jeremy	1791-1792	"B" miscellaneous
Bernabeu, John B.	1813	"B" miscellaneous
Biddle, Charles J.	1860	"B" miscellaneous
Biddle, Nicholas (1786-1844)	1805	"B" miscellaneous
Blanc, Louis	1875	"B" miscellaneous
Brady, James T.	1841	"B" miscellaneous
Brooks, John (1752-1825)	1799	"B" miscellaneous
Brown, Henry Armitt	undated	"B" miscellaneous
Brown, Marie A.	1883	"B" miscellaneous
Cameron, Duncan (1777-1853)	1800	Western land fraud
Carey, Mathew	1804-1830	"C" miscellaneous
Carter, John Henton	1894	"C" miscellaneous
Cary, Annie Louise	undated	"C" miscellaneous
Choate, Joseph Hodges	1899	"C" miscellaneous
Choate, Rufus	1835-1853, undated	"C" miscellaneous
Claiborne, William C. C.	1802	Western land fraud
Clark, Champ (1850-1921)	1910-18	Pyle, Walter L.
Clayton, John M. (1796-1856)	1838	"C" miscellaneous
Cleveland, Rose E.	1885	Ashmead, H. G.
Cobbett, William (1763-1835)	1835	"C" miscellaneous
Cockerill, John Albert	1892	"C" miscellaneous
Cresson, Elliott	1839	"C" miscellaneous
Critchett, Anderson	1909-1916, undated	Pyle, Walter L.
Cunningham, Allan (1784-1842)	1820	"C" miscellaneous
Curtis, George Ticknor	1842, undated	"C" miscellaneous
Cushing, Caleb (1800-1879)	1847, undated	"C" miscellaneous
Dallas, George Mifflin	1851	"D" miscellaneous
Davis, Noah (1830-1910)	1883	Marsh, Luther R.
Decatur, Stephen	1798	"D" miscellaneous
Dix, John A.	1865, undated	"D" miscellaneous
Dodge, Mary Mapes	1886	Woollett, Sidney
Drake, Alexander W.	1913, undated	"D" miscellaneous
Duffield, George (1732-1790)	1786	"D" miscellaneous
Dwight, Timothy (1752-1817)	1799	"D" miscellaneous
Everett, Edward (1794-1865)	1839, 1854	Everett, Edward
Fancher, E. L.	1882	Marsh, Luther R.

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Fern, Fanny	1871	"F-G" miscellaneous
Findlay, John K.	1875	"F-G" miscellaneous
Frelinghuysen, Theodore	1838, 1860	"F-G" miscellaneous
Froude, James Anthony	undated	"F-G" miscellaneous
Gardner, Asa Bird	1882	Fitch, John
Gibbes, R. W.	1860	"F-G" miscellaneous
Giddings, Joshua R.	1847	"F-G" miscellaneous
Gilbert, Cass	1913	Marvin, Samuel W.
Gilpin, Joshua	1787	"F-G" miscellaneous
Green, J. R. (John Richard)	undated	"F-G" miscellaneous
Harrison, Frederic	1908	"H-K" miscellaneous
Hart, Albert Bushnell	1912	"H-K" miscellaneous
Haviland, John (1792-1852)	1840	"H-K" miscellaneous
Hawthorne, Julian	1891	Woollett, Sidney
Hedge, Frederic Henry	1856	Alger, William Rounseville
Higginson, Thomas Wentworth	1873, 1902	"H-K" miscellaneous
Holden, William Woods	1868	"H-K" miscellaneous
Hopkins, Mark (1802-1887)	1864	Belden, William
Howe, Julia Ward	1885	Alger, Abby L.
	undated	"H-K" miscellaneous
Humboldt, Alexander von	undated	"H-K" miscellaneous
Ingersoll, Jared (1749-1822)	1795	"H-K" miscellaneous
Kane, John	1854	"H-K" miscellaneous
Kennedy, Edith Wynne	1913, undated	Chard, Louise Cable
Kuhns, Oscar	1897	Stone and Kimball
Lathrop, George Parsons	undated	Woollett, Sidney
Le Gallienne, Richard	1918	Chard, Louise Cable
Lester, Charles Edward	undated	Marsh, Luther R.
Lieber, Francis	1851	"L" miscellaneous
Lord, John C.	1864	Belden, William
Luce, Stephen Bleecker	1902	Woollett, Sidney
MacManus, Seumas	undated	Chard, Louise Cable
Marble, Manton	1919	Alger, William Rounseville
McCord, David James	1832	"M-O" miscellaneous
Meade, George W.	undated	"M-O" miscellaneous
Moulton, Louise Chandler	undated	Alger, Abby L.
Moylan, Stephen	1807	"M-O" miscellaneous
Murray, Alexander (1754-1821)	1803	"M-O" miscellaneous
Olcott, George N.	1882	Marsh, Luther R.
O'Reilly, John Boyle	undated	Woollett, Sidney
O'Rell, Max	undated	Woollett, Sidney
Otis, Harrison Gray (1765-1848)	1791-1796	"M-O" miscellaneous
Phelps, Elizabeth Stuart (1844-1911)	1881	Alger, Abby L.
Pickering, Timothy	1810	"P" miscellaneous
Powel, John Hare	1843	"P" miscellaneous
Prescott, William Hickling	1838	"P" miscellaneous
Prime, Samuel Irenaeus	1862	"P" miscellaneous
Ramsay, A. Maitland	1908	Pyle, Walter L.
Ramsay, David (1749-1815)	1814	"R" miscellaneous

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Richards, Grant (1872-1948)	1914	Crippen, Layton W.
Roane, Archibald	1802	Western land fraud
Root, Erastus	1803	"R" miscellaneous
Searle, James	1787	"S" miscellaneous
Seybert, Adam	1811	"S" miscellaneous
Simpson, Henry (1790-1868)	1859	"S" miscellaneous
Sitgreaves, Samuel	1792	"S" miscellaneous
Skinner, Cortlandt	1795	"S" miscellaneous
Smith, Persifor Frazer	1848	"S" miscellaneous
Smith, Robert Penn	1838	"S" miscellaneous
Sterling, George	1908	Crippen, Layton W.
Stone, John Haskins	undated	"S" miscellaneous
Straight, Richard D.	1836	"S" miscellaneous
Tabb, John B.	1897	Stone and Kimball
Tucker, Beverly (1784-1851)	1816	"T-V" miscellaneous
Tucker, Beverly (1820-1890)	1855	"T-V" miscellaneous
Tucker, Tighlman M.	1838	"T-V" miscellaneous
Van Buren, W. H.	1865	"T-V" miscellaneous
Vaughn, John	1796	"T-V" miscellaneous
Vaux, Roberts	1815	"T-V" miscellaneous
Walsh, Robert (1784-1859)	1812	"W" miscellaneous
Waterston, R. C.	1875	Woollett, Sidney
Webb, J. Watson	1858	"W" miscellaneous
Wharton, Edith	undated	Woollett, Sidney
Whittlesey, Elisha	1854	Ashmead, H. G.
Wiggin, Kate Douglas Smith	1904	"W" miscellaneous
Wilde, Richard Henry	1827	"W" miscellaneous
Williams, Benjamin (1751-1814)	1800-1802	Western land fraud
Wood, Fernando	1859-1863	"W" miscellaneous