THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1962

Dear Mrs. Riley:

As you know, I was particularly pleased by your thoughtfulness in bringing me the Crucifix the other morning during the coffee hour. However, I wanted you to have this note conveying my thanks and appreciation.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

The Honorable Corrine B. Riley
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

President John Kennedy Thanks A Congresswoman For “Bringing Me The Crucifix The Other Morning” - This Is The Only JFK Presidential Letter I Have Found That Mentions His Catholic Faith
Dear Autograph Collector,

I hope this finds you well, and you will find interesting historical material in these pages. Highlights include a JFK letter mentioning his Catholicism, a great P.T. Barnum letter about his circus animals, a King James I letter, a New Mexico marksman competition photograph album from 1910, a Charles and Anne Lindbergh signed book, a Declaration of Independence Signer Samuel Huntington signed document, a funny Bret Harte letter mocking his wife, a fiery anti-British sermon delivered by a New Hampshire minister, a 1777 Philadelphia document insuring that no war materiel fall into British hands, a great John Studebaker letter about his family’s manufacturing history, an Andres Segovia early signed photograph, oversized signed photographs of George Westinghouse, Herbert Hoover and Billy Mitchell, and letters from literary luminaries like James Fenimore Cooper, Theodore Dreiser, Ezra Pound, James Thurber, William Rosetti and Sarah Orne Jewett.

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Lastly, I wanted to mention my appraisal services for estate tax, donation and insurance purposes. I am a Certified Member of the Appraisers Association of America with a certification in Historical Documents. If you have appraisal needs or questions, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Many thanks to Alexandra Kiely for her fine writing and editing found throughout these pages.

Sincerely,

Stuart Lutz

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The title of the lecture will be on the discovery of the Temple of Diana and other results of the excavation at Ephesus which had been carried on for 11 years.

Engagements for me for the months of November, December, and January. I told him all negotiations for engagements, but that for Baltimore must be it appears as if it would be very beautiful in the summer.

I'm quite homesick. I'm spoilt for anything but home.

J.T. Wood wrote to Mr. Chandler in America about lecturing on his archaeological findings. They buried below twenty feet of sand.

The British Museum backed his archaeology efforts and he discovered in 1869 a Greek temple and archaeologist. When he was in Turkey for a building project, he became interested in the Temple of Artemis (Diana) in Ephesus, which is where St. Paul was drowned out by a mob.

An archive of a dozen letters, with eight by Wood and the remaining four by his associate. Wood wrote to Mr. Chandler in America about lecturing on his archaeological findings. They generally range from the mid-1870s.

An archive of nearly 100 black and white photographs created during a men’s hunting trip to Kodiak, Alaska about 1950. There are images of men with fishing rods and rifles, and with dead bears, crabs, fish, moose and seals. Some photographs show the men inside the cabin relaxing, reading, sleeping and cooking. There are also photographs of the early tourist planes, Alaskan scenery and small towns. The images are in three sizes, 5" x 7", 5" x 3" and 2 ½" x 4, and all are in fine condition with minor faults such as chipped corners. A fine frontier photography archive.

A MANUSCRIPT BY THE METHODIST BISHOP EDWARD GAYER ANDREWS ABOUT THE THANK YOU OFFERING AND FORWARD MOVEMENT

Andrews was a Methodist bishop and spoke at the funeral of President McKinley.

An archive of many letters and a speech by Bishop Andrews about the famous Methodist Twentieth Century Thank Offering and Forward Movement that raised $20 million for education. The manuscript is headed by Andrews “A Statement and an Appeal.” Andrews writes at length concerning the movement, what it has accomplished and what it can still do. It states in part: “1. An acknowledgement of a hundred years of wonderful mercy to the Church to our fathers and to ourselves. 2. An provision for a Century of larger and better service for God and our fellow men than our Church has yet reserved...In November 1898, the Bishops issued a call to higher consecration, and also for a gift of twenty million dollars for various Church purposes, they also appointed a representation thank offering commission...In 1899, the Commission defined more carefully the objects for gifts, particularly plans...The General Conference of 1900 approved and enlarged the plans.”. This was undoubtedly a speech delivered by Andrews around 1901 and was an appeal for more funds. This successful movement was a model for similar appeals in other denominations. The manuscript is in good condition, on lightly toned paper with tiny file holes at the left of each page and a bit of the first page apparently mouse-eaten at the lower right affecting a few letters. There is light chipping to the margins.

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J.T. Wood: “Many thanks for your kindness in looking after my interest in America as regards lectures – when I mentioned 150 as a minimum sum that should induce me to come over, I did not state it necessary to specify the exact number of lectures I was willing to give you that amount I would leave that to you, but it would not be prudent or fair to lecture for less than one place than in another unless the place is smaller...When I illustrate it will use the magic lantern views and they please the audience very much. I can bring the slides with me to the number of two dozen or so... I propose giving lectures on the subject of the discovery of the Temple of Diana...”. The last page is stained.

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J.T. Wood: “...I saw Mr. Garrison yesterday, and he offered to do all his power to interest the public in my lectures... I saw something – the Central Park today but I was too tired to see all about – it appears as if it would be very beautiful in the summer...I'm quite homesick...I'm spoilt for anything but home...”. The letter has light soiling.

J.T. Wood: “...I saw Redpath in Boston and authorized him to make engagements for me for the months of November December and January. I told him all negotiations for engagements but that for Baltimore must be given up to him – if this is half necessary, of course it must be done for the sake of the other engagements Redpath may obtain for me...Is essential he should let me know as soon as possible of any engagements...J.T. Wood”. The letter is in fine condition.
4) (AXE MURDER LETTER). Letter. 2pg. 9 ¼” x 8 ½”. June 4th 1861. Whitehall. A letter that discusses events linked to the Civil War and a particularly gruesome axe murder: “…It is hard times for certain as so many of the banks have gone down since the Government troubles all banks that were secured by southern bonds are smashed…A horrible murder was committed three weeks ago last Saturday two miles above Wilmington…An old man by the name of Mace his wife and an adopted son 17 or 18 years old wer [sic] the victims. Two men were riding along the road about half a mile distant from the house when they heard cries of help and upon arriving at the house ther [sic] lay the old man near the gate shot and also cut with an ax near the porch lay the boy with his brains beat out with a club the old lady was lying on the porch with her head severed from her body with an ax. The house was burning, the beds having been set afire in the upper story. It was known that the old man had a great amount of money which he kept in a safe in the house the safe was iron but could not be found after the house was burned. Intense excitement prevailed until the murderers were caught (or supposed murderers).” The letter is in excellent condition. The left, right, and bottom margins are all rounded, giving the letter the appearance of a circle with an arc section removed. There is slight staining and the usual mailing folds. $250.00

5) PHINEAS T. BARNUM (1810-1891). Barnum was the most famous showman of his time. He presented attractions such as General Tom Thumb, Jenny Lind’s concert tour of America, the Feejee mermaid, and Jumbo the Elephant. He co-founded Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus. ALS. 1pg. 4 ½” x 7”. October 18, 1886. Bridgeport, Connecticut. An autograph letter signed “P.T. Barnum” on the letterhead of his mansion Waldemere in Bridgeport. He wrote to the Editor of the Albany Evening Journal: “Dear Sir, In reply to yours of the 6th inst, I enclose a note from my principal Wild Animal Keeper – by which you will see that the Tiger has two single and two double teeth between the tusk in its upper jaw. Truly yours P.T. Barnum”. It is accompanied by a letter from Frank Hyatt, who was one of Barnum’s assistant circus managers. “Savannah Ga Oct 16/86 P.T. Barnum Esq – Dear Sir Yours of the 8th received to day and in reply will say that a Tiger has 2 single and 2 double teeth between the tusk up on its upper jaw. Yours truly F. Hyatt”. Both letters have mounting remnants but are in fine condition. Most unusual Barnum content! $1,750.00

6) KATHARINE LEE BATES (1859-1929). Bates was an author, educator, and lyricist. She wrote the words for “America the Beautiful.” TLS. 1pg. 5” x 8”. June 1, 1925. Wellesley. A typed letter signed “Katharine Lee Bates” to William Palmer: “Please accept my thanks for your very kind congratulations so characteristically expressed. The assurances of friendly feeling and affection that have come to me within the last few days are quite the best of all.” The letter has mailing folds and is in fine condition with a large autograph. $175.00

BEAUTIFUL PAGES FROM A MEDIEVAL BREVIARY

7) (BREVIARY). Manuscript. 2pg. 6” x 8 ¼”. N.d. [Middle Ages]. N.p. Two pages from a medieval Catholic Breviary written in Latin on thin parchment. There are colorful capital letters and other red ink, and also light lines showing where the writing should go. There is very light soiling and it is in fine condition. $250.00

BRYANT THANKS BANKER JAY COOKE FOR A LETTER OF CREDIT

8) WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT (1794-1878). Bryant, a poet, is best remembered for “Thanatopsis”.

JAY COOKE (1821-1905). A prominent banker, Cooke helped finance the Civil War through the sale of bonds. After putting much of his money in railroads, the stock bubble burst, and Jay Cooke and Company failed. He soon began other ventures and recouped his fortune. ALS. 1pg. 5” x 8”. January 20, 1872. New York. An autograph letter signed “W.C. Bryant” to “Messrs Jay Cooke & Co.” about a loan: “I return my thanks for the Letter of Credit which you have so kindly send me and at the same time I send enclosed the three signatures which are necessary in order to avail myself of its advantages.” The letter has dark writing and white paper. The letter is backed to a larger sheet and is neatly separated down the middle, though the separation does not affect the signature. $250.00

PIONEERING CALIFORNIA ARBORIST JOHN Q. A. BALLOU FILLS AN ORDER FOR TREES

9) (CALIFORNIA) - JOHN Q.A. BALLOU. Ballou was a noted Californian arborist. Born in New England, Ballou eventually settled in San Jose, where he became known for cultivating fruit trees.

ALS. 1pg. 7 ¾” x 10”. December 20, 1857. San Jose. An autograph letter signed “John Q A Ballou”. The arborist Ballou replies to an order for trees: “Dear Sir Your three orders for trees were filled and the bills forwarded to you yesterday. I have offered the packages at the stage office and the agent absolutely refuses to forward them; I have left the trees at Mr Glandy’s store in San Jose where they will remain until I hear from you. Respectfully Yours John Q A Ballou”. The letter is in good condition with some adhesive remnants about halfway down the page, below the text. $150.00
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Cary F. Grimes (1829-1862). Grimes, a Virginian, commanded the Grimes Battery / Portsmouth Light Artillery of soldiers from Portsmouth, Virginia. He was killed at Antietam when he was shot while on his horse.

ADS. 2pg. 7 ½” x 8 ½”. August 3, 1862. Head Qrs Anderson’s Division [likely in the Richmond area]. An autograph document signed “Thos S. Mills A.A. Genl” to Captain Cary Grimes. He wrote: “Head Qrs Anderson’s Division Aug 3, 1862 Capt Grimes Comdg Battalion Artillery Genl Mahone commanding directs that you send immediately one of your Batteries to Weir bottom Church for the purpose of annoying the enemy Gunboats should they attempt to ascend the Appomattox, taking care that your battery is not unnecessarily exposed. Should you require a guide, call up on Cooper at Halfway House who will furnish one. I am least your obt svt Thos S Mills A.A. Genl”. On the back, Grimes wrote “Lieut Tilghman will proceed forthwith with his Battery, and execute the within order CF Grimes Capt Com Battery Field Ay”. Confederate General Richard H. Anderson fought in the Mexican-American War and the Civil War; he saw action at Spotsylvania. He is best remembered for his defense of the “Bloody Lane” at Antietam. General William Mahone is best remembered for rallying Southern troops after the shock of the Battle of the Crater at Petersburg. Ware Bottom Church is between Richmond and Petersburg, and it just north of the Appomattox River. It was the site of a large May 1864 battle. The document is on blue-gray paper with folds, and the lower left corner was removed with no loss to the text. Confederate field orders are scarce. $2,500.00

A Confederate Manuscript Circular, Cutting Meat Provisions for “To Troops in Garrison, Reserve Forces Where Not in Active Movement, Prisoners and Hospitals” and the Meals Should be Replaced with “Sorghum and Syrup”

C. Cooper mentions his later work Miles Wallingford

10) (Church Society for Promoting Christianity). Postcard. 1pg. 5” x 3”. November 21, 1882. Woodstock, Vermont. A postcard signed “Francis W. Smith” to Reverend F.W. Bartlett of Northfield, Vermont. The printed postcard states “The work of the Church Society For Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews, extending over this land, needs and ought to have increased support. The Society sustains Missionaries and Missionary Schools, and enjoys the organized co-operation of parish clergy in more than thirty diocese and jurisdictions – with results which demonstrate the practicability of the work, and are reasonably encouraging. According to best Hebrew estimate, less than one-tenth of the Jews are provided with synagogue accommodation, or attend the services provided. The vast majority have no man to care for their souls, and are sheep without a shepherd…” The postcard is in very fine condition. $100.00

11) (Confederate Field Order) - Thomas S. Mills (1830-1897). Mills, a South Carolinian, was the assistant adjutant general to Confederate General Richard H. Anderson; he was wounded at Seven Pines, captured at Petersburg and exchanged before the end of the war.

