

# American Colonization Society Records

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** American Colonization Society Records

**Span Dates:** 1792-1964

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1823-1912)

**ID No.:** MSS10660

**Creator:** American Colonization Society

**Extent:** 190,000 items ; 717 containers ; 168 linear feet ; 331 microfilm reels

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

**Summary:** Organizational records of the society, including correspondence, financial and business papers, reports, and miscellaneous material relating to administrative and financial matters, membership, slavery and the status of slaves in the pre-Civil War period, and emigration, colonization, and education in Liberia. Includes the personal papers of William McLain and letterbooks of the Massachusetts Colonization Society.

## 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

Ashmun, J. (Jehudi), 1794-1828--Correspondence.

Benson, Stephen Allen, 1816-1865--Correspondence.

Buchanan, Thomas, -1841--Correspondence.

Cresson, Elliott, 1796-1854--Correspondence.

Hazard, Thomas R. (Thomas Robinson), 1797-1886--Correspondence.

Latrobe, John H. B. (John Hazlehurst Boneval), 1803-1891--Correspondence.

Lugenbeel, J. W. (James Washington), 1819?-1857--Correspondence.

McLain, William. William McLain papers. 1831-1850.

Roberts, Joseph J. (Joseph Jenkins), 1809-1876--Correspondence.

Smith, Gerrit, 1797-1874--Correspondence.

### Organizations

American Colonization Society.

American Society for Colonizing the Free People of Colour of the United States. American Society for Colonizing the Free People of Colour of the United States records.

Massachusetts Colonization Society. Massachusetts Colonization Society letterbooks. 1856-1875.

### Subjects

African Americans--Colonization--Africa.

Education--Liberia.

Freedmen--Colonization--Africa, West.

Slavery--United States.

### Places

Liberia--Colonization.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The records of the American Colonization Society were given to the Library of Congress by the society in 1913 and 1964-1965.

## Processing History

Between 1936 and 1963 the Library laminated some of the records and rebound most of the correspondence volumes. In many instances this process resulted in volumes that were originally arranged and numbered by the society being organized into two or three parts. In 1970 the records were reprocessed to include the later additions and were prepared for microfilming. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

## Additional Guides

In 1979, the Library published *The American Colonization Society, a Register of Its Records in the Library of Congress*.

## Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the records of the American Colonization Society.

## Copyright Status

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## Access and Restrictions

The records of the American Colonization Society 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.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on 331 reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, American Colonization Society Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Chronology of Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1816	Meetings held at Washington, D.C., to discuss forming a colonization society
1817	“The American Society for Colonizing Free People of Colour of the United States” founded at Washington, D.C., with Bushrod Washington as president and Elias B. Caldwell as secretary. Ebenezer Burgess and Samuel J. Mills sent to Africa to select a suitable site for the colony
1820	First colonists sent to Africa where they resided at Sierra Leone
1821	Eli Ayres and Robert Stockton purchased land for a colony at Cape Mesurado on the west coast of Africa
1822	Ralph R. Gurley elected secretary of the society First settlers established at Cape Mesurado Jehudi Ashmun arrived in Africa and became the society's first colonial agent (died 1828)

1824	Ralph R. Gurley visited the colonists Territory of new colony named Liberia; settlement named Monrovia
1825	Publication of the first issue of the society's journal, <i>African Repository</i>
1837	American Colonization Society incorporated in Maryland
1837-1839	Society reorganized; new constitution adopted Samuel Wilkeson named president of the board of directors and general agent in charge of administration (resigned 1841) Ralph R. Gurley named corresponding secretary
1839	Commonwealth of Liberia organized under a governor appointed by the society Thomas Buchanan named governor of Liberia (died 1841)
1841	Joseph Jenkins Roberts named governor of Liberia
1844	William McLain elected secretary of the society
1847	Liberia declared independence; Joseph Jenkins Roberts chosen president
1857	Republics of Liberia and Maryland in Liberia united
1858	William McLain elected financial secretary and treasurer of the society (died 1873)
1862	United States formally recognized Liberia
1873	William Coppinger elected financial secretary and treasurer (died 1892)
1912-1913	Society's active support of emigration ceased
1929	Booker Washington Agriculture and Industrial Institute founded in Kakata, Liberia, largely supported by the American Colonization Society and the Phelps-Stokes Fund
1954	Booker Washington Institute became a technical college attached to the University of Liberia, Kakata, Liberia
1963	Directors voted to dissolve the society; functions ceased
1964	American Colonization Society legally dissolved; assets turned over to the Phelps-Stokes Fund

