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COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: John Howard PAYNE Papers

SOURCE: Gift of the Luquer family, 1960-1962

SUBJECT: John Howard Payne and his family. Payne's life and works, as actor, playwright, U.S. Consul at Tunis, and champion of Indian rights. Principal subjects: theater, Tunis, Cherokee Indians.

DATES COVERED: ca. 1780 - 1952 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 7000

STATUS (check appropriate description)

Cataloged: ☒ Listed: ☐ Arranged: ☒ Not organized: ☐

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxed, or shelves)

Bound: ☐ Boxed: 26 and Stored: ☐  
(with Flat Boxes) 1 portfolio

LOCATION: (Library, Rare Bk & Manuscr.) ALL NUMBER: Ms Coll/Payne

RESTRICTIONS ON USE none

DESCRIPTION:

John Howard Payne: Manuscripts by Payne: plays, poems, journals, essays, account books, correspondence, letter books (to and from) -- including a large group of letters from Washington Irving. Pictorial material, scrapbooks, biographies, portraits, passports, and other documents. Materials on the Cherokee incident (1835-1838) and Payne's arrest in Georgia.

Other material: Letters, etc. of various members of the Payne family and of related families. Of greatest interest is a group of fine letters and manuscripts of Eloise Richards Payne (1787-1819), a sister of the playwright. These present a sensitive and revealing portrait of the social, cultural, and political life of the time. "In force and beauty of diction, passages in her writings recall those of De Staël, and it is to be regretted that they have not been included in the literature of America." (Eliza C30.2(10/68) 5c Quincy's Memoir). At one time, the publication of these papers was, in fact, projected. Among the manuscripts and documents are many items of genealogical interest on the Paine, Shippen, Lynch, Luquer, and Lea families.

Two boxes of the papers of Col. Thatcher Taylor Payne Luquer contain correspondence, etc., on various aspects of John Howard Payne's career, and on "An Unconscious Autobiography", the letters and diaries of (over)

William Osborn Payne (1783-1804) - a brother of the playwright - edited by Col. Luquer.

Arrangement of the Payne Collection:

Correspondence:

A - Z	11 boxes
Typescripts of many letters	1 box
Letterbooks	2 boxes
Manuscripts and documents	6 boxes

Correspondence and notes on John Howard Payne, assembled by Col. Thatcher T.-Payne Luquer: America's lost plays (publication of JHP's plays): Mme. Calderon de la Barca (Payne's friendship with Frances F. Inglis); Birch, Barragan, Chiles, and Grant books on JHP; Centennial on JHP's death (1952) and Sesquicentennial of his birth (1941); Estate of JHP; Portrait of JHP and correspondence about the portraits; Reinterment of JHP; Union College - materials re. JHP; Stanley Williams' Life of Washington Irving - correspondence; Dispute over the birthplace of JHP; correspondence, typescript, and proofs of "An Unconscious Autobiography" - the journal of William Osborn Payne; etc.

2 boxes

Printed materials - clippings, books, pamphlets, etc.

3 boxes

Books: John Howard Payne... by Habriel Harrison. Albany, 1875; and Philadelphia, 1885. 2 copies.

An Unconscious Autobiography -- William Osborn

Payne's Diary and letters 1796-1804. Edited by Thatcher Taylor Payne Luquer. New York, 1938.

Paine Family Records. Edited by H.D. Paine. New York, 1880. (Corrected in longhand by Col. Luquer.

America's First Hamlet. By Grace Overmyer. New York, 1957

Photographs (and fez belonging to JHP)

1 box

Portfolio of Eloise Elizabeth Payne (Scrapbook of memorabilia)

1 volume

PAYNE COLLECTION -- GENEALOGY

William Payne ----- Sarah (Isaacs) Payne  
( -1812) ( - 1807)