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12) (Confederate Circular). D. 1pg. 7 ¼” x 12”. October 1, 1864. Richmond. A manuscript circular letter with the secretarial autographs of Confederate Secretary of War James Seddon, Major S.B. Brown and a third officer. The document states “The limited supply of meat available for our Armies in the Field requires that an immediate reduction be made in the issue to troops in garrison, reserve forces where not in active movement, prisoners and hospitals. It is therefore directed that wherever Sorghum and Syrup in sufficient quantities can be obtained they shall be issued alternatively with meat and the ration be fixed at (3) three gills per day to the man. All Officers of the Subsistence Department are hereby required to Execute the provision of this circular without delay, and will notify the Chief Commissary of their respective states of these events.” In the autumn of 1864, the noose was tightening on Confederate forces around Petersburg. Lee’s troops ran out of corn and were saved by a raid on Union forces that netted 2,400 cattle. On September 29, 1864, Grant attacked Richmond at the Battle of Chaffin’s Farm; Lee was able to repulse Union forces, but only by moving his thin line around Petersburg. The letter is written on light blue, lined paper and it has light soiling and three horizontal folds. $600.00

13) James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851). Cooper was one of the most popular authors of his time. He wrote The Last Of The Mohicans, The Pathfinder and The Deerslayer.

L.S. 1pg. 8” x 10”. June 4, 1846. New York. A letter signed “J. Fenimore Cooper” to Dr. John Fagan of Philadelphia. The noted author wrote: “I wish you to send on the Plates of Miles Walingford directed to Burgess Stringer & Co. along with the Red Skins and notify that house the day they will come forward.” Burgess Stringer was a publishing house. In 1844, Cooper published Afloat and Ashore: or The Adventures of Miles Wallingford, A Sea Tale. The letter has toning along the top portion from a previous framing. $500.00
A BRITISH NAVY DOCUMENT FROM THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR; IT IS AUTOGRAPHED BY MILES CORBET, WHO SIGNED KING CHARLES'S DEATH WARRANT. AFTER THE RESTORATION, CORBET WAS ARRESTED, THEN HANGED, DRAWN AND QUARTERED

14) MILES CORBET (1595-1662). Corbet was an English politician who sided with the Roundheads in the English Civil War. He was one of the fifty-nine men who signed King Charles I’s death warrant. After the Restoration, Corbet fled to the Netherlands. The English ambassador had him arrested, returned to England and charged. He was found guilty and hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn with two other regicides.

DS. 1pg. 7 ¾" x 12". August 22, 1648. N.p. [likely England]. A document signed “Miles Corbet”, as well as “Giles Greene”, “Wm Earl”, “Wm Edwards” and “Geo Snellinge”. The document, written during the English Civil War, states: “Commissioners Navy It is ordered that sd Comrs of the Navy do give present order for ye ships Tyger & Providence now at ye...”. It is docketed “22 Aug 1648 C N [Commissioner Navy] for...the Tyger & Providence at Harwich”. The HMS Tyger was a Royal Navy frigate, built by Peter Pett II at Woolwich and launched in 1647. Giles Greene was a Commissioner of the Navy from 1642 and the Admiralty from 1645. The document is browned with some waterstains and other minor faults. The American Book Prices Current shows only one other Corbet manuscript selling in the last forty years. $1,500.00

VARINA DAVIS, WRITING FOR JEFFERSON, STATES “I HAD SHIPPED TO YOU FROM NEW YORK SOME BOOKS WHICH I RECOLLECTED YOU DESIRED TO SEE...GENL WINFIELD SCOTT’S BOOK WAS ONE OF THEM & BUCHANAN’S ADMINISTRATION WAS ANOTHER”

15) JEFFERSON DAVIS (1808-1889). Davis was a Senator from Mississippi, Secretary of War and President of the Confederate States.

VARINA DAVIS (1826-1906). The wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, Varina was a powerful partner for her husband. After the war, she helped him write his memoirs and, after his death, she carried on his memory.

ALS. 3pg. 7" x 9". September 2, 1882. Beauvoir. An autograph letter signed “Jefferson Davis” but completely in the handwriting of his wife, Varina. Davis wrote to an unnamed correspondent: “We have been an unusually long time without hearing from you, & that is not a case for the application of the maxim that no news is good news. Your friend Maggie has been very ill. Mrs. Davis went to Memphis to nurse her – after seven weeks she became better & is here now with her children the sea air has I think improved her & I hope she will soon be well again. Minnie is well & does not complain of our solitude though the change is certainly a great one from the crowded boarding school in Germany. Mrs. Davis has not been as well for sometime past as when you last saw her. Of my own health I have nothing agreeable to say yet nothing alarming to report. I hope William is with you & that his companionship relieves the dull hours, if indeed you ever have such. I am always thankful that I had the opportunity to see you last year & long for a renewal of the pleasant & instructive conversations which cheered my days when with you. The flood of last spring seriously injured my planting prospects, but we still hope to make more than half a crop. Corn being an entire failure upon the cut worms which usually about in unplowed land. In the early part of May last I had shipped to you from New York some books which I recollected you desired to see. As I never advised you of the shipment I hope they were received & that you did not know to whom to make an acknowledgment. Genl Winfield Scott’s book was one of them & Buchanan’s administration was another both bearing on some of Jere Black’s statements & touching questions about which you are specially informed. With the united love of our household. I am with regards to Williams if he is with you & to good Marie who I take it will never leave you, as ever Your devoted friend Jefferson Davis”. The letter is on “Beauvoir” letterhead and the paper has light blue lines. Some of the purple ink is fainter than other parts, and the letter is in fine condition. $800.00

TWO WEEKS AFTER VOTING FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION, PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR JOHN DICKINSON SIGNS A LAND DOCUMENT

16) JOHN DICKINSON (1732-1808). The talented Dickinson was a lawyer, a Signer of the Constitution from Delaware, and the Governor of both Delaware and Pennsylvania.

DS. 1pg. 20" x 7". September 30, 1787. Pennsylvania. A land deed signed “John Dickinson” as Pennsylvania Governor. The Governor granted land in Bedford County to Joseph Govett. This was signed about two weeks after Dickinson voted to approve the new Constitution. He was a strong ally of the new government, and wrote pamphlets to support it. The vellum document has a couple of folds and a seal in the lower corner; it is in very fine condition. $300.00

DREISER AGREES TO LECTURE, BUT “I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK ON LITERATURE”

17) THEODORE DREISER (1871-1945). Dreiser, an American author who was a leading proponent of naturalism, wrote Sister Carrie, An American Tragedy and Jennie Gerhardt.

TLS. 1pg. 8" x 10 ½". September 27, 1939. Hollywood, Calif. A typed letter signed “Theodore Dreiser” on his personal letterhead. Dreiser wrote to Marjorie T. Rainey: “I would not have the time to discuss the proposed address with you. However I do not wish to speak on literature. I thought there might be some subject particularly interesting you your group. I would like to know the approximate number that would attend. The rest can wait until a later date. I am so busy just now that I cannot put any time on it, at present...Theodore Dreiser”. In 1940, Rainey married Guy Thompson Griffith, a famous British classical scholar. The letter has the usual mailing folds and is in fine condition otherwise. $225.00

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18) JOSEPH DWIGHT (1703-1765). In colonial Massachusetts, Dwight was a military general during the French and Indian War and the Chief Justice of the Berkshire County Court of Common Pleas.

ALS. 1pg. 7 ¼ x 12 ½". September 10, 1752. Brookfield [Massachusetts]. An autograph letter signed “Joseph Dwight” to Lieutenant Dickinson of Hatfield. He wrote “As I had promised to Capt Keyes to answer his Debt to you I fully intended to have Settled the affair with you when I was last at Hatfield but little disappointment and another prevented, I have some money due in your county, If I can get it shall pay you soon but be that is it will, I’ll endeavor to settle it with you to your Satisfaction and pray you not to give ye Capt any Trouble about it. I am Sir your assured Friend & hble Servt Joseph Dwight”. The letter has the address on the verso, light soiling and margin chipping but is in fine condition. $400.00

A YOUNG EGYPTIAN WRITES PEN-PAL LETTERS TO AN AMERICAN GIRL

19) (EGYPTIAN PENPAL LETTERS). An archive of a dozen letters from a young Egyptian, Hassan Hafez Abd el Bari, to an American woman named Ruth O’Donnell. They range from 1938 to 1946 and state in part:

a) ALS. 2pg. 7” x 9”. August 25, 1938. Cairo. An autograph letter signed “Hassan Hafez Abd el Bari”: “...On November 14 I shall be sixteen years of age. Schools in Egypt are: four years in primary schools; 5 years in secondary schools (high schools); after that the pupil goes in any faculty which he prefers...Our family had spent this summer in our farm but I spent it in Cairo...”. The letter is in fine condition, $400.00

b) ALS. 2pg. 7” x 9”. December 18, 1938. Cairo. An autograph letter signed “Hassan”: “The people in Egypt are happy with the new Princess. Our King had called her 'Fervyal.' In Egypt we have no Christmas because we are Moslems In Egypt we have our own feasts Every year we have two feasts: the small feast which last 3 days and it come in November. The big feast which lasts 4 days and it comes in February. So the Egyptian children do not know anything about Christmas. Arabic is our native language. We study English as just a subject in school...The winter in Egypt in few days is some cold The other days of is the winter are neither cold nor hot...”. The letter is in fine condition.

c) ALS. 3pg. 7” x 9”. April 11, 1939. N.p. An autograph letter signed “Hassan”: “Last days were very hot because of the Khamasins. The Khamasins are dusty winds which come from the desert toward Egypt in this part of the year and it says for 50 days. I wish to tell you something about Egypt for there are many people in Europe and America seem not to know anything about Egypt. There are some rude tourists who come to Egypt and take a photograph of a clean beggar or something else and send it to their countries to be published in the newspapers over this title one of the richest people in Egypt. I do not know why do these people do such a work. I want to tell you that Egypt is like any of the modern countries in the World, and that Cairo is one of the largest Capitals in the World and it is the eighth big city if we counted New York. Trams motor cars & aeroplanes are found in Egypt. Cinemas theatres, & music halls are scattered in Cairo and the large cities. One of the large Zoos in the World is found in Egypt (Cairo) Our Zoo is full of many and different animals and birds which cannot be found in other countries. Public gardens are also found in many part of every city and we have our Nile which is enough to have a look at its beautiful sights at sunset. Schools with their different kinds are opened in Egypt to every sort of people...” It is in fine condition.

d) ALS. 3pg. 5” x 8”. July 19, 1939. Cairo. An autograph letter signed “Hassan”: “...In Egypt the people or the families are separated to three parts like any other country. 1. The high life families In these families the girls and women sit with the men anywhere and do every thing with them. In these families the man marry the girl he chooses & whom he loved. 2. The poor families who are in the opposite direction of the lastfor they see that the girl who sis and talks with a man who is not a relative to her is impolite on the man in these families marry the girl chose by his father or mother and it perhaps may be a girl he did not see before. 3. The middle life families between 1 and 2 are separated to two parts a. The first part do as no. 1 do and I am or my family is of this part. B. The second part do as no. 2 do.” The letter is in purple ink and in fine condition.

e) ALS. 2pg. 6” x 7”. December 16, 1942. Giza. An autograph letter signed “Hassan”: “First I must apologize for not writing to you...it is not my fault, it is the war, it is that mad man called Hitler. I thought that the sea way is closed between America & Egypt except for military purposes, but few days ago a friend told me that letters could be sent.” The letter has a toning box and is in very good condition. $300.00 for the archive

EISENHOWER LAYS OUT HIS POLITICAL VISION: “THE TIME HAS COME FOR CLEAR CUT, DETERMINED ACTION IN SETTING THIS NATION ON A MODERATE BUT DEFINITE COURSE – AVOIDING THE EXTREMES OF BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT, BUT ALWAYS STEADILY PUSHING AHEAD ALONG THE BROAD CENTER”

20) DWIGHT EISENHOWER (1890-1969). Eisenhower was the Thirty-Fourth President.