## Scope and Content Note

The records of the American Colonization Society span the years 1792-1964, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1823-1912. The records include a variety of material, but in terms of content and physical size the various correspondence series predominate. The society's major interests and activities changed in emphasis during its long history, and this change is reflected in the voluminous correspondence, which ranges in subject from routine administrative and financial matters to the problems of slavery, the status of slaves and freedmen in society, and the advantages and disadvantages of emigration and colonization. The collection is organized in seven series: [Incoming Correspondence](#), [Outgoing Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Financial Papers](#), [Business Papers](#), [Subject File](#), and [Miscellany](#).

During the decades prior to the Civil War, the society sought to implement its solution to the slavery problem – colonization of Negroes in Africa – by establishing the colony of Liberia on the west coast of Africa and raising money to transport and support emigrants. Also during this period the society came under attack from critics, particularly William Lloyd Garrison and other abolitionists, who termed it proslavery and succeeded in winning over some previously ardent colonizationists, notably Gerrit Smith, a major contributor to the society's efforts prior to 1835. The efforts of the society to maintain neutrality on the slavery issue and to appeal to all sections of the country are also reflected in the correspondence. Notable correspondents of the pre-Civil War period include Lyman Hotchkiss Atwater, Benjamin Coates, Elliott Cresson, John H. Eaton, Henry Leavitt Ellsworth, Reverend R. S. Finley, Thomas R. Hazzard, Silas Howe, John H. B. Latrobe, John Maclean, and Anson Greene Phelps. An index to incoming correspondence for the period 1839-1855 is located in at the end of the [Domestic Letters](#) subseries of the [Incoming Correspondence](#) series.

Correspondence in the collection also reveals the difficulty the society experienced in obtaining funds to carry on its work. Letters document the largely unsuccessful efforts to get financial aid from the United States Congress and state legislatures, and reports received from agents around the country attest to the difficulty in obtaining individual contributions and the lack of cooperation from various state auxiliaries.

After the Civil War, the society's activities centered primarily on helping people who wished to emigrate and on providing funds for their support after arrival in Liberia. The correspondence, accordingly, is concerned mainly with obtaining funds for these purposes through private contributions and with counseling those who wished to emigrate. Letters requesting help in moving to Liberia are numerous until 1910, when the activity of the society in this area diminished. Lists of applicants for passage to Liberia appear in the correspondence during the late-nineteenth century as well as in separate registers and rolls contained in the [Subject File](#) series. Major figures in the society in this later period were William Coppinger and William McLain. Correspondents include D. C. Haynes, John H. B. Latrobe, John Orcutt, and Joseph Tracy. A large number of communications are from the firm of Yates & Porterfield of New York, through which the society arranged passage to Liberia for the emigrants.

After the turn of the century the society was primarily concerned with the support of education in Liberia, and correspondence is devoted chiefly to administrative and financial matters, particularly cooperation with the Phelps-Stokes Fund in support of the Booker Washington Agricultural and Industrial Institute founded at Kakata, Liberia, in 1929.

Throughout its history, the society received reports from Liberia telling of the conditions of the various settlements. Some of the earliest letters were written by Jehudi Ashmun, one of the society's first agents in Liberia, describing the progress and problems of the colony in 1823 and the need for American support. Later reports and dispatches from the colony come from Stephen Benson, Thomas Buchanan, first governor of Liberia under the commonwealth system, Edward W. Blyden, J. W. Lugenbeel, and Joseph Jenkins Roberts (1809-1876), who became the first president of the Republic of Liberia in 1847. There is also correspondence from ordinary settlers in which they relate their travel experiences, describe the settlements they established or into which they moved, and discuss future plans.

