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COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Gordon N. REY Collection of Literary and Historical Letters and Documents  
SOURCE: Gift of Gordon N. Ray, 1969; 1973; 1977; 1980, 1986

SUBJECT: 18th, 19th & 20th century literary, artistic and historical figures, chiefly British and American & some French

DATES COVERED: ca. 1661 - 1976 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 1,100 items

STATUS (check appropriate description)  
Cataloged:  Listed:  Arranged:  Not organized:

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

LOCATION: (Library) Rare Bk & Manusc. CALL NUMBER: Ms. Coll/Ray -

RESTRICTIONS ON USE None

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of:

- 1) 36 letters to Frank Topham, chiefly written in 1879
- 2) 84 letters from various 19th century artists including Wyke Bayliss, G. Bowers Edwards and Carl Haag
- 3) 35 letters to Jerome Milkman, covering the period 1925-1958
- 4) 115 letters to Howes Norris, covering the period 1908-1930
- 5) 123 letters from various 20th century artists including Sir D.Y. Cameron, Sir John Collier and Sir Gerald Kelley.

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1973 Addition--157 letters and a few manuscripts and documents of various American and British authors.

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1974 Gift:

French Historical Letters and Documents (all catalogued)

- 1) A group of 27 documents and letters from the period immediately following the Revolution, 1793-1812. Most of the items deal with military and governmental matters. Chief among the correspondents and signers are Lazare Nicolas Marguerite Carnot, Jean Jacques Regis Cambacérès, Jean Etienne Championnet and Jean Baptiste Michel Saladin.
- 2) A group of 20 letters written to the United States ministers to France, 1814-1832. The four American diplomats are William Harris Crawford, Albert Gallatin, William Cabell Rives and Nathaniel Niles. Among the important correspondents are Elie Decazes, Antoine René Charles Mathurin, comte de La Forest, and Armand Emmanuel du Plessis, duc de Richelieu. The letters deal with a variety of diplomatic matters such as the exchange of war prisoners and refuge for the ship Decatur.

1977 Gift: (all catalogued and interfiled in the main series)

Letters and other autographed items of English artists (72 items): Artists for which there are more than one item: Sir William Boxall, Thomas Sidney Cooper, George Cruikshank, Richard Doyle, Copley Fielding, Sir John Gilbert, B. R. Haydon, H. Stacy Marks, Val Prinsep, David Roberts, Thomas Uwins, George Frederic Watts, Thomas Webster, Francis Jeffrey, Lord Jeffrey.

Letters & documents of English writers (32 items): Some of the writers included are Edwin Arnold, Alfred Austin, Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, Rider Haggard, W. J. Locke, Captain Marryat, Myles Birket-Foster, Frank Swinnerton, Israel Zangwill, John Gibson.

Letters and documents of English historical figures (29 items): Some of the names included are A. J. Balfour, Lord Castlereagh, Joseph Chamberlain, Marquis of Queensberry, Philip Snowden, Friedrich Max Muller.

American Letters & documents (5 items): Julian Green, Alice Longfellow, Christopher Morley, Dewitt Clinton.

French letters & documents (8 items): Georges Boulanger, Jean Casimir-Périer, Georges Clemenceau, Paul Doumer, Jean Jusserand, Jacques Lauriston, Raymond Poincaré, Talleyrand.

1980 Gift:

Letters & documents of 19th & 20th century English literary & historical figures (262 items)

1986 Gift:

In addition to 105 letters and 6 manuscripts of various American and British literary figures, there is one 17th century letter, from Archbishop Jeremy Taylor, concerning church business.