TLS. 1pg. December 31, 1953. Augusta, Georgia. A typed letter signed “Dwight D Eisenhower” as President. Eisenhower wrote to William H. Jackson to congratulate his on his role in the year’s governmental achievements. Jackson was Eisenhower’s Chairman of the Committee on International Information Activities: “As 1953 comes to an end I have the impulse to attempt, once again, to give you some faint indication of my very deep sense of obligation for the extraordinary services you have rendered during the past year…Governmental accomplishments of this past year will, as time places them in proper perspective, be recognized and appreciated as contributions of lasting worth to our country. Your part was a vital one in the writing of this record. In a very definite sense, however, the Administration’s work in 1953 has necessarily included a vast amount of survey activity. As the New Year begins, much of this exploratory work is behind us: the time has come for clear cut, determined action in setting this Nation on a moderate but definite course – avoiding the extremes of both Right and Left, but always steadily pushing ahead along the broad Center – where there is room for all men of good will. I know you join with me in the knowledge that there can be no deviation from the goal of helping every American to achieve constantly rising standards of health, education and prosperity; and for all you do and have done to help the Administration toward that goal, I thank you”. The letter is in fine condition. $750.00
21) TLS. 1pg. October 15, 1960. The White House, Washington. A typed letter signed “Dwight D Eisenhower” on “The White House” letterhead: “Dear Charles: In view of all the activities at the White House the last week, I am more than ever grateful for the cake (and the card) that you sent to me from yourself and the members of your staff. My gratitude goes to all of you for your dedicated service – and, not at all incidentally, for your thought of me on my anniversary...P.S. The cake was delicious!” The letter has a large autograph and a mailing fold; the condition is fine. $450.00

22) (ENGLAND - 1615 DOCUMENT). DS. 1pg. 15 ½” x 7 ½”. 1615. England. A vellum deed signed “Walter Browne” and “William” on the front and “Lancelot Grymsleve” twice on the back. The document concerns a release for Edward Beere. It has two vertical folds and a couple of lesser horizontal ones. The writing is dark and the vellum is in very fine condition. A terrific example of a four century old document. $250.00

23) (FORD MODEL T). DS. 1pg. 8 ½” x 17 ½”. February 16, 1916. Rhode Island. A partly printed sales receipt for a Ford Model T. The yellow sheet indicates that salesman Walter Rose sold Carl Barber of West Kingston a Model T for $440, plus $17.85 in delivery charges (yes, they had them a century ago). The document lists the manufacturer’s warranty and notes that Barber put down a $15 deposit for delivery. The document has folds and is in fine condition. And if you purchase this document, I won’t have to get my sales manager to approve. $200.00

24) HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK (1878-1969). Fosdick was a prominent Protestant minister who served at New York’s Riverside Church. TLS. 1pg. 8 ½” x 11”. February 14, 1949. N.p. A typed letter signed “Harry E Fosdick” on his personal letterhead: “I commend to your generous consideration the work of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Amid many difficult and at times discouraging factors in organized Christianity, the Council stands out, it seems to me, as one of the most enheartening and prophetic achievements of our day...”. The letter has folds and is in fine condition. $75.00

25) (GEORGIA LYNCHING). An April 26, 1899 newspaper from Burdett, New York. Despite the newspaper advertising itself as “A wholesome Family Paper” on the mast, the front page ran an article entitled “A Horrible Lynching: A Negro Burned at the Stake Near Newnan, Ga.” The article reported: “In the presence of 2,000 people who sent aloft yells of defiance and shouts of joy, Sam Hose, a negro, who committed two of the basest acts known to crime, was burned at the stake in a public road one and one-half miles from here. Before the torch was applied to the pyre, the negro was deprived of his ears, fingers and other portions of his anatomy. The negro pleaded pitifully for his life, while his mutilation was going on, but stood the ordeal of fire with surprising fortitude. Before the body was cool, it was cut to pieces, the bones were crushed into small bits and even the tree upon which the wretch met his fate was torn up and disposed of as souvenirs. The negro’s heart was cut in several pieces as was also his liver. Those unable to obtain the ghastly relics direct, paid their more fortunate possessors extravagant sums for them. The small pieces of bone went for 25 cents, and a bit of the liver crisply cooked, sold for 10 cents...The mob was composed of citizens of Newnan, Griffin, Palmetto and other little towns in the country round about Newnan...A member of the mob was seen to draw a revolver and level it at ex-Governor Atkinson [who tried to disperse the mob], but his arm was seized and the pistol taken from him...Hose confessed to killing Cranford, but denied he had outraged Mrs. Cranford...”. The lynching was so reprehensible that it was condemned throughout the United States and Europe. The crusading journalist Ida Wells hired a detective to investigate Hose’s crime shortly after his murder. The detective, Louis P. Le Vin, concluded that Hose killed Cranford in self-defense after Cranford pointed a gun at him. Le Vin’s report concluded that “The real purpose of these savage demonstrations is to teach the Negro that in the South he has no rights that the law will enforce. Samuel Hose was burned to teach the Negroes that no matter what a white man does to them, they must not resist.” Mrs. Cranford admitted that Hose never entered her house, and that Hose acted in self-defense. The newspaper has marginal tears and chipping. $150.00

26) ULYSSES S. GRANT (1822-1885). Grant was the Eighteenth President and the head of the Union Army during the Civil War. Manuscript. 3pg. 8” x 12 ½”. N.d. [circa 1888]. N.p. [likely New York]. A lengthy manuscript entitled “Grant’s Last Review of Veterans” done by an unknown soldier: “The final farewell which the representatives of the Army took other old chief for the scene so memorable and so touching that it will never be if faded from the memories of those who participated in it or of those who viewed it...On that day the old veterans rose earlier than was there want, spent more time than usual in unfurling their old battle flags, in burnishing their metals of honor which decorated their breasts...Outside that house the street was filled with the sound of marching men and martial music. Inside that house the chief lay upon a bed of anguish...His features for his disease with doing the work which even the enemies bullets had shrunk from. The band which it sees the surrender sounds of countless thousands was scarcely able to return the pressure of a friendly grasp. The voice which had cheered on to triumph and victory the legions of American manhood, was no longer able to call for the cooling draft which lacked the thirst of a fever tongue, and prostrate upon that to his side. It was his last military salute.” In late May 1885, the Union veterans, knowing that Grant was dying, had a military parade outside his 66th Street home. The document has light staining and chipping; the two pages have some separation and the lower right corner of the third page is missing, but it affects no text. A fine, firsthand account of the love the troops had for their general. $450.00
A RARE JULIA GRANT SIGNED CHECK

27) JULIA GRANT (1826-1902). The wife of Ulysses, Julia was First Lady.

DS. 1pg. July 28, 1890. New York. A check signed “Mrs. Julia D. Grant”, paying Thomas Bagot $78 and charging it “to Special Account”. Bagot endorsed it on the back. The check has light wrinkling and other minor faults. RareBookHub shows no Julia Grant checks ever selling. $2,000.00

28) (GRIZZLY BEAR). ALS. 1pg. 8 ½” x 11”. March 3, 1957. British Columbia. An autograph letter signed “James R. Stanton” on great “James R. Stanton Grizzly Bears” stationery. The upper left has a photograph of two men standing behind a dead bear, and the lower right has a photograph of two more bears. The footer states that Stanton won “First and Second Prizes – World’s Largest Grizzly Bears, 1937 and 1953.” Stanton writes some personal news about his wife, then mentions “the Book ‘Grizzlies in their backyard’ has brought in over 200 letters from all over the world. These letters added to our regular correspondence of over a hundred has left me swamped…” The letter is in fine condition with three mailing folds and terrific stationery. $75.00

A HUMOROUS BRETT HARTE LETTER, MOCKING HIS WIFE’S OBSESSIVE BEHAVIOR: “MRS. HARTE, WHO HAS AN UNPLEASANT WAY OF GOING THROUGH MY LUGGAGE LIKE A CUSTOMS HOUSE OFFICER, TURNED TO ME WITH CHILLING DELIBERATION AND SAID ‘FRANK, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE BRUSH AND COMB YOU TOOK WITH YOU’? I POINTED TRIUMPHANTLY TO THE BUREAU WHERE THEY LAY”

29) BRETT HARTE (1836-1902). An American author and Western short story writer, he is best remembered for “The Luck Of Roaring Camp” and “The Outcasts Of Poker Flats”.

ALS. 4pg. 5” x 8”. N.d. N.p. An autograph letter signed “Bret Harte” to Mr. Bowles concerning Mrs. Harte: “My dear Bowles, We are ruined in the estimation of at least two women, and I fear the damning evidence of our guilt, remains in Springfield. You are probably more hardened than I, being older, but I am entirely crushed. Do you remember that fatal morning when Miss Sallie left me in your charge, and directed you explicitly to look after my things, and supervise generally the transfer of my effects from my room to your carriage? I now that I so understood it, and discharged myself of all responsibility, and thereafter devoted myself to aesthetics and the picturesque Miss Sedgewick, with all the abandonment of a poetic nature unfettered by luggage and untrammeled by forms. But when I got home last night, Mrs. Harte, who has an unpleasang way of going through my luggage like a customs house officer, turned to me with chilling deliberation and said ‘Frank, what have you done with the brush and comb you took with you?’ I pointed triumphantly to the bureau where they lay. Mrs. Harte looked at me a moment, and then said with great naiveté ‘you insensate idiot – I mean the nursery brush and comb, which with your usual stupidity you put away as your own. Never mind, it’s the last time you shall every pack your valise alone.’ Now, Bowles, what have you done with Mrs. Harte’s children’s brush and comb? Don’t equivocate Bowles! Out with it! How have you fulfilled your trust to your daughter? Why do you still withhold from these innocent children those valueless but necessary articles? Is it right, Bowles? Is this conduct worthy of the first journalist in New England? On second thought, don’t return them. Don’t above all let Miss Sallie know I left them. Find them and drop them carefully into the Connecticut River after many days they may return to me. There is a duster missing, also a copy of Henri Murger’s ‘Vie De Bohéme’ a thick squat novel. Please don’t return them. But bury them where you find them. Mrs. H. won’t know I’ve lost them cause Ms. Sallie mustn’t. Be gentle and considerate, Bowles. Your careless friend Bret Harte PS Mrs. H says I had an overcoat with me. Did I?” Samuel Bowles was an American journalist, and he was the editor of Massachusetts’s Springfield Republican. The letter is written on two separate sheets of paper; there are professional tape restorations to strengthen the folds. The ink is dark. A fine and humorous Harte letter. $600.00

PRESIDENT HOOVER PLANS THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HIS PREDECESSOR, CALVIN COOLIDGE, WEEKS AFTER HIS DEATH: “A MEMORIAL...IS A MOST ADMIRABLE ONE...I SHOULD CALL IN THE MEMBERS OF THE COOLIDGE CABINET AND ASK THEM TO CONSTITUTE THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE”

30) HERBERT HOOVER (1874-1964). Hoover was the Thirty-First President.

TLS. 1pg. 8” x 10”. February 23, 1933. The White House. A typed letter signed “Herbert Hoover” to Henry Stoddard of The Evening Mail. Hoover, who succeeded Calvin Coolidge, writes about the memorial service for his predecessor: “I have a note from Edgar Rickard on the question of a Memorial to President Coolidge. The suggestion is a most admirable one. I discussed it yesterday with Ted Clark who is going to see Mrs. Coolidge the end of this week. If agreeable to her, I will call a small preliminary meeting and launch it. My present thought is that I should call in the members of the Coolidge Cabinet and ask them to constitute the preliminary committee asking Ted Clark to act as Secretary. I would then ask them to set up some form of organization where Mr. Coolidge’s many friends could be brought in. It would, of course, be impossible to do anything very great in the present time, but certainly we should be able to take over the Vermont home if Mrs. Coolidge is willing to sell it.” Ted Clark was Coolidge’s Presidential secretary. Despite Hoover’s offer for the Federal government to buy Coolidge’s Vermont home, it never happened. Coolidge’s son John was the beneficiary, and he donated the house to the State of Vermont in 1956; it opened to the public the next year. President Coolidge died on January 5, 1933 at age sixty. The letter has a faint paperclip stain and two mailing folds with a dark signature. I’ve never seen a Presidential letter in which a sitting President plans the memorial service for his predecessor. A most unusual content Presidential letter. $2,000.00
is 28 years of age. A number of villages must be visited by him. In some of these villages a few Christians live apart from other people despised by them. I am assigning to you. When you pray and when you give keep Chadmai Lall’s maybe for you. He is a pastor—teacher in Kasgunj district. He teaches their neighbors... This year he has 10 men whom he is seeking to win for Christ. He also teaches a small school which 15 boys are reading...

India. I find from the books that Bro. Clancy turned over to me that you have given on several occasions, but he has made no assignment...One of letter has a rough right edge.

to do all you can to interest others in India...I came to India 18 years ago. At that time there were not more than 10,000 Christians in our mission; currently on the National Register of Historic Places. Daniel was his brother and business partner. The document has been lightly silked, there is a mounting remnant and there are professional reinforcements to the central vertical fold. $1,250.00

THREE MISSIONARY LETTERS FROM INDIA TO AN AMERICAN IN SEATTLE

35) (CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES IN INDIA). An archive of three letters from Christian missionaries in India to E.E. Pelz of Seattle, Washington:

a) TLS. 1pg. 8 ½” x 11”. March 5, 1902. Allahabad, India. A typed letter signed “Rockwell Clancy”: “I have been transferred from the Allahabad District to the Muttra District. There are more than 12,000 Christians in my new district, and it will be impossible for me to attend to that work to retain the secretary ship of the Bishop Thoburn Special Fund for India...Mr. Rockey is a missionary of many years experience, and is not new to the work of the special fund, as he was secretary before I took over the work from him at the beginning of 1895, when he went to America on furlough. His name will be familiar to the patrons of 1894 in previous years. I feel sure that anyone who has ever had a letter from him about the work in India will be very glad to know that he is taken up this duty again. Among all are missionaries there are very few men who can write more interestingly of India than Mr. Rockey...Let me ask you to continue to do all you can to interest others in India...I came to India 18 years ago. At that time there were not more than 10,000 Christians in our mission; today there are 128,000. Let us continue to pray and work till India becomes a Christian land.” The letter has chipping along the right edge and is in good condition.

b) TLS. 1pg. 8 ½” x 11”. April 24, 1902. A typed letter signed “N.L. Rockey” on “The Bishop Thoburn Special Fund For India” letterhead: “The latest draft from mission rooms brought to meet your year donation of $15 given in February for the continued support of a pastor — teacher in India. I find from the books that Bro. Clancy turned over to me that you have given on several occasions, but he has made no assignment...One of them I am assigning to you. When you pray and when you give keep Chadmai Lall’s maybe for you. He is a pastor — teacher in Kasgunj district. He is 28 years of age. A number of villages must be visited by him. In some of these villages a few Christians live apart from other people despised by their neighbors... This year he has 10 men whom he is seeking to win for Christ. He also teaches a small school which 15 boys are reading...”. The letter has a rough right edge.