Additional records documenting the administrative functions of the society include financial ledgers, account books, and registers of names of contributors and subscribers to the *African Repository*, the society's journal. The original books of minutes and proceedings of the meetings of the society are also in the records as are drafts and manuscript copies of many of the annual reports. Letters from society members and reports from Liberia were often reprinted in the *African Repository* and annual reports. Many letters for the period prior to 1823 survive only in this form. A few letters printed in the annual reports of 1819-1821 were preserved by Peter Force, then printer for the society; these now form part of the Peter Force Papers in the Manuscript Division.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in seven series:

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Letters received by the society from within the United States concerning all areas in which the society was involved and letters from Liberia before 1833. Subjects include memberships, contributions, finances, emigration, and the *African Repository*, as well as the views of the society's officers and members on the question of slavery and the position of slaves and free blacks in the United States.

Correspondence is bound in volumes and generally arranged in chronological order. Most of the volumes dated after 1839-1840 contain an alphabetical index to the letters within.

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#### **B: Letters from Liberia, 1833-1917**

Letters received by the society from colonists and society and colony officials in Liberia. Letters from Liberia before 1833 are interfiled in Series I-A. Arranged chronologically.

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#### **C: Herndon Slaves, 1854**

Letters received by the society in response to a special circular appealing for funds to send the slaves liberated by T. D. Herndon of Virginia to Liberia.  
Arranged chronologically.

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#### **D: William McLain Private Letters, 1831-1850**

Letters received by McLain from friends and members of his family generally concerning personal matters.  
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#### **E: Miscellaneous, 1819-1912**

Letters received. Much of the early material consists of letters from Jehudi Ashmun in Liberia concerning the conditions and problems in the colony in the 1820s.  
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#### **II: Outgoing Correspondence, 1839-1912**

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#### **Domestic Letters, 1839-1912**

Letters sent by society's administrative officers, chiefly the current secretary, concerning general matters.  
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**Ralph R. Gurley Letterbooks, 1856-1866**

Letters written by Gurley when he was corresponding secretary of the society.  
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Letters of the secretary of the Massachusetts Colonization Society concerning matters involving that organization, particularly its relations with the parent society.  
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**Letters from Liberia, 1843-1874**

Letters received from Liberia.  
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Receipts, account books, ledgers, statements, and miscellaneous papers of a purely financial nature. A small amount of correspondence concerning financial matters is included.  
Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.

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**V: Business Papers, 1816-1963**

Annual reports, proceedings and minutes of the annual meetings of the board of directors and the executive committee, membership and donation records, and papers concerning the *African Repository*.  
Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.

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BOX I:A109 pt. 2 REEL 54	Jan. 25-Feb. 26
BOX I:A109 pt. 3 REEL 55	Feb. 27- Mar. 31
BOX I:A110 pt. 1 REEL 55	July 8-May 10
BOX I:A110 pt. 2 REEL 55	May 11-June 30
BOX I:A111 pt. 1 REEL 56	Feb. 18-July 26
BOX I:A111 pt. 2 REEL 56	July 27-Aug. 28
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BOX I:A112 pt. 1 REEL 57	May 29-Nov. 6
BOX I:A112 pt. 2 REEL 57	Nov. 7-Dec. 4
BOX I:A112 pt. 3 REEL 57	Dec. 5-30
BOX I:A113 pt. 1 REEL 58	1849
	Jan. 1-18
BOX I:A113 pt. 2 REEL 58	Jan. 19-Feb. 16
BOX I:A113 pt. 3 REEL 58	Feb. 17-Mar. 31
BOX I:A114 pt. 1 REEL 59	Apr. 2-May 8
BOX I:A114 pt. 2 REEL 59	May 9-June 30
BOX I:A115 pt. 1 REEL 59	July 1-Aug. 9
BOX I:A115 pt. 2 REEL 60	Aug. 10-Sept. 30
BOX I:A116 pt. 1 REEL 60	Oct. 1-Nov. 19
BOX I:A116 pt. 2 REEL 60	Nov. 20-Dec. 31
BOX I:A117 pt. 1 REEL 61	1850
	Jan. 1-Feb. 25
BOX I:A117 pt. 2 REEL 61	Feb. 26-Mar. 30
BOX I:A118 pt. 1 REEL 62	Apr. 1-May 17
BOX I:A118 pt. 2 REEL 62	May 18- June 30
BOX I:A119 pt. 1 REEL 62	July 1-Aug. 6
BOX I:A119 pt. 2 REEL 63	Aug. 7-Sept. 30
BOX I:A120 pt. 1 REEL 63	Oct. 1-Nov. 16
BOX I:A120 pt. 2 REEL 63	Nov. 18-Dec. 31
BOX I:A121 pt. 1 REEL 64	1851
	Jan. 1-Feb. 5
BOX I:A121 pt. 2 REEL 64	Feb. 6-Mar. 31
BOX I:A122 pt. 1 REEL 64	Apr. 1-May 8
BOX I:A122 pt. 1	May 9-June 30

