

William Bebb Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: William Bebb Papers

Span Dates: 1705-1849

Bulk Dates: 1812-1849

ID No.: MSS80901

Creator: Bebb, William, 1802-1873

Extent: 140 items ; 1 container ; .2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Educator, lawyer, and governor of Ohio. Autograph letters and clipped signatures from an album started for Bebb by his father, Edward Bebb, and Samuel Roberts, Welsh political reformer and founder of a settlement in Tennessee. Includes autographs of British politicians, military leaders, authors, and missionaries. Letters collected by William Bebb himself include those from prominent Americans including John Quincy Adams, John C. Calhoun, William Henry Harrison, and Thomas Jefferson. Bebb's own correspondence relates to Ohio and Whig politics.

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, John Quincy, 1767-1848--Correspondence.

Bebb, Edward.

Bebb, William, 1802-1873.

Bright, John, 1811-1889--Correspondence.

Brough, John, 1811-1865--Correspondence.

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850--Correspondence.

Corwin, Thomas, 1794-1865--Correspondence.

Dallas, Alexander James, 1759-1817--Correspondence.

Ewing, Thomas, 1789-1871--Correspondence.

Ford, Seabury, 1801-1855--Correspondence.

Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872--Correspondence.

Hammond, Charles, 1779-1840--Correspondence.

Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841--Correspondence.

Hull, William, 1753-1825--Correspondence.

Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845--Correspondence.

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826--Correspondence.

Macaulay, Thomas Babington Macaulay, Baron, 1800-1859--Correspondence.

McLean, John, 1785-1861--Correspondence.

Palgrave, Francis, Sir, 1788-1861--Correspondence.

Peel, Robert, 1788-1850--Correspondence.

Richard, Henry, 1812-1888--Correspondence.

Roberts, Samuel, 1800-1885.

Vinton, Samuel Finley, 1792-1862--Correspondence.

Whitcomb, James, 1795-1852--Correspondence.

Winchester, James, 1752-1826--Correspondence.

Worthington, Thomas, 1773-1827--Correspondence.

Wright, John C. (John Crafts), 1783-1861--Correspondence.

Organizations

Whig Party (U.S.)

Subjects

Authors, English--Autographs.

Autographs.
Missionaries--Great Britain--Autographs.
Politicians--Great Britain--Autographs.
Statesmen--United States--Autographs.

Places

Great Britain--Armed Forces--Officers--Autographs.
Ohio--Politics and government--19th century.

Occupations

Educators.
Governors--Ohio.
Lawyers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of William Bebb, educator, lawyer, and governor of Ohio, were given to the Library of Congress by Hellen Bebb in 1990.

Processing History

The papers of William Bebb were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2007. A description of the William Bebb Papers appears in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1990*, pp. 7-9.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of William Bebb 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, William Bebb Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Bebb (1802-1873) span the years 1705-1849, with the bulk of the material dating from 1812 to 1849. The papers consist of pages from a dismantled autograph album containing approximately 140 letters and clipped signatures. Portions of an appraisal containing a partial description of the album is available in the Manuscript Reading Room. The album appears to have been started for Bebb by his father, Edward Bebb, and Samuel Roberts (1800-1885), Welsh political reformer and founder of a Welsh settlement in Tennessee. The first part of the collection contains letters and signatures of British politicians, military figures, authors, and missionaries in India, China, and Africa. Included are letters from John Bright (1811-1889), Thomas Babington Macaulay, Francis Palgrave, Robert Peel (1788-1850), and Henry Richard (1812-1898).

The second part of the collection consists largely of letters from prominent Americans addressed to or collected by William Bebb. Included among the collected items is a letter from Thomas Jefferson in 1807 concerning the use of volunteer forces against Indian attacks west of the Mississippi, a letter from Andrew Jackson concerning a Creek uprising on the southern frontier in 1813, and a letter from William Henry Harrison regarding his victory against combined British and Indian forces on the banks of the Thames River in southeastern Ontario in 1813. Bebb also acquired letters written by John Quincy Adams, John C. Calhoun, Alexander J. Dallas, Charles Hammond (1779-1840), William Hull (1753-1825), James

Winchester (1752-1826), and Thomas Worthington (1773-1827), among others. Bebb's own correspondence includes letters from John Brough, Thomas Corwin, Thomas Ewing (1789-1871), Seabury Ford, Horace Greeley, John McLean, Samuel Finley Vinton, James Whitcomb, and John C. Wright (1783-1861). Whig and Ohio politics are discussed in many of these letters.

Arrangement of the Papers

The original order of the album's pagination has been maintained.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Autograph album, 1705-1849, undated (3 folders)