c) ALS. 5pg. 5” x 8”. April 24, 1902. Sitaper, India. A lengthy autograph letter signed “N.L. Rockey”: “Several years ago we had the pleasure of receiving from you a donation of $15 for our special fund, but now for some time we’ve not heard from you. It is possible to the fault is ours and that you do not get a proper acknowledgment of your donation...We have been roughly honest with the money you entrusted to us. Over one half of the work in the N.W. India conference has been carried on only through the aid of the special fund that started as promised...$100 would support a full preacher...We would be so glad to enlist your prayers and help to enable us to continue our work. Our missionary society has scattered its obligations on all continents and is not been able to contain its support to India... You can designate your gift for the support of... Scholarships for our native schools or for the support of an orphan or for the endowment of our English schools where our missionaries children are educated. We need a fund that will supply good teachers in these...”. The lengthy letter is in fine condition. $300.00 for the archive.
AN AMERICAN IN INDIA IN 1812 REPORTS: “THEY WORSHIP BUT ONE GOD THE SUPREME RULER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO THEY SAY IS EVERYWHERE & AT ALL TIMES OF HIM THEY HAVE NO IMAGE, NO MAN HAVING SEEN HIM; THE GODS THEY USE ARE REPRESENTATIONS OF INFERIOR DIVINITIES”

36) (INDIA - CALCUTTA). ALS. 3pg. 8” x 10”. October 1812. Calcutta. An early letter from India signed “R Burr” to his father: “...On our arrival here we found Several American by which I intended to rite, but was fortunately, or unfortunately taken ill of a Bilious Fever just before their departure, which last ne upwards of thirty days, since which I have done no business, except write a few letter of business, just as the Brig caravan departed. Thee was thought of but before I got through, it exhausted me so much that I felt the effects of it for several. To the point, we hoped to perform your voyage in Twelve months. Six rich Portuguese arrived with us & the market rose entirely out of our reach - we are waiting, have heard of your expected Embargo, four of those ships are done, and the market is coming down. We have a very excellent prospect of getting our goods cheap after holidays, which will end about the latter x 26 August. Part of this month we expect to leave here by the first to the middle of December. My prospects this voyage are justly flattering. Should goods command a high price at home, it ill place me once more completely on my legs, as it would enable me to pay off the half of our deficiency. My proportion; which I would most willingly do, if commerce is open, if I can work: In this way, for a few years, it would answer my desires which shall be limited to a competency. Oct. 12, 1812. We returned from an excursion up the river, having seen little to please or divert us, on our way we stop’d at a Siccary of ours who has spent upwards of Dollars 60,000 in erecting Te God Houses a Ghot, or paved steps, with an arch on the bank, for the Accommodation of poor people to go to bath & get water from the river. Two small octagon pleasure Houses & Gardens for the cultivation of flowers used in sacrificing to the Gods & river. We found him busy in finishing his Gods, for the celebration of these three succeeding days, they were made of wax, gandyly decorated with tinsels of flowers of a great variety Boorypoorja, or, was the principal two on each side of her, their children near them, in all 9 or 10 & occupy’d some 10 to 14 feet square, the figures being pretty large. 14th. They worship but one God the supreme ruler of the universe, who they say is everywhere & at all times of him they have no Image, no man having seen him; the gods they use are representations of inferior divinities, which are destroyed after the celebration is over - with the exception of such as are found in their principal Temples, made of Bronze marble, &c. the principals of their religion appear pretty much lost, few of their priests understands much of what they pretend to teach...”. The letter is in very good condition with ink that has slightly faded and mailing folds. An early letter from India by an American. $250.00

THE RAJAH OF BURDWAN, BENGAL, INDIA SENDS A DINNER INVITATION

37) (INDIA) - MAHTAB CHAND (1820-1879). Chand was the Rajah (prince or noble ruler) of Burdwan, an estate in Bengal, India. Document. 8 ¼” x 5 ¼”, 1846. Burdwan. A dinner invitation from the Rajah of Burdwan. The partially-printed invitation is addressed to a couple and invites them to “Dinner…and an Exhibition of Fire Works” on May 11, 1842. The invitation reads “The Rajah of Burdwan” on the top. Burdwan is a city in West Bengal, India. It became the seat of an Indian noble leader (rajah) in the Seventeenth Century and remained so until the dissolution of British rule in the Twentieth Century. The Rajah of Burdwan in 1846 was Mahtab Chand. The document, printed on thin pink paper, is in good condition with a vertical fold. $150.00


38) KING JAMES I OF ENGLAND (1566-1625). James was King of Scotland as James VI and King of England and Ireland as James I from 1603 to his death. He was the son of Mary, Queen of Scots, and he succeeded Elizabeth I when she died without a child. The Flourishing of Elizabethan literature continued under his reign, and he is best remembered for sponsoring the King James Bible. LS. 1pg. 8 ½” x 9”. October 1618. Westminster. A scarce letter signed “James R” as King of England, France, Ireland and Scotland. He wrote to the Exchequer: “Trustie and well beloved wee greet you well. Our certain important causes being move, we require you with all convenient speed to sums unto us a perfecte and time certificate by you subscribed of all such our debts, or stand in charge whom you particular owe, not granted await formenlie by us. In which certificate we shall expect not onlie the name of the debitore but the put all somes remaining due, and the tymes wherein they become due unto us. All this to be done with all faithfulness as maye assured its duties of your place, and this our particular charge. Given under our Signet at our Pallace at Westminster this...daie of October in this fiftieth years of our reigne of England, France and Ireland and of Scotland to two and fifteenth.” On the verso, it is addressed “To our trusty and wellbeloved on remembrance of our courte of Exchequer or to his deputy.” This was signed just a few months after the Thirty Years War began, in which England joined other Protestant nations to fight the Holy Roman Empire. The letter has dark ink and a large royal autograph. The condition is fair to good with foxing, light staining, and modern tape on the verso, as well as some professional tape repairs. $2,500.00
JEWETT APOLOGIZES FOR A SLOW REPLY

39) SARAH ORNE JEWETT (1849-1909). Jewett was a well-known author from Maine best remembered for The White Heron and The Country of the Pointed Firs.

ALS. 2pg. 3 ½” x 5 ½”. November 5, 1898. South Berwick, Maine. An autograph letter signed “S.O. Jewett” to Lily Meninger in Millsburg, Massachusetts. Jewett wrote: “I am sorry to have been so long in doing what you asked, but your note and the card came just as I happened to be going away and when I came back I overlooked them. I hope that you are pretty well and I send you my kindest wishes.” The letter has a mailing fold with a short separation, and comes with the original envelope; the condition is fine. $250.00

A PHOTOGRAPH OF A SAN FRANCISCO JOCKEY

40) (JOCKEY PHOTOGRAPH). Photograph. 7” x 10”. N.D. [late 1800s]. San Francisco. A large photograph of a jockey looking hard into the camera; there is a pencil note on back stating that it is John Griffin. The image was taken by F.H. Bushnell of San Francisco, and the photographer’s stamp notes that Bushnell was “Formerly manager and Operator of Marseau’s Gallery.” There is very light damage to the margins and corners, mostly on the verso. $100.00

PRESIDENT JOHNSON CONGRATULATES AL ULLMAN ON CONGRESSIONAL RE-ELECTION – “YOUR VOICE – AND YOUR VOTE – WILL BE NEEDED”

41) LYNDON JOHNSON (1908-1973). Johnson was the Thirty-Sixth President.

JOHN SHERMAN COOPER (1901-1991). Cooper was a diplomat and a Senator from Kentucky.

TLS. 1pg. August 23, 1968. The White House, Washington. A typed letter signed “Lyndon B Johnson” as President on “The White House” letterhead. Johnson wrote a birthday greeting to Senator John Sherman Cooper. “Dear John: Mrs. Johnson and I want to join your many friends in offering our congratulations on your birthday. Sometimes we are asked to choose a time in history when we would most like to have lived – during the Age of Enlightenment or the Age of Reason, or some other time. I am sure that you feel, as we do, that no time offers as much hope or promise as the present – this Age of Progress. You have played a vital part in this age, and your countrymen are grateful to you. We hope all your years are blessed with the brightness of continued achievement and happiness. Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson”. This is quite a grandiose and optimistic happy birthday message. $850.00

ARCHIVE OF ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA FROM THE NEW JERSEY-BASED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

42) (JUDAICA - ANTI-SEMITIC ARCHIVE). Archive. 4 pieces. An archive of anti-Semitic propaganda published by the Christian Education Association of Union, New Jersey. The propaganda mainly consists of selected reprints of Jewish periodicals and publications, taken out of context in an effort to prove the existence of some kind of international Jewish conspiracy. There is commentary from the Christian Education Association at the bottom of each one, highlighting what the Association feels are the main points. The reprints seem to date mainly from the 1950s. Overall, they are in fine condition with some light toning and aging. $200.00

A BRITISH WOMAN SENDS A JEWISH WOMAN IN AMERICA HER AMERICAN VISA

43) (JUDAICA - JEWISH REFUGEES COMMITTEE). TLS. 1pg. 8” x 10”. September 27, 1943. London. A typed letter signed “Haigh” on “Jewish Refugees Committee” letterhead. Mrs. Haigh wrote to Miss Fritzj John of Cambridge, Massachusetts: “I herewith enclose your American visa No. 316, issued September 16th, valid until January 15, 1944. Your Certificate of Identity No. Z. 2395 with exit permit 956588 duly stamped in. Your Police Book No. 673801, Your National Registration Identity Card No. AKAZ. One set of forms, (the Food Control Declaration form has to be completed by you and handed to the Immigration Officer at the Port of Embarkation). Regarding your request for financial assistance in connection with your emigration, we shall have to put your case before our Committee, and as soon as a decision is reached we shall immediately inform you.” The letter has light chipping to the margins and the original mailing address is included. $150.00

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45) JOHN F. KENNEDY (1917-1963). Kennedy was the Thirty-Fifth President.

TLS. 1pg. 6 ¼ x 9”. October 8, 1962. The White House. A typed letter signed “John Kennedy” as President on “The White House” letterhead. He wrote to Congresswoman Corrine B. Riley of South Carolina: “As you know, I was particularly pleased by your thoughtfulness in bringing me the Crucifix the other morning during the coffee hour. However, I wanted you to have this note conveying my thanks and appreciation.” President Kennedy largely downplayed his Catholic faith during the campaign and during his Presidency. I searched comprehensive auction databases, and I could find no other Kennedy Presidential letter mentioning his Catholicism. Congresswoman Riley was a Methodist and a fellow Democrat, but she decided to honor Kennedy’s Catholic faith by gifting him a Crucifix. As this letter was written a week before the Cuban Missile Crisis began, Kennedy was going to need the Crucifix and all other help he could to solve the problem with the USSR. The letter has a horizontal mailing fold and is has had some professional restoration to remove marks left by Mrs. Riley; the original White House mailing envelope is included. A terrific Kennedy letter about his Catholic faith. $7,500.00

FIRST LADY JACKIE KENNEDY THANKS HER COUSIN MICHEL BOUVIER FOR “THE FRENCH FAIRY TALE YOU SENT TO CAROLINE…THE EASIEST WAY FOR HER TO LEARN FRENCH”

46) JACKIE KENNEDY (1929-1994). Jackie Kennedy was First Lady.

TLS. 1pg. 5” x 7 ½”, December 28, 1962. The White House. A typed letter signed “Jackie” on embossed “The White House” letterhead. She wrote to Michel Bouvier, her cousin, about a Christmas gift for her daughter Caroline: “The French fairy tale you sent to Caroline was too beautiful to be true. Even if it were in Arabic it would be the greatest delight to any child and I do believe you have at last discovered the easiest way for her to learn French. All my love and thanks.” The letter has a light horizontal fold and a large autograph in blue ball-point ink. Jackie’s love of the French language and culture is well-known. $1,250.00


47) CORETTA SCOTT KING (1927-2006). Mrs. King was a Civil Rights activist and the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

TLS. 1pg. 8 ¼” x 11”. April 14, 1978. Atlanta. A lengthy typed letter signed “Coretta Scott King” to Ralph Gillespie of Massachusetts. She responded to his comments about the NBC television show King. She wrote on “The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change” letterhead: “I want to thank you for taking the time to write and share your thoughts about Martin and the NBC production, ‘King.’ Your letter was heartening in light of the low Nielsen ratings reported by the press. Given the extraordinary quality of ‘King,’ we can hope that it will be televised again… the important point is that, even with a relatively low 20% share of those watching for all three nights, ‘King’ reached an estimated thirty million American homes. Moreover, it is clear from letters like yours that the impact on those viewers was enormous, particularly among young people who were unaware of the full meaning of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his nonviolent movement for justice…the movement is still very much alive in the work of The Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Social Change…My husband often spoke of the need for full employment as the ‘key’ to a number of social goals, including improved race relations…The collective action of committed Americans like yourself has always been our clearest hope for the advancement of human rights.” The letter has two mailing folds and is in very fine condition. $350.00

48) ANNE LANSKY. The wife of the Jewish gangster Meyer Lansky, she married in 1929 and had three children. They divorced in 1946.

DS. 1pg. 8 ¼” x 3 ½”. January 5, 1929. N.p. A check signed “Anne Lansky” and completely filled out by her; she paid herself $300 in cash. As she married in 1929 (I could not locate the exact date) and signed with the last name of “Lansky” in early January, this must have been one of the first items she signed after she wed. The check had punch cancelling and tears and is in good condition. $150.00

AMERICAN SATIRIST AND SPORTS COLUMNIST RING LARDNER RESPONDS TO A PHOTO REQUEST

49) RINGGOLD “RING” LARDNER (1885-1933). Lardner was an American satirical write and sports columnist.