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REEL 65	
BOX I:A123 pt. 2	Aug. 8-Sept. 30
REEL 65	
BOX I:A124 pt. 1	Oct. 1-Nov. 21
REEL 66A	
BOX I:A124 pt. 2	Nov. 22-Dec. 31
REEL 66B	
BOX I:A125 pt. 1	1852
REEL 66B	
	Jan. 1-Feb. 16
BOX I:A125 pt. 2	Feb. 17-Mar. 31
REEL 67	
BOX I:A126 pt. 1	Apr. 1-May 6
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BOX I:A127 pt. 2	Aug. 12-Sept. 30
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BOX I:A128 pt. 1	Oct. 1-Nov. 15
REEL 68	
BOX I:A128 pt. 2	Nov. 16-Dec. 31
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BOX I:A129 pt. 1	1853
REEL 69	
	Jan.1- Feb. 11
BOX I:A129 pt. 2	Feb. 12-Mar. 31
REEL 69	
BOX I:A130 pt. 1	Apr. 1-May 8
REEL 70	
BOX I:A130 pt. 2	May 9-June 30
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REEL 70	
BOX I:A131 pt. 2	Aug. 10-Sept. 30
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BOX I:A132 pt. 1	Oct. 1-Nov. 16
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BOX I:A132 pt. 2	Nov. 17-Dec. 31
REEL 71	
BOX I:A133 pt. 1	1854
REEL 72	
	Jan. 1-Feb. 9
BOX I:A133 pt. 2	Feb. 10-Mar. 31
REEL 72	
BOX I:A134 pt. 1	Apr. 1-May 5
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BOX I:A135 pt. 1 REEL 73	July 1-Aug. 11
BOX I:A135 pt. 2 REEL 73	Aug. 12-Sept. 30
BOX I:A136 pt. 1 REEL 74	R 74Oct. 1-Nov. 12
BOX I:A136 pt. 2 REEL 74	Nov. 13-Dec. 30
BOX I:A137 pt. 1 REEL 74	1855
	Jan. 1-Feb. 6
BOX I:A137 pt. 2 REEL 75	Feb. 7-Mar. 10
BOX I:A137 pt. 3 REEL 75	Mar. 11-31
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BOX I:A139 pt. 1 REEL 76	Apr. 1-May 11
BOX I:A139 pt. 2 REEL 76	May 12-June 30
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BOX I:A140 pt. 2 REEL 77	Aug. 8-Sept. 30
BOX I:A141 pt. 1 REEL 77	Oct. 1-Nov. 8
BOX I:A141 pt. 2 REEL 78	Nov. 9-Dec. 31
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BOX I:A142 pt. 2 REEL 78	Feb. 19-Mar. 31
BOX I:A143 pt. 1 REEL 79	Apr. 1-May 9
BOX I:A143 pt. 2 REEL 79	May 10-June 30
BOX I:A144 REEL 80	July 1-Sept. 30
BOX I:A145 pt. 1 REEL 80	Oct. 1-Nov. 14
BOX I:A145 pt. 2 REEL 81	Nov. 15-Dec. 31
BOX I:A146 pt. 1 REEL 81	1857
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BOX I:A146 pt. 1	Feb. 14-Mar. 31

