

# Anson Burlingame and Edward L. Burlingame Family Papers

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# Collection Summary

Title: Anson Burlingame and Edward L. Burlingame Family Papers

Span Dates: 1810-1922

ID No.: MSS14373

Creator: Burlingame, Anson, 1820-1870

Creator: Burlingame, Edward L. (Edward Livermore), 1848-1922

Extent: 550 items; 4 containers; 1.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Anson Burlingame, state legislator and United States representative from Massachusetts and minister to China. Edward L. Burlingame, editor. Correspondence and other papers of Anson Burlingame and Edward L. Burlingame, father and son, and of Anson's wife, Jane Cornelia Livermore Burlingame.

## 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

Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878.

Burlingame family.

Burlingame, Anson, 1820-1870.

Burlingame, Edward L. (Edward Livermore), 1848-1922. Anson Burlingame and Edward L.

Burlingame family papers. 1810-1922.

Burlingame, Jane Cornelia Livermore. Jane Cornelia Livermore Burlingame papers.

Dana, Richard Henry, 1787-1879.

Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1798-1879.

Doré, Gustave, 1832-1883.

Du Maurier, George, 1834-1896.

Frémont, Jessie Benton, 1824-1902.

Frémont, John Charles, 1813-1890.

James, Henry, 1843-1916.

Kipling, Rudyard, 1865-1936.

Lieber, Francis, 1800-1872.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

Livermore, Eunice. Eunice Livermore papers.

Livermore, Isaac. Isaac Livermore papers.

Mann, Horace, 1796-1859.

Markham, Edwin, 1852-1940.

Meredith, George, 1828-1909.

Nast, Thomas, 1840-1902.

Parker, Theodore, 1810-1860.

Seton, Ernest Thompson, 1860-1946.

Seward, William Henry, 1801-1872.

Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874.

Twain, Mark, 1835-1910.

Wharton, Edith, 1862-1937.

Wister, Owen, 1860-1938.

### Subjects

American periodicals.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--China.

## Places

China--Foreign relations--United States.  
United States--Foreign relations--China.

## Titles

*Scribner's magazine.*

## Occupations

Diplomats.  
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Massachusetts.

# Administrative Information

## Provenance

The family papers of Anson Burlingame, state legislator, United States representative from Massachusetts, and minister to China, and Edward L. Burlingame, editor, were given to the Library of Congress by Edward's grandson, Roger Burlingame, in 1955.

## Processing History

The Burlingame Family Papers were processed in 1955, expanded in 1961, and revised in 1982. The finding aid was revised again in 2009.

## Other Repositories

Other papers of the Burlingame family can be found in the Syracuse University Library of Syracuse University.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Anson Burlingame and Edward L. Burlingame family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Anson Burlingame and Edward L. Burlingame family 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, the Anson Burlingame and Edward L. Burlingame Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

# Biographical Note

## Anson Burlingame

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1820, Nov. 14	Born, New Berlin, N.Y.
1847	Married Jane Cornelia Livermore
1852	Elected to Massachusetts senate

1855	Elected to Congress
1861	Appointed minister to Austria, which declined to receive him Appointed minister to China
1865	Returned to United States for a visit
1867	Resigned to become head of Chinese delegation to Europe
1868	Negotiated and signed Burlingame Treaty between the United States and China establishing friendly relations and granting most favored nation status to China
1870	Visited Europe
1870, Feb. 23	Died, St. Petersburg, Russia

#### Edward L. Burlingame

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1848, May 30	Born
1867	Graduated, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
1871	Joined <i>New York Tribune</i>
1871	Married Ella Francis Badger
1879	Entered publishing as staff member at Charles Scribner's Sons
1887-1914	Editor, <i>Scribner's</i> magazine
1922	Died, New York, N.Y.

## Scope and Content Note

The family papers of Anson Burlingame (1820-1870) and Edward L. Burlingame (1848-1922) span the years 1810-1922 and consist of correspondence and other papers mainly of Anson Burlingame, congressman and diplomat in the mid-nineteenth century, and his son Edward L. Burlingame, editor of *Scribner's* magazine from 1879 to 1914. Also in the collection are the papers of Anson's wife, Jane Cornelia Livermore Burlingame, and Jane's father and mother, Isaac Livermore and Eunice H. Livermore. Included are diaries of both Anson and Edward, commissions from President Abraham Lincoln, and correspondence relating to Anson's Chinese and European postings and to Edward's editorship at *Scribner's*. The files also contain printed matter, maps, autographed menus, programs, and photographs, and letters and miscellaneous material relating to William Henry Seward and Charles Sumner. The collection is organized by name of family member and therein by type of material.

Among the acquaintances of father and son represented by letters or autographs in the collection are writers, reformers, artists, and political figures such as William Cullen Bryant, Richard Henry Dana, John A. Dix, Gustave Doré, Jessie Benton Frémont, John Charles Frémont, Henry James (1843-1916), Rudyard Kipling, Francis Lieber, Horace Mann (1796-1859), Edwin Markham, George

du Maurier, George Meredith, Thomas Nast, Theodore Parker, Ernest Thompson Seton, Mark Twain, Edith Wharton, and Owen Wister.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of family member and therein by type of material.

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BOX 1	Wife, 1850-1861, undated
BOX 1	Incoming, 1856-1870, undated (3 folders)
BOX 1	Others
BOX 2	State Department and diplomatic documents, 1861-1870, undated
BOX 2	Proclamations and resolutions, 1844-1870, undated
BOX 2	Unidentified, 1830s and 1840s
BOX 2	Miscellany
BOX 2	Clippings
BOX 2	Printed material
BOX 2	Autographs, fragments
BOX 2	Invitations, menus, calling cards, and receipts
BOX 2	Songs and poems
BOX 2	Photographs
BOX 3	Burlingame, Jane Cornelia Livermore (wife of Anson)
BOX 3	Correspondence
BOX 3	Incoming, 1856-1883, undated
BOX 3	Outgoing, transcripts, 1862-1870 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Letters of condolence, 1870
BOX 3	Financial and legal, 1880s
BOX 3	Miscellany
BOX 4	Burlingame, Edward L.
BOX 4	Correspondence
BOX 4	Family, 1858-1870
BOX 4	Incoming, 1870-1922, undated (2 folders)
BOX 4	Burlingame, Mrs. Edward L. 1905-1922, undated
BOX 4	Writings, 1868, 1871 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Miscellany (3 folders)
BOX 4	Livermore, Isaac (father-in-law)
BOX 4	Correspondence
BOX 4	Burlingame, Anson, 1847-1867, undated
BOX 4	Livermore, Eunice H., 1830s
BOX 4	Incoming, 1856-1870
BOX 4	Livermore, Eunice H., 1810-1812