TLS. 1pg. 7 ½” x 8 ½”. June 23, 1932. N.p. A typed letter signed “Ring Lardner”: “Dear Mr. Millstein:- Thanks for your letter. Everybody’s opinion of my work is important to me, and the opinion of people who are literate (as your language shows you to be) doubly so. I am sorry to say that I haven’t a picture of myself. There is one in the house; it belongs to my wife and she insists on keeping it to remember me as I looked when I was ‘pretty’. Sincerely, Ring Lardner”. It is in fine condition with mailing folds and a dark signature. $200.00

50) BENJAMIN LATROBE (1764-1820). Latrobe was a British-born architect who designed the United States Capitol.

Signature. 5” x 1 ½”. N.d. N.p. An ink signature “B H Latrobe” removed from a letter. It has dark writing and a light stain to the left side. $100.00
LEAR WRITES ABOUT ACCOUNTS AFTER THE WAR OF 1812

51) TOBIAS LEAR (1762-1816). Lear served as Washington’s private secretary from 1785 until his death. He was the last person to whom Washington spoke on his deathbed. Later, Lear served in the diplomatic corps as consul at Santo Domingo and later Algiers.

LS. 1pg. 7 ½” x 9 ¼”. November 1, 1815. Department of War. A letter signed “Tobias Lear” addressed to a paymaster: “On settlement of the Accounts of St. Demas Deming of the 37 Infty – a balance is found due from him to the United States of One hundred & twenty eight dollars & 57 cents, on a/c of Bounties & Premiums “. The letter has a dark autograph and is in good condition with a ragged left edge. $250.00

KING LEOPOLD II OF BELGIUM SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO A CARDINAL COUSIN

52) LEOPOLD II OF BELGIUM (1835-1909). Leopold was the second King of the Belgians, reigning from 1865 to 1909. He is remembered for his exploitation of the Congo Free State.

LS. 1pg. 7” x 9”. February 7, 1879. Bruxelles (Brussels), Belgium. A letter signed “Leopold” as King of Belgium. The letter is written in French, in another hand. It is addressed to Leopold’s cousin, who was a Cardinal (“Votre Eminence”). The letter contains routine Christmas greetings. “...J’ai reçu avec un véritable plaisir la lettre que Votre Eminence m’a adressées à l’occasion des fêtes de Noël ...” (I received with a real pleasure the letter that Your Eminence addressed to me for the Christmas holidays...). It is in fine condition. $225.00

A FIRST BRITISH EDITION OF LISTEN! THE WIND SIGNED BY CHARLES LINDBERGH AND ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH

53) CHARLES LINDBERGH (1902-1974). Lindbergh was the first man to fly solo and non-stop across the Atlantic. His 1927 flight to Paris in The Spirit of St. Louis took him thirty-three hours and created a hero. His later life was controversial, as his first child was kidnapped and Lindbergh advocated American neutrality during World War II.

ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH (1906-2001). Anne was the wife of pilot Charles Lindbergh.

SB. 274pg. 1938. Illicie [France]. A first British edition of Listen! The Wind signed “Anne Morrow Lindbergh” and “For Mrs. Otto Hopp from Charles A Lindbergh 1938” on the half-title page. Anne was the author of the book and her husband wrote the foreword. It is in blue cloth with gilt stamping, including an image of a pontoon plane; there is no dust jacket. The interior pages are in fine condition and the binding is tight. A fine copy. $950.00

A LATE LETTER BY AMERICAN POET AMY LOWELL, MENTIONING A NEVER-REALIZED TRIP TO ENGLAND

54) AMY LOWELL (1874-1925). Lowell was an imagist poet and posthumous Pulitzer Prize recipient.

TLS. 2pgs. January 23, 1925. Brookline, Massachusetts. A typed letter signed “Amy Lowell”. Writing on her personal letterhead, Lowell discusses a recent houseguest and an upcoming trip to England. “My dear Mrs. Myers: Your letter introducing Dr. De Bosis was duly sent to me by him, and he came on to Boston for a brief three days during which he dined with us. I found him absolutely agreeable and charming and was most grateful to you for sending him to me. We had one of the most pleasant evenings I remember. He sent the letter so short a time before he came himself that it was impossible for me to entertain him as I should have liked, but I asked my friends, Dr. and Mrs. Streeter and Dr. Harvey Cushing, the famous brain specialist, and Mrs. Cushing, and we had a delightful time. I had no idea that Dr. De Bosis was so young or I should have tried to get a more youthful group of people to meet him, but he seemed to enjoy himself, and I am only sorry that he had to leave so soon. He expects to be back in May. We expect to stay on your side of the water until the middle of July, when we shall sail for home. I am looking forward to seeing you and Dr. Myers again so much, and I hope you have not forgotten your promise to introduce me to Mrs. Bullough whom I am most anxious to meet. I saw the Binghams in New York the other day. They are very comfortably settled in an attractive old-fashioned house below Washington Square and seem to be making the most of their New York adventure. Walter Bingham looks and says he is very happy in his new position. Mrs. Russell joins me in kindest regards, and believe me, Very sincerely yours, Amy Lowell”. Lowell died in Massachusetts in May of 1925, so she never made the trip she mentions in the letter. Russell was Lowell’s supposed lover Ada Dwyer Russell. The letter is in very good condition. $200.00

IRISH WRITER SEUMAS MacMANUS SUGGESTS “A LITTLE SERIES OF TALKS” ABOUT IRELAND, ITS CULTURE, AND INDEPENDENCE SHORTLY BEFORE THE 1916 EASTER RISING IN DUBLIN

55) SEUMAS MacMANUS (1869-1960). MacManus was an Irish author and poet who was part of the Irish Literary Revival of the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries.

TLS. 1pg. New York, NY. Apr. 2, 1916. A typed letter signed “Seumas MacManus”. MacManus suggests to an unknown recipient the possibility of sponsoring a series of talks about the Irish literature and independence. “Dear Sir: As you seldom have any talks upon Ireland, wouldn’t you like to have a little series of talks on Ireland, the Irish Question, and the Irish Literary Movement during the season of 1916-1917? I shall be glad to hear from you, and request to have an appointment to talk things over with you. Yours faithfully Seumas Mac Manus”. MacManus’s inclusion of Ireland’s status in relation to England (“the Irish Question”) in his list of potential lecture topics was timely. The Easter Rising – a violent and deadly episode in the Irish quest for independence – would take place in Dublin three weeks later. MacManus would later write about the Easter Rising in his 1921 book The Story of the Irish Race: A Popular History of Ireland. The letter is in fair condition with toning, wrinkles, and loss to the right margin. $250.00
TREASURY SECRETARY MCLANE WRITES TO BANK OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT ABOUT “THE PAYMENT OF THE 3RD INSTALLMENT OF THE DANISH INDEMNITY” AND ASKS WHAT “PREMIUM THE BANK WILL GIVE FOR A BILL ON LONDON AT 10 DAYS SIGN FOR THE AMOUNT”

56) LOUIS McLANE (1786-1857). McLane was a Congressman and Senator from Delaware, and served as Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of State, and Minister to the United Kingdom.

NICOLAS BIDDLE (1786-1844). Biddle was president of the Second Bank of the United States, serving in that position from 1822 to 1836.

LS. 1pg. 8” x 10”. November 30, 1832. Treasury Department. A letter signed “Louis McLane” as Secretary of the Treasury to Nicholas Biddle, the President of the Bank of the United States. Secretary McLane wrote about the Danish Indemnities: “Information having just been received at the Department of State, of the payment of the 3rd installment of the Danish Indemnity, I will thank you to state what premium the Bank will give for a bill on London at 10 days sign for the amount.” The Danish Indemnities arose out of the Napoleonic Wars, when Dutch ships seized American vessels on the high seas. In 1826, the two countries signed a treaty of friendship in 1826, and in 1830, they signed a treaty related to the “Dutch Indemnities”. These were to pay American ship owners harmed by Dutch actions two decades earlier. The document has light staining to the right margin and the usual mailing folds and is in fine condition. $350.00

A FOUR LANGUAGE SHIP’S PAPER SIGNED BY JAMES MADISON AS PRESIDENT

57) JAMES MADISON (1751-1836). Madison was the Fourth President and “Father of the Constitution.”

ROBERT SMITH (1757-1842). Smith was the sixth Secretary of State, serving from 1809 to 1811.

DS. 1pg. 20” x 16”. March 20, 1810. New York. A four-language ship’s paper signed “James Madison” as President and “R Smith” as Secretary of State. The document, printed in English, French, Spanish and Dutch, is for the brig Mary and Eliza of Gloucester, Massachusetts. It was commanded by Charles Parsons, bound for St. Petersburgh [sic], and carried coffee, pepper, rice, tobacco and other sundry goods. The large document is in good condition with the usual folds, an intact seal, and a very large and dark James Madison autograph. There is horizontal staining towards the top, several small holes along the vertical fold, and chipping to the right margin. $1,500.00

58) ALBERTA MARTIN (1906-2004). Martin was the next-to-last Confederate widow.

Signature. 5” x 3”. N.d. N.p. An autograph “Alberta Martin” on the blank back of an index card. $100.00

AVANT-GARDE PAINTING MASTER HENRI MATISSE SIGNS A CHARITY EXHIBITION CATALOGUE SHOWING HIS WORK

59) HENRI MATISSE (1869-1954). Matisse was one of the Twentieth Century’s most important Avant-Garde artists. A Frenchman, Matisse played a huge role in the major changes that swept modern painting during the first half of the century. He is best known for his vivid colors and association with the short-lived Fauvist movement.


AN AMERICAN SOLDIER WRITES FROM THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR – “I SHALL GO HOME TO FARMING OR TO CALIFORNIA ...I DON’T KNOW WHICH MY TIME IS UP HERE”

60) (MEXICAN WAR). ALS. 2pgs. June 18, 1849. [place illegible] An autograph letter signed by an American soldier on duty during the Mexican-American War. Writing to his brother in college, he hopes that the war will end soon enough for him to make it through alive. “…have rec’d several dispatches from Mexico since I wrote you last all of which tend to make the prospect less & less flattering the grand trouble is that their congress will not reach our bill this session owing to business of more information brought on by revolutionary movements in that unsettled country and if the bill does not pass I shall not lose all hope but it places too far in the future to be relied on much I did think I should be present at commencement but feel too hour altogether after my Mexican entity shall however see you on your arrival home as I think I shall spend the month of July at home shall probably go down about the 10th & think it probably stop some time. I have not heard from home in a long time they were all well when last they wrote presume that to be the case now we as a city remain without the cholera at present though there have been 3 cases which have terminated fatally what do you intend going after you graduate I believe I shall go home to farming or to California I don’t know which my time is up here the first of next month and the two opposition lines that are about going into operation [sic] here will effectually kill the time so not I am out of business although the first of July you must have your eyes & ears open & not throw away money upon cut honors as it is termed for it is all a humbly yours [signature illegible]. Some powerful sentiments. The letter is in fair condition with large areas of toning, deep folds, and a small tear in the lower left-hand corner. $150.00

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PHOTOGRAPHS FROM A GRAND TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE LATE-NINETEENTH OR EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY – IMAGES OF ROME, JERUSALEM AND TURKEY

61) (MIDDLE EASTERN PHOTOGRAPHS). A set of sepia photographs from a late Nineteenth or early Twentieth Century voyage to the Middle East. There are 40 pages, with an average of five images per page. The first few pages show Italian tourist destinations like St. Peter’s in Rome, the Coliseum, and Pompeii. After that, the rest come from places like Turkey, Indian, and Jerusalem - including the Mosque of Omar and the Wailing Wall. The photos show landscapes, locals, archaeological sites, agriculture, a boy’s school, street scenes, and many western Europeans sightseeing. The photos are pasted down onto large black sheets. Captions appear handwritten in whitish ink above and below the photos. Some captions are so faded as to be illegible. The photos are somewhat faded as well, and some are damaged. Most of the photos are small and square, but a few larger ones appear on the final pages. These photographs represent a fascinating insight into the Middle East of more than a century ago. $400.00

62) FRANÇOIS MIGNET (1796-1884). Mignet was a French historian who wrote actively in support of the French revolutionaries.  
ALS. 2pgs. 5” x 8”. September 5, 1840. Paris. An autograph letter signed “Mignet”. It was written in French on letterhead of the “Institut de France Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques”, a French academic institution for law, politics, philosophy, and finance. Mignet was a member and perpetual secretary (“Le Secrétaire perpétuel de l’Académie”). The letter is in good condition with a small amount of water staining in the upper part of the letter. $100.00

63) WILLIAM MITCHELL (1879-1936). An American aviator, Mitchell, during World War I, advocated a mass bombing of the Germans, as well as a parachute invasion. In the early 1920s, he showed that planes could sink warships and forcefully advocated improving the Army Air Service. He was court-martialed for criticizing his superiors when a dirigible was lost in a storm, and suspended from the Army. 
PS. 11” x 14”. N.d. N.p. An oversized studio portrait inscribed “To Lieut. Char. G. Pearcy with the regards of Wm. Mitchell”. The photograph shows the general in his full-dress uniform, complete with medals. Mitchell is scarce in signed photographs; the American Book Prices Currents shows only one selling in the last twenty years. The condition is very fine; there is a small insect hole in the extreme lower right margin that affects nothing. $1,500.00

64) NICHOLAS MONSARRAT (1910-1979). Monsarrat, a British author, is remembered for his sea stories, including The Cruel Sea and The Three Corvettes.  
TLS. 1pg. 8” x 10”. July 11 [circa 1940]. London. A typed letter signed “Nicholas Monsarrat” addressed to Alfred Knopf. He wrote to his publishers about This Is The Schoolroom and his World War II service. Monsarrat wrote: “I have today send off under separate cover the corrected proofs of the SCHOOLROOM, which I hope you will find satisfactory. I may say that I was myself very pleased with the layout of the title page and the print generally. By this time tomorrow, I shall be a Naval Sub. Lieutenant, and my movements thereafter will be highly confidential, not to say furtive. For that reason, I think it would be better if any future correspondence went through my agents (whose address you have): but to make things easier, I am very ready to give you a general license to deal with corrections and details of the manuscript as you think best. It is hardly worthwhile your raising queries which may take a very long time to reach me. It is pleasant to think that on your side of the world the making of books, and suchlike sane operations, proceed normally. May they long do so!”  This Is The Schoolroom, his first major work about an aspiring writer coming into the real world. Although he was a pacifist, he served in the British Navy, which is where he got his inspiration for many of his stories. The letter is in very good condition. $200.00
65) THOMAS MOORE (1779-1852). Moore was an Irish singer, songwriter, poet and entertainer; he is best known for “The Minstrel Boy”.