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BOX I:A147 pt. 1	Apr. 1-May 7
REEL 82	
BOX I:A147 pt. 2	May 8-June 29
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BOX I:A148	July 1-Sept. 30
REEL 82	
BOX I:A149 pt. 1	Oct. 1-Nov. 9
REEL 83	
BOX I:A149 pt. 2	Nov. 10-Dec. 31
REEL 83	
BOX I:A150	1858
REEL 83	
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A151	Apr. 1-June 30
REEL 84	
BOX I:A152	July 1-Sept. 30
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BOX I:A153	Oct.1-Dec. 31
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BOX I:A154	1859
REEL 85	
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A155 pt. 1	Apr. 1-May 9
REEL 86	
BOX I:A155 pt. 2	May 10-June 30
REEL 86	
BOX I:A156	July 1-Sept. 30
REEL 87	
BOX I:A157	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
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BOX I:A158 pt. 1	1860
REEL 88	
	Jan. 1-Feb. 19
BOX I:A158 pt. 2	Feb. 20-Mar. 31
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BOX I:A159 pt. 1	Apr. 2-May 22
REEL 89	
BOX I:A159 pt. 2	May 23-June 30
REEL 89	
BOX I:A160	July 2-Sept. 29
REEL 89	
BOX I:A161	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
REEL 90	
BOX I:A162	1861
REEL 91	
	Jan. 1-Mar. 30
BOX I:A163	Apr. 1-June 29
REEL 91	
BOX I:A164	July 1-Sept. 30

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REEL 92	
BOX I:A166	1862
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A167	Apr. 1-June 30
REEL 93	
BOX I:A168	July 1-Sept. 30
REEL 93	
BOX I:A169	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
REEL 93	
BOX I:A170	1863
REEL 94	
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A171	Apr. 1-June 30
REEL 94	
BOX I:A172	July 1-Sept. 29
REEL 94	
BOX I:A173	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
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REEL 95	
	Jan. 4-Mar. 31
BOX I:A175	Apr. 1-June 29
REEL 95	
BOX I:A176	July 1-Sept. 30
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BOX I:A177	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
REEL 96	
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REEL 97	
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BOX I:A179	Apr. 1-June 30
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BOX I:A183	Apr. 2-June 30
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BOX I:A187 REEL 100	Apr. 1-June 29
BOX I:A188 REEL 100	July 1-Sept. 30
BOX I:A189 REEL 101	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
BOX I:A190 pt. 1 REEL 101	1868 Jan. 1-Feb. 25
BOX I:A190 pt. 2 REEL 101	Feb. 26-Mar. 31
BOX I:A191 pt. 1 REEL 102	Apr. 1-27
BOX I:A191 pt. 2 REEL 102	Apr. 28-June 30
BOX I:A192 REEL 102	July 1-Sept. 30
BOX I:A193 REEL 103	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
BOX I:A194 REEL 103	1869 Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A195 REEL 104	Apr. 1-June 30
BOX I:A196 REEL 104	July 1-Sept. 30
BOX I:A197 REEL 105	Oct. 1-Dec. 30
BOX I:A198 REEL 105	1870 Jan. 2-Mar. 31
BOX I:A199 REEL 106	Apr. 1-June 30
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REEL 110	
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REEL 110	
BOX I:A209	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
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REEL 111	
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A211	Apr. 1-June 30
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BOX I:A214	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
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REEL 113	
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BOX I:A230 REEL 117	1878
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A231 REEL 117	Apr. 1-June 29
BOX I:A232 REEL 117	July 1-Sept. 31
BOX I:A233 REEL 118	Oct. 4-Dec. 31
BOX I:A234 REEL 118	1879
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A235 REEL 118	Apr. 1-June 30
BOX I:A236 REEL 119	July 1-Sept. 30
BOX I:A237 REEL 119	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
BOX I:A238 REEL 120	1880
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A239 REEL 120	Apr. 1-June 30
BOX I:A240 REEL 120	July 1-Sept. 30
BOX I:A241 REEL 121	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
BOX I:A242 REEL 121	1881
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A243 REEL 121	Apr. 1-June 29
BOX I:A244 REEL 122	July 1-Sept. 30
BOX I:A245 REEL 122	Oct. 1-Dec. 30
BOX I:A246 REEL 122	1882
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A247 REEL 123	Apr. 1-June 30
BOX I:A248 REEL 123	July 1-Sept. 29
BOX I:A249 REEL 123	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
BOX I:A250	1883