ALS. 1pg. 7” x 5”. November 10, 1831. Sloperton Cottage. An autograph letter signed “Thomas Moore”:

“I have to apologize for not answering more punctually. The letter in which you have done me the honor to ask for my autograph. Trusting that these few lines will be sufficient for your purpose...”

The letter has mailing folds and is in fine condition with dark ink. $200.00

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THREE REVOLUTIONARY WAR-ERA NEW JERSEY POLITICIANS, INCLUDING TWO FUTURE GOVERNORS

66) (NEW JERSEY) - JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD (1753-1823). Bloomfield was a New Jersey lawyer and Revolutionary War soldier. He was Governor of New Jersey from 1801 to 1812. During the War of 1812 he was commissioned as a brigadier general and served until 1815.

RICHARD HOWELL (1754-1802). Howell was the third Governor of New Jersey, serving from 1794 to 1801.

ISAAC SMITH (1740-1807). Smith was a New Jersey Supreme Court Justice from 1777 to 1804.

DS. 1pg. November 1789. A legal document signed “Isaac Smith”, “Richard Howell”, and “Joseph Bloomfield” by three New Jersey politicians. Smith signed as an associate justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court; Howell and Bloomfield would later become Governors of New Jersey. The document concerns a real estate issue decided by the New Jersey Supreme Court. The document is written on vellum that has wrinkled along the left side. Some of the writing is affected. $450.00

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY REORGANIZES ITSELF

67) (NEW JERSEY – EPISCOPAL CHURCH). Pamphlet. 4pg. 8 ¼” x 13”. N.d. [circa 1780s]. Newark, New Jersey. A printed four page pamphlet regarding the Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey: "An act to or repeal the charter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Newark, in the County of Essex, and to incorporate the congregation of said church anew. Where is the church wardens and vestry men of Trinity Church in Newark, elected in chosen according to the canons of the Church of England as by law established, and a number of the members of said church have by their petitions represented to the legislature that they are at present a body politic incorporate in law, by virtue of a charter granted the 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1746, by John Hamilton Esq. governor of the then province of New Jersey, in the reign of George II, late King of Great Britain, which charter contains many clauses, sentences and expressions, and vests in the rector or parochial minister of said church, certain rights and privileges inconsistent with the spiritual and temporal interests of the church, and the civil Constitution of the state; and whereas the said petitioners have by the petition prayed that the said charter may be repealed, and that they may be incorporated under the authority of the state; NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council and Gen. assembly of the state, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the said charter so as aforesaid granted to the said church by John Hamilton, Esq. formally governor of the then province of New Jersey, in the reign of George II, late King of Great Britain, and every matter, cause and thing therein contained, me and the same is hereby repealed in old and made void. And be it enacted, that Edmund W Kingsland, and Samuel Ogden present church wardens, and Burnet Richards, John Schuyler, Thomas Bennet, Joseph Kingsland, John A Schuyler...and Joseph C Hornblower, the present vestry men of said church be, and they and their successors shall be from time to time, and all times forever hereafter, a body politic incorporate, indeed, fact and name, by the name and stile of the church wardens and vestry men of Trinity Church in Newark...”

Light separations to the folds and a pen notation in the lower right corner. Not listed in OCLC. $200.00

A BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING WESTERN SHOOTING COMPETITION PHOTOGRAPHY ALBUM

68) (NEW MEXICO SHOOTING COMPETITION PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM). Photography album. 11 images. N.d. [circa 1910s]. New Mexico. A photograph album compiled by attorney E.C. Crampton of Raton, New Mexico. It contains eleven photographs of a Western shooting competition. There are two individual photographs followed by a group photograph of 35 men and one woman posing with rifles and ribbons. There are then eight beautiful images of men shooting rifles, including some showing the targets and grandstands. One contestant wears a shirt that states “Colo. Spgs” on the back. There are also railroad cars in the background with a Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway logo. The textured wraps have some light wear and it is held together with string, and the photographs are in very good condition (some are slightly bowed) and protected by tissue paper. A wonderful and visual piece of Western Americana. $1,500.00
69) JOHN NILES (1787-1856). Niles was a Senator for Connecticut and the Postmaster General under Van Buren.

ALS. 2pg. 8" x 10". Washington. Dec 17 [18]46. An autograph letter signed “John Niles” as United States Senator concerning Whig politics and the tariff: “...In regard to the compliment from Mr. [Henry] Clay in relation to my course on the tariff out of ‘46, I do, as you suppose, appreciate it ‘according to the source’ from a distance of course. So far as regard to Mr. Clay, as one honest & sincere friend of the industry of his country, and of the rights & interest of the labouring class, I highly appreciate his approbation, as no man is more confident to form a just opinion; but so far as he & his positions, have or may be disposed to use the tariff question for the mere purposes of party, I should regard is approbation of my course, as anything but complementary...”. Niles hoped that adding a sub-Treasury to the government would protect the interest of the laborers; this made him extremely unpopular among the Whigs and Henry Clay, the leader of the party. Niles was so protectionist that he barely supported the Mexican War. The letter is in very fine condition with dark ink and white paper. $100.00

FREDERICK NORTH SIGNS A LEGAL DOCUMENT AS BRITISH PRIME MINISTER ABOUT DEER HUNTING ON WINDSOR GREAT PARK AND OTHER ROYAL LANDS

70) FREDERICK NORTH, LORD NORTH (1732-1792). North was the British Prime Minister during the American Revolution.

DS. 1pg. July 17, 1770. Whitehall Treasury Chamber [London]. A legal document signed “North” by Frederick North as Prime Minister and by two other men. The document, written in another hand, concerns payments to a Robert Nuner, whose job it was to capture and transport deer to hunting areas used by the royal family: “... These are to pray and require Your Grace to draw an Order for paying unto Robert Nuner gent or to his assigns the sum of ninety eight pounds, nineteen shillings, and nine pence, without account in full satisfaction of all charges and expenses he hath been at in catching feeding, and carting of Deer from Windsor Great Park, Swinley and Bagshot rails and carrying them to several places for his assigns the sum of ninety eight pounds, nineteen shillings, and nine pence, without account in full satisfaction of all charges and expenses he...” It is in fair condition with a dark signature and several faults, including soiling, folds and holes on the first page and paper loss on the blank third page. Most unusual content! $500.00

AN EARLY LETTER FROM FRONTIER OHIO ABOUT LAND CLAIMS

71) (OHIO). ALS. 2pg. 6" x 8". April 6, 1788. Stone Lick [Ohio]. An autograph letter signed “Wm Steele” to Dr. Richard J. Waters of Falls, Ohio: “I received your of the 23d of March. Also yours left at Mr. Collins which I answered immed after, which it appears that it must have been miscarried. The Winter has been so cold that I have not been out surveying in that quarter where Doctor Culbertrom land lies [sic], and it is out of my power to tell whether it is clean of prior claims or not. I will thank you to write me (if in your power) who located the Land. Perhaps he may direct the survey better than any one else. I will do the best I can for you. As to the Town you mentioned I am yet undetermined but the present situation of our frontier will not admit of doing anything in the matter, and therefore will defer it some time.” The letter has some toning and wear, as well as a seal tear. An early letter from the Ohio frontier. $300.00

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY WRITES TO A MISSOURI CONGRESSMAN ABOUT HIS COMPANY’S FINANCIAL CHALLENGES: “THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS...HONORED ME WITH THE PRESIDENCY!...UNTIL THE LEGISLATURE IN NEBRASKA AFFORDS US RELIEF...THE DAY I TOOK CHARGE OF THIS OFFICE, THE COMPANY OWED $168,800 AND THAT SINCE JANUARY OR NOVEMBER I'VE BEEN ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS...THE HIGHWAY OF NATIONS...”

72) (PACIFIC RAILROAD). The Pacific Railroad was chartered in Missouri in 1849 and the goal was the get to the Pacific Ocean. It was the predecessor of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, chartered in 1851. After consolidation, it was eventually absorbed into the Union Pacific.

GEORGE R. TAYLOR (1819-1880). Taylor was president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

ALS. 4pg. 5" x 8". April 22, 1859. Office of the Pacific R. Road Company [presumably St. Louis]. A lengthy autograph letter signed “Geo R. Taylor” addressed to Missouri Congressman John S. Phelps. Taylor wrote: “Your very kind note of 16 April Inst: as well as the... Herald, in which the South West branch is favorably noticed, has come to hand and for the suggestion in reference to the general endowment that to the state, you will accept my thanks. The new board of directors, organized on the 14th instant, and elected their officers, and honored me with the presidency! This was unexpected, and I gave in my resignation in the following meeting, which was postponed until 12 May, being in the regular monthly meeting. I shall retire from the directory, unless except my resignation, for it is utterly impossible for me to give it the tension, the duties of the office demands. I have however, agree to remain, until the general policy of the board is... And set things into shipsheape. I am not disposed to criticize the outgoing directors or their policy, for I entertain for most of them the highest regards, and I'm satisfied that whatever they may have done in the premises, was intended for the interest confided to them. Of course, the present board find themselves surrounded with difficulties, but all by prudent councils and management, overcoming most of them. You are already advised of the condition of matters belonging to the main line proper – we shall try and continue the work along... Until the legislature in Nebraska affords us relief; the only promising on the part of this war – the most rigid economy...Before the election of officers on the 14th a scale of reduction was agreed upon, and nearly everyone in the employment of the company, without jeopardizing the duties and interests, was made to bear the burden – in some instances, officers were displayed with, and the duty imposed on some other where the interest justified the savings – such has been the pressing necessities of the S. W. Branch, that since I pen the foregoing, I have not been enabled to finish this hurried scrawl. You must know, that on 1 April last, the day I took charge of this office, the company owed $168,800 and that since January or November I've been engaged in negotiations, which has enabled me to pay them on yesterday one half of the same, and before to pay them in full... I made the appeal to the banks, and the merchants and mechanics responded nobly, and I hope that others will today... Then I've written you, almost a stranger personally a letter giving you an insight into our finances and troubles, but I have your interest and that of your people...And feel that you will use its greatly, and hope you will not fill in telling the whole South West, that the present directors are not politicians nor seekers of these places; but having been entrusted with the great interests of this great luck... The highway of nations, they intend to administer the trust as they have always done in the management of their own estates, and doing this, feel justified that the people will furnish a generous aid in such legislation in November as will enable both of these roads to be prosecuted to their final completion. I fully agree with you that some disposition should be always made of the guaranteed bonds...” The letter, on two separate leaves, has tape on two pages to repair fold separations. A fine letter about western railroading. $350.00
73) ALAN PATON (1902-1988). A South African author, Paton is best remembered for *Cry, the Beloved Country*. He was an outspoken opponent of apartheid.

TLS. 1pg. 8” x 10”. November 5, 1962. South Africa. A typed letter signed “Alan Paton” on blue air mail stationery. He wrote to Mrs. Peter Scott of West Orange, New Jersey: “Thank you for your letter of October 23. At the moment *THE LAND & PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA* is being revised, and I do not have a copy of the earlier edition. I have translations, but do not suppose you would want any of these. However, if you were to approach the publishers, J.B. Lippincott, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, and ask them when the revised edition is likely to be out. I would be glad to autograph a copy for your fund raising effort, if the book were sent to me in time.” *The Land & People of South Africa* was published in 1955. The letter has a rough right edge and is in very good condition. $150.00

74) REMBRANDT PEALE (1778-1860). Peale was an American artist who painted George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Signature. 3 ¼” x 6”. June 1860. Philad. A signature “Respectfully Yours Rembrant Peale Philad June 1860” on a small sheet of paper. It is in very fine condition. $275.00

SHORTLY AFTER THE PATRIOTS IN PHILADELPHIA DECIDE TO REMOVE ALL PROVISIONS THAT COULD FALL INTO BRITISH HANDS, A COMMITTEE IS FORMED “TO ENABLE THEM TO PROSECUTE THE ARDUOUS WORK FOR WHICH THIS BOARD WAS INSTITUTED”

75) (PHILADELPHIA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION). ADS. 1pg. 8” x 6 ¼”. May 7, 1777. N.p. [Philadelphia]. An autograph document signed “John Young Scey” stating: “At a meeting of the Committee of Fifty May 7, 1777. On motion. Voted that a Committee be appointed of this board to assist the Commissarys – the better to enable them to prosecute the Arduous works for which this board was instituted. Messrs John Lisle, Robert Smith & Edward Evans were unanimously chosen.” Philadelphia’s Committee of Fifty was chosen in April 1777 to remove all the provisions and stores in the city so that they did not fall into British hands. In early 1777, Washington was uncertain of the British plans, but he suspected they involved capturing Philadelphia. In September, following Washington’s defeat at Brandywine, the British began an eight month occupation of the city, wintering in relative luxury while the Continental Army suffered at Valley Forge. There were some prestigious citizens on the Committee of Fifty, including the painter Charles Willson Peale. The verso states “Copy of the Vote of the Committee of 50 appointing assistant commissary.” The document has a few vertical folds, light chipping to the margins and is in very good condition. Most unusual Revolutionary War content! $750.00

AN EZRA POUND SIGNED NOTE

76) EZRA POUND (1885-1972). Pound was a poet, editor, and literary critic. He is famous both for his works such as *The Cantos* and his publication of talents such as Ernest Hemingway and T.S. Eliot.

ANS. 1pg. 6” x 8”. N.d. N.p. An autograph note signed “E. P.” in pencil. Pound wrote to an unidentified recipient “Will come Thursday a.m. Book ripping…plays Friday Thanks E. P.” This puzzling little note is in fine condition. $500.00

A PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED BY FOUR PRESIDENTS – NIXON, FORD, CARTER & REAGAN

77) (THE FOUR PRESIDENTS). PS. 8” x 10”. N.d. N.p. A color photograph signed “Ronald Reagan”, “Gerald R. Ford”, “Jimmy Carter” and “Richard Nixon”. It shows the Presidential quartet in the White House in 1981, shortly before Nixon, Ford and Carter traveled to Egypt for Anwar Sadat’s funeral. The signatures are dark and the photograph is in fine condition. Most of these photographs are signed “J Carter”, so this has a scarcer full autograph. It is mounted to a thick board and matted in brown to an overall size of 11” x 13”. $2,750.00

78) EDWARD M. ROBINSON (1800-1865). Robinson was the head of the wealthiest whaling family in New Bedford; he was also the father of Hetty Green, “The Witch Of Wall Street.”

LS. 1pg. 7 ¼” x 10”. March 16, 1843. New Bedford. A letter signed “Edw M Robinson” to a manufacturing company. Robinson wrote: “I wish to get 10 wrought iron plubs for my wright press. 1/8 of an inch thick 35 1/10 inches long 22 6/10 in width. See plan below. Please give me your price per pound delivered here in 10 days or sooner. Also for ¼ ton 2nd hoops. I should like to let you have some ore in payment. Yours respectfully Edw M Robinson”. Below, there is a sketch of the contraption Robinson requests. The letter is in fine condition. $200.00

A VINTAGE ROLLER RINK LETTER WITH GREAT AND COLORFUL LETTERHEAD

79) (ROLLER SKATING). TLS. 1pg. November 13, 1908. N.p. A typed letter from the American Roller Rink Company, based in Liverpool. General manager C. P. Crawford replies to an inquiry about employment. The thick top border of the stationery shows three color scenes of fashionable men and women roller skating on one of the company’s many rinks. The center image claims “If you would be graceful learn to skate”, while all three advertise the events, bands, teas, and lessons offered by the rinks. Along the left-hand side of the letterhead appears a list of American Roller Rink Co.’s twenty-three rinks “the world over” (in England, Ireland, Scotland, and America). The letter is in very good condition and is a vivid token of an early-20th century crazy for roller skating. $150.00

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (1882-1945). Roosevelt was the Thirty-Second President.

Archive. 5 pieces. 1931-1940. An archive of five typed letters signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, four as President and one as Governor of New York. All of the letters concern the Eastern States Exposition, an annual technological and agricultural fair held in Springfield, Massachusetts. The fair was established by Joshua L. Brooks to promote agriculture and industry in New England. It was first held in 1917 and is still in existence today. Four of the letters in this archive are written to Brooks, while the fifth was written to a local judge associated with the exposition. In each letter, Roosevelt declines an invitation to attend Governors’ Day at the exposition. He also says positive words about the exposition.

a) TLS. 1pg. June 26, 1931. Albany, New York. A typed letter signed “Franklin D Roosevelt” as Governor of New York, on official “State of New York Executive Chamber” letterhead. “Dear Mr. Brooks:- Thank you very much for your letter of the 19th. ‘Governors’ Day’ sounds like a most interesting party and I do so wish that I could accept your invitation to be with you. However, I plan to leave for Warm Springs on September 15th. As you know, I did not get down there this spring at all. Incidentally, I have decided that I will not leave the State except for my visit to the Round Table Conference in Virginia next week. Each time I step over the line the cry arises that I am campaigning. I am sure you will understand. Very sincerely yours, Franklin D Roosevelt”. It is in very good condition.

b) TLS. 1pg. September 8, 1936. The White House, Washington. A typed letter signed “Franklin D Roosevelt” as President, on “The White House” letterhead. Roosevelt wrote to Judge William J. Granfield of Springfield, Massachusetts. “My dear Judge Granfield: I received your letter of September fourth, with its invitation for me to be the guest of honor on Governor’s Day at the Eastern States Exposition on September twentieth and twenty-first. Will you convey to President Joshua L. Brooks and to Mr. Charles A. Frazier, General Manager of the Governor’s Day Committee, and to the Trustees my very sincere regret that it will not be possible for me to accept this invitation, of which I am deeply appreciative. May I express the hope that this meeting of the Governors of the ten North Atlantic States will not only be a very pleasant occasion but productive of fine results. Cordially yours, Franklin D Roosevelt”. It is in fine condition with a central mailing fold and the original White House envelope.

c) TLS. 1pg. August 23, 1937. The White House, Washington. A typed letter signed “Franklin D Roosevelt” as President, on “The White House” letterhead. “My dear Mr. Brooks: May I thank you and through you the Trustees of the Eastern States Exposition for the kind invitation to be with you in Springfield on Governors’ Day, September nineteenth and on Monday, September twentieth next. I regret that I am unable to accept and to be with you and with the Governors who are to be your guests on this interesting occasion. I trust that the Exposition this year will be most successful in affording another practical demonstration to all who attend of the rich resources of the participating states. With all good wishes, I am Very sincerely yours, Franklin D Roosevelt”. It is in fine condition with a central mailing fold and the original White House envelope.

d) TLS. 1pg. September 2, 1938. The White House, Washington. A typed letter signed “Franklin D Roosevelt” on “The White House” letterhead. “My dear Mr. Brooks: I deeply regret that I am unable to accept the cordial invitation extended by yourself and by the Trustees of the Eastern States Exposition to attend the exercises of Governors’ Day at the Exposition on September eighteenth and nineteenth next. Please accept my sincere thanks. I hope the Exposition this year will demonstrate anew its usefulness in acquainting all who attend with the resources with which the New England States abound. It gives me great pleasure to send hearty felicitations and warmest personal greetings to the visiting Governors and to all who attend the observance of Governors’ Day. Very sincerely yours, Franklin D Roosevelt”. It is in fine condition with a central mailing fold and the original White House envelope.

e) TLS. 1pg. July 30, 1940. The White House, Washington. A typed letter signed “Franklin D Roosevelt” as President, on “The White House” letterhead. “My dear Mr. Brooks: I am grateful for the kind invitation to be with you on Governors’ Day and I regret that circumstances prevent my acceptance. Will you please extend my hearty congratulations to all the Governors from the North Atlantic States, and to all friends of New England who gather with you on that day. The Eastern States Exposition, through many years, has demonstrated its usefulness, not only to the states which actively participate but to the country as a whole, because it gives a practical exemplification of the resources which each state possesses. At this time when the problem of national defense has caused us to take a very careful account of stock the Exposition at Springfield can be of great helpfulness. I hope that the observance of Governors’ Day will afford an excellent opportunity to emphasize to the entire country the practical value of the Exposition. Very sincerely yours, Franklin D Roosevelt”. It is in fine condition with a central mailing fold and the original White House envelope. $3,500.00 for the archive

80) AN SERIES OF LETTERS FROM FDR TO JOSHUA BROOKS, FOUNDER OF NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL FAIR THE EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION: “THE EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION, THROUGH MANY YEARS, HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS USEFULNESS, NOT ONLY TO THE STATES WHICH ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE BUT TO THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE, BECAUSE IT GIVES A PRACTICAL EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE RESOURCES WHICH EACH STATE POSSESSES...WHEN THE PROBLEM OF NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS CAUSED US TO TAKE A VERY CAREFUL ACCOUNT OF STOCK THE EXPOSITION AT SPRINGFIELD CAN BE OF GREAT HELPFULNESS”
FDR WRITES TO HIS FORMER LAW PARTNER, BASIL O'CONNOR

81) BASIL O'CONNOR (1892-1972). O'Connor was Franklin Roosevelt’s longtime friend and law partner until Roosevelt became President.

TLS. 1pg. December 2, 1935. Warm Springs, Georgia. A typed letter signed “FDR” as President on “The White House” letterhead. Roosevelt wrote to his former law partner, Basil O’Connor, in New York. “Dear Doc: - Will you keep Miss Wallace in mind? I cannot begin any cataloguing until I have unpacked the records and that will be work for about one year more. She sounds thoroughly qualified. As ever yours, FDR”. The letter has a stamp in the upper right-hand corner indicating when it was received. There is a mailing fold and it is in very good condition. $650.00

FDR WRITES TO JOURNALIST OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD

82) OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD (1872-1949). Villard was a journalist for the New York Evening Post.

He was also a dedicated Civil Rights activist and an early member of the NAACP.

TLS. 1pg. January 18, 1940. The White House, Washington. A typed letter signed “FDR” as President on “The White House” letterhead. Roosevelt wrote to journalist and civil rights activist Oswald Garrison Villard: “Dear Oswald: Thanks for your letter of the seventeenth. I am conversing again with various people but along similar though not identical lines. That was a mighty interesting luncheon and I do hope to see you again one of these days soon. As ever yours, FDR”. Oswald was deeply interested in Civil Rights in America, but he was also involved in global Civil Rights issues, so this letter could refer to either. The letter has a central mailing fold and light smudging to the last letter of the autograph. It is in very good condition. $500.00

83) ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (1884-1962). Eleanor, the wife of Franklin Roosevelt, was the longest serving First Lady.

Signature. 5” x 5 ½”. N.d. N.p. A signature “Eleanor Roosevelt” in black ink and inscribed to Kenny. There is a small rectangular mark near the word “To” and it is in fine condition otherwise. $125.00

ROSSETTI MENTIONS FORD MADOX FORD IN HIS NOTE

84) WILLIAM M. ROSSETTI (1829-1919). Rossetti was a British author and critic, and a member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.

ANS. 1pg. 5” x 3”. 23 June. 5 Gadsleigh Gardens. An autograph note signed “W.M. Rossetti” to Charles Rowley, a member of Rossetti’s circle: “Many thanks for the address. I read it with particular interest, & find many things finely said in it – tho of course I don’t agree in all. We are all well at present, including the Madox Browns. You didn’t say that you are well – nor whether you are well. I hope at any rate tolerably too.” Ford Madox Ford was a painter of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. The note is attached to a larger sheet with a photograph of Dickens. $225.00

WRITER DOROTHY L. SAYERS SIGNS A BIBLICAL QUOTE

85) DOROTHY L. SAYERS (1893-1957). Sayers, a British author, is probably best remembered for her detective mysteries, the first of which, Whose Body?, was published in 1923. Other works include Strong Poison, The Nine Tailors, and Gaudy Night. She personally considered her best work to be her translation of Dante’s Divine Comedy.

Signed quote. 1pg. 4 ½” x 3 ½”. N.d. N.p. A printed quote signed “Dorothy L. Sayers” on the lower margin. The quote, “Watch ye, stand fast in the Faith, quit you like Men, be strong” is from First Corinthians. There is light smudging to the signature and it is in very good condition. $225.00

AN ATTRACTIVE AND EARLY ANDRES SEGOVIA SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH

86) ANDRES SEGOVIA (1893-1987). Segovia was the most influential classical guitarist of the Twentieth Century. He recorded many albums and taught hundreds of guitarists.

PS. 7” x 9”. N.d. [probably 1930s]. New York. A black and white photograph inscribed “Pour Mme Mac Millen consulesse de la…frencaise a New York” and signed in black ink and inscribed to Kenny. This inscription is most likely to Ella I. MacMillen, the mother of the noted violinist Francis MacMillen. The photograph is framed and it is in fine condition. $350.00

PHILIP SHERIDAN WRITES ABOUT THE FUNERAL OF GENERAL BENJAMIN ALVORD: “DO THE PALLBEARERS GO TO THE CEMETERY OR ARE THE CEREMONIES CONCLUDED AT THE HOUSE?”

87) PHILIP SHERIDAN (1831-1888). A Union General, Sheridan provided deft leadership during the Civil War, having victories at Chickamauga, Winchester, and Fishers Hill. He gained the trust of Ulysses Grant and was twice promoted. His victory at Five Forks pushed Robert E. Lee into a virtual corner at Appomattox, leading to Lee’s surrender and the virtual end of the Civil War. He later became Commanding General of the United States Army.