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REEL 124	
BOX I:A252	July 2-Sept. 30
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BOX I:A253	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
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BOX I:A254	1884
REEL 125	
	Jan. 2-Mar. 31
BOX I:A255	Apr. 1-June 30
REEL 125	
BOX I:A256	July 1-Sept. 30
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BOX I:A257	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
REEL 126	
BOX I:A258	1885
REEL 126	
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A259	Apr. 2-June 29
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BOX I:A260	July 1-Sept. 30
REEL 127	
BOX I:A261	Oct. 2-Dec. 31
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BOX I:A262	1886
REEL 128	
	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A263	Apr. 1-June 30
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BOX I:A264	July 1-Sept. 30
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BOX I:A265	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
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BOX I:A266	1887
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	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
BOX I:A267	Apr. 1-June 30
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BOX I:A268	July 1-Sept. 30
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BOX I:A269	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
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BOX I:A271	Apr. 1-June 30
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BOX I:A274 REEL 132	1889
	Jan.-Mar. (13 folders)
	Apr.-June (11 folders)
BOX I:A275 REEL 133	July-Sept.  (10 folders)
	Oct.-Dec. (12 folders)
BOX I:A276 REEL 133-134	1890
	Jan.-Mar. (15 folders)
	Apr.-June Index and nos. 1-25 (6 folders)
BOX I:A277 REEL 134	Nos. 126-374  (10 folders)
	July-Sept. Index and nos. 1-200 (9 folders)
BOX I:A278 REEL 135	Nos. 201-277  (3 folders)
	Oct.-Dec. Index and nos. 1-400 (17 folders)
BOX I:A279 REEL 136	Nos. 401-437  (2 folders)
	1891
	Jan.-Mar. (19 folders)
BOX I:A280 REEL 137	Apr. -June  (18 folders)
	July (6 folders)
BOX I:A281 REEL 138	Aug.-Sept.  (14 folders)

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	Oct. (7 folders)
<b>BOX I:A282</b> <b>REEL 139</b>	Nov.-Dec.  (16 folders)
	1892 Special letters Index and nos. 1-150 (7 folders)
<b>BOX I:A283</b> <b>REEL 140</b>	Nos. 151-284  (5 folders)
	Mar.-June (14 folders)
<b>BOX I:A284</b> <b>REEL 141</b>	June-Dec.  (16 folders)
	1893, Jan.-1894, Jan. Index and nos. 1-200 Nos. 201-382
<b>BOX I:A285</b> <b>REEL 142</b>	 (7 folders)
	1892, Nov.-1894, July (15 folders)
<b>BOX I:A286</b> <b>REEL 143</b>	1894, July-Dec.  (14 folders)
	1894, Dec.-1895, June Index and nos. 1-150 (7 folders)
<b>BOX I:A287</b> <b>REEL 144</b>	Nos. 151-387  (9 folders)
	Index and nos. 1-300 (13 folders)
<b>BOX I:A288</b> <b>REEL 145</b>	Nos. 301-500  (4 folders)
	1894-1896, Feb. Index and nos. 1-450 (19 folders)
<b>BOX I:A289</b> <b>REEL 146</b>	Nos. 451- 610  (7 folders)
	1896, Feb.-1897, Apr. Index and nos. 1-400 (17 folders)

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BOX I:A291 REEL 148	Nos. 201-381  (7 folders) 1899, Mar.-1903, May (17 folders)
BOX I:A292 REEL 149	1899, Mar.-1903, May  (17 folders) 1902, May-1906, June Index and nos. 1-150 (7 folders)
BOX I:A293 REEL 150	Nos. 151-384  (9 folders) 1904, Mar.-1906, June Index and nos. 1-250 (11 folders)
BOX I:A294 REEL 151	Nos. 251-364  (4 folders) 1906, July-1908, July (16 folders)
BOX I:A295 REEL 152	1908, July-1912, Mar.  (16 folders) Miscellaneous letters, 1911-1912 (2 folders)
BOX I:A296 REEL 153	Register of incoming letters (1816-1823)
BOX I:A297 REEL 153	Index to letters received (1839-1855)
BOX I:A298 REEL 153	Incoming letter register (1863)
BOX I:B1-I:B32 REEL 153-173	<b>B: Letters from Liberia, 1833-1917</b>  Letters received by the society from colonists and society and colony officials in Liberia. Letters from Liberia before 1833 are interfiled in Series I-A. Arranged chronologically.
BOX I:B1 REEL 153	1833, Feb. 1-1836, Dec. 18
BOX I:B2 REEL 154	1839, Nov. 12-1842, June 20

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BOX I:B4 REEL 155	1850, July 9-1851, Nov. 6
BOX I:B5 pt. 1 REEL 155	1851, Nov. 29-1853, Jan. 13
BOX I:B5 pt. 2 REEL 155	1853, Jan. 20-Oct. 3
BOX I:B6 pt. 1 REEL 156	1853, Jan. 29-1854, Aug. 15
BOX I:B6 pt. 2 REEL 156	1854, Aug. 16-1856, May 14
BOX I:B7 pt. 1 REEL 157	1856, May 10-1857, Apr. 2
BOX I:B7 pt. 2 REEL 157	1857, Apr. 23-Dec. 21
BOX I:B8 pt. 1 REEL 158	1858  Jan. 11-July 16
BOX I:B8 pt. 2 REEL 158	July 17-Nov. 16
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BOX I:B10 pt. 1 REEL 159	1859, Dec. 2-1860, July 2
BOX I:B10 pt. 2 REEL 159	1860, July-Oct. 22
BOX I:B11 REEL 160	1860, Oct. 22-1861, Dec. 11
BOX I:B12 REEL 160	1861, Nov. 26-1863, Dec. 16
BOX I:B13 REEL 160	1864, Jan. 7-1866, Dec. 15
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BOX I:B15 pt. 2 REEL 162	1870, Dec. 31-1871, Dec. 29
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BOX I:B31 REEL 172	Dispatches from Joseph Jenkins Roberts, 1840-1848
BOX I:B32 REEL 173	Letters from J. N. Lewis and J. W. Lugenbeel, 1841, 1848
BOX I:C1-I:C2 REEL 173	<b>C: Herndon Slaves, 1854</b>  Letters received by the society in response to a special circular appealing for funds to send the slaves liberated by T. D. Herndon of Virginia to Liberia. Arranged chronologically.
BOX I:C1 REEL 173	Aug. 4-21
BOX I:C2 REEL 173	Aug. 21-Dec. 2
BOX I:D1-I:D4 REEL 174-177A	<b>D: William McLain Private Letters, 1831-1850</b>  Letters received by McLain from friends and members of his family generally concerning personal matters. Arranged chronologically.
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BOX I:D3 pt. 2 REEL 176	1843, Jan. 24-1844, Dec. 23
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BOX I:D4 pt. 2 REEL 177A	1849, Sept. 13-1850, Dec. 28
BOX I:E1-I:E5 REEL 177B-181	<b>E: Miscellaneous, 1819-1912</b>  Letters received. Much of the early material consists of letters from Jehudi Ashmun in Liberia concerning the conditions and problems in the colony in the 1820s. Arranged chronologically.
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	Mar.
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