ALS. 2pg. 5” x 6”, October 18 [1884]. Washington, D.C. An autograph letter signed “P.H. Sheridan” to Colonel R.N. Scott on “Headquarters Army of the United States”’: “I have your notification of the honor of the funeral of Genl Alvord tomorrow naming 4 o’clock at the House. Do the pallbearers go to the cemetery or are the ceremonies concluded at the House? I wanted to know as I had invited two gentlemen to dine with me & want to fix the dinner hour.” General Benjamin Alvord was an American mathematician and West Point graduate. He served in Oregon and Washington during the Civil War, and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The letter is on lined blue paper and there is light wrinkling to the first page. $450.00

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88) UPTON SINCLAIR (1878-1968). Sinclair was an American Pulitzer Prize winning author of *The Jungle*.

TDS. 5pg. 9" x 13". February 1913. N.p. [likely New York City]. A typewritten document signed “*Upton Sinclair*” at the conclusion, along with “*Milton Hirschfeld*”. The document is an agreement to produce Sinclair’s one act play *The Second Story-Man* upon receipt of $500. The play was about a burglar and “second story man” was slang for such a thief. The play uses David and Goliath mythology, with the socialist burglar explaining his life to the capitalist Goliath. There are pen and pencil corrections throughout the agreement. The document is in fine condition. **$250.00**

Elizabeth Oakes Smith Submits a Manuscript to Sarah J. Hale

89) ELIZABETH OAKES SMITH (1806-1893). Smith was an American author, poet and editor. She contributed to many periodicals and her career began with the publication of “The Sinless Child.” In the 1850s, she published a series of feminist essays.

Sarah J. Hale (1788-1879). Hale was an American author and editor best remembered for “Mary Had A Little Lamb.” She campaigned to make Thanksgiving an American holiday and she edited the *American Ladies Journal*.

ALS. 1pg. 5" x 8". July 13. Portland. An autograph letter signed “*E.O. Smith*” to Sarah J. Hale. Smith wrote: ‘My dear Mrs. Hale, Perhaps you will think the enclosed sketch too long for your Magazine; if so will you have the goodness to preserve the Mss and I will send for it. I wrote a letter I think the 7th inst. Have the goodness, my dear lady, to answer it soon as you can make it consistent, as you know I long to hear from you. My good husband sends his respects. I am just going to visit...our friends, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Affectionately adieu *E.O. Smith*”. The letter has the attached address leaf, and someone wrote at the bottom “*Mrs. Elizabeth O. Smith – was the real Major Jack Downing and author of many articles in the periodicals*”. Per *American Book Prices Current*, only one Smith letter has sold at auction in the past forty years. It is in very good condition. **$500.00**

90) (SOCIAL SECURITY). DS. 1pg. 8" x 4". July 31, 1937. N.p. A Social Security application signed “*Mrs. Yeoma Hudson*” by the applicant. Yeoma Uncheeda Hudson. She was a forty-year-old Native American woman from Greenwich, Connecticut. The Social Security Act became law in 1935, but the first cards weren’t issued until 1937, the year that Hudson applied. This historic form is in very good condition. **$100.00**

A Spiritualist Minister Decries the Morality of the North, the South, and the Whole Civil War – “Massachusetts Abolished Slavery Because They Could Not Make It Profitable...Stated That the Northern People were Greater Slaves than the Southern Niggers...Moral Suasion is the Only Way to Abrogate Slavery & There Is No Others...They Are No Spiritualists If They Do Not for Their Desesent Saith Not”

91) (SPIRITUALISM). A religious movement centered on communication with the dead. It was popular in Nineteenth Century Europe and America.

MDS. 8pgs. N.d. [Civil War era] N.p. [probably Vermont]. A handwritten transcript of a speech given by a Spiritualist minister. In a long and cutting speech, Reverend Gibson Smith, a minister from South Shaftsbury, Vermont, criticized the Civil War, the Union, and many American politicians of the era. Though he seems to have supported the abolitionist cause – as did most Spiritualists – Smith decried the war itself, believing that the North was as immoral and self-serving as the South. He speaks frequently of morality versus law, considering the former to be more powerful than the latter. Smith also complains about the persecution of Spiritualists by numerous politicians. Smith mentions several times the possibility of Stephen Douglas becoming the next President. The transcript is signed “*A. Thompson Rep.*”, presumably by the man who recorded it. “*Rev. Gibson Smith Spiritualist. The speakers began by saying that though Religion & politics ought not to go together, but he thought differently, that political were the purest principles (next to religion) there is extant. Stated he was no scheming politician & was not ‘as had been asserted’ hired by C K Smart & went on to prove it by stating that he had only 10 cts in his pocket & that he had lived on one meal per day so much was he devoted to his principles. Went on to speak of Burlingame & stated afterwards that the Constitution was adopted in 1781 and when it was adopted it found the Colonies all slave states & stated that Massachusetts abolished slavery because they could not make it profitable & would not have done so if they could & that the people of Mass had no sympathy for niggers & never will have. Stated that the northern people were greater slaves than the southern niggers, because they were made subservient to domineering churches & sectarian...That the south were honest and believed slavery a divine institution, & prove it from the Bible, & regard it a moral evil, ‘They have as much right to their opinion as you & it is none of your business to interfere with it. Want you to call your ministers in I want to talk to them, you have got mad at this thing of slavery & this quarrel is a monstrous thing, between the north & south. You talk about a Higher Law, what is your higher law, it causes you to trample upon the constitution & laws of your country. You never knew a legal enactment to do away with a moral evil. Cited the Maine Law as an instance & said there was as much liquor drank now as there ever was before, (Cheers) Moral suasion is the only way to abrogate slavery & there is no others. How did your churches regard the higher laws (let us see) when the Washingtonion movement came up they opposed it to the last end! When this ramrod law came up, how did they to? They went in for it to a man! The Democrats are for moral suasion in all things. A word to spiritualists you believe in progression & that progression is from wrong to right. Now slavery has steadily advanced under your doctrine of intervention...Douglass will be the next President & he will prevent this. The South drove slavery into Kansas & the north drove it out. Washburn endorsed Helpers Book & 11 other republican members of the House of Representatives. Slavery must have more territory or this great increase will overflow the south, & you will have to cut their throats to make room for the others to live...*A. Thompson Rep.*” It is in fair condition with some toning on each page. This is quite a speech, and it must have been quite something to hear it in person. It’s difficult to know what the man who copied it down thought of it. The thread binding that once held the sheets together has come apart, so all leaves are now separate. **$300.00**
NEW HAMPSHIRE’S REVEREND PAGE WRITES A FIERY ANTI-BRITISH SERMON AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE STAMP ACT: “WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A CONTROVERSY OF A MOST INTERESTING NATURE WITH GT. BRITAIN… LAWS BINDS ON YE COLONIES IN ALL CASES WHITSOVER PASSED MANY GREVIOUS ACTS TENDS TO DESTROY OUR CONSTITUTION ROB US OF OUR FREEDOM & SUBJECT US TO A STATE OF INGLORIOUS SERVITUDE… SOME & NOT A FEW OF OUR BR HAVE FALLEN IN BATTLE WHOSE MEMORIES ARE DEAR TO US FOR HAVING FALLEN IN DEFENSE OF YR COUNTRY – UNWEARIED PAINS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ROUSE YE SAVAGES OF YE WILDER & AGAINST US… IT IS NOT ENOUGH YT GT BRITAIN DROVE OUT OUR PIOUS ANCESTORS BY YE IRON ROD OF TYRANNY… WE CONSIDER ALSO HOW MANY UNDENIABLE PROOFS YE AMERICAN COLONIES HAVE GIVEN FM YE BEGINNING OF YR LOYALTY & FIRM ALLEGIANCE TO YE BRITISH KINGS… HOW CRUEL MUST IT APPEAR IN YE MOTHER COUNTRY TO ATTEMPT & ENDEAVOR TO DEPRIVE US OF OURS SO DEARLY BOUGHT & UNFORFEITED LIBERTY & TO REDUCE US TO SERVITUDE & BONDAGE…”

92) THE STAMP ACT. In the wake of Britain’s expensive victory in the French and Indian War, Parliament decided to tax the colonists to pay for the conflict. In 1765, the British government required that materials printed in the colonies use paper produced in London bearing an embossed revenue stamp; this included newspapers, legal documents, etc. Additionally, Parliament stated that the tax had to be paid with British currency, not cheap colonial paper money. The colonists thought the tax was unfair and that they had no say in its passage. Street protests erupted in several states and there were political measures taken too. In October 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, attended by nine colonies, was held in New York City. Parliament got the message about the Stamp Act, and repealed it in February 1766. The Stamp Act was the forerunner to the Townsend Act and other unpopular measures Parliament took, and they are regarded as perhaps the first shot in the quest for Independence.

REVEREND JOHN PAGE (1738-1783). Page received from Harvard College his AB in 1761 and his AM in 1764. He was ordained as a Congregational minister in Danville, New Hampshire in 1763. He died of smallpox on January 29, 1783 after tending to sick parishioners.

AM. 3 ¾” x 6 ¼”. 20 pgs. 1765-1766. N.p. [Danville, New Hampshire]. A lengthy and fiery manuscript sermon delivered by Reverend John Page of Danville, New Hampshire. The minister responded to the Stamp Act from the pulpit. In this manuscript (which was likely his reading copy), Reverend Page frequently uses abbreviations (i.e. “Chh” for “Church” and “Jes” for “Jesus”). He mixes Biblical stories with what was occurring in the Colonies. The sermon begins as the usual fire and brimstone from the era with a mention of Revelation 3:2 (“Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God”). Several pages in, Reverend Page turns his attention to the effect of the Stamp Act on his parishioners: “see as first hand as ye truly is case with New England & with America for several years past we have been involved in a controversy of a most interesting nature with GT. Britain a Controversy wh Strikes at ye root of our Civil & gty endangers our religious liberties & privileges – ye British parliament in wh we are in no sense represented have in performance of an assumed right to….Laws binds on ye Colonies in all Cases whitsover passed many Grevious Acts tends to destroy our Constitution rob us of our freedom & subject us to a state of Inglorious Servitude alarmed at these proceeds, ye Colonies have referenced…& remonstrated but all in vain to who control ye Councils of GT. Britain. Beg determined as it seem at all hazards by force & violence to carry yr oppressive schemes into Exect – ye last year have all last been driven to extremity & America have been reduced to ye disagreeable Necessity of resist to blood – British troops have stand yr honor by draw ye Sword & commence hostilities against yr Brethren & fellow subjects for ye base purposes or enslaved…have wantonly ravaged & destroyed some of our sea port Towns & many of our [Brethren] driven fr thm & …other sea ports have been obliged to seek a quiet residence in ye Country for ye unprovoked insults & outrages of these Instruments of ministerial Vengeance & ambri – Some & not a few of our Br have fallen in Battle whose memories are dear to us for having fallen in Defense of yr Country – unwearied pains have been taken to rouse ye Savages of ye Wilder & against us & excite yn to fall on our frontiers in short every iniquitous method has been attempted for bringing Slavery & misery upon us – but it is not enough yt Gt Britain drove out our pious ancestors by ye iron rod of Tyranny…& forced yr to flee for refuge into ye howling wilder of America, but must she also pursue us yr Posterity into these remote regions to chastise us with ye same rod for no other fault…beg a free people & beg resolved to continue so – out worthy Progenitors in order to remove yns. Out of ye reach of civil & ecclesiastical Tyranny & to enjoy unmolested ye Bless of Liberty voluntarily exchanged ye pleasant fields of Britain for ye inhospitable wilds of America & wr we (onside ye qt & almost unsurpassable Difficulties wh our fore fathers underwent in leaving yr Native Country & transplanting…in Yr Land for ye Love of Liberty ye Bless we of wr not permitted to enjoy on Cheaper terms – wn we consider also how many undeniable proofs ye American colonies have given fm ye Beginning of yr Loyalty & firm allegiance to ye British kings & yr warm affect us yr parent State & wn we consider also yt Britain has been amply paid for all ye Expense she has ever been at in protects us by regulating our Trade so as to secure the principle adv-antages & profits yr of to hers – I say wn we consider these & how unjust how cruel must it appear in ye mother country to attempt & endeavor to deprive us of ours so dearly bought & unforfeited Liberty & to reduce us to Servitude & Bondage. But when we must look above ye Instruments of our Troubles must look to ye Supreme Disposer of all events ye preserve presides over ye…in all human affairs – all second Causes & subordinate arguments are subject to his Govrnent no Event happens contrary to or besides his will either positive or promissive riches honor & Prosperity come fm him & all adversaries & Calamities wether public or private are ordered by him is yr evil in yr City & ye has not done it wtever confer & disorders, w ars tumult & Bloodshed yr in are in ye all these 5 are subject to ye superintend, providence of infinitely wise & infinitely gracious – & tho we have reason to all use ye Instruments of our Troubles of gt Injustice Trials to be just considered as ordered by us we must acknowledge ye we are justly dealt with by – in all yt is bro’t upon us for shall not ye Judge of all ye do right we know yt it is impossible for him to do otherwise - - ye most dark & intricate footsteps of his providence are agreeable to ye Eternal Rules of R & would appear so to us had we a Clear Comprehen= of ye whole plan of his Moral Governt.–…” There are several more pages of Bible stories and surlicous references. Danville, New Hampshire is just a few miles inland from Portsmouth. In September 1765, a mob gathered and burned the local stamp collector in effigy. On November 1, 1765, the day the Stamp Act official became law, Portsmouthians had a mock funeral for Liberty, complete with a coffin and ringing bells. Surely Reverend Page was aware of what was occurring in nearby Portsmouth, as well as Boston just to the south. The manuscript is in very good “gilt condition with dark ink, though written in a small hand. There are some light stains and a few of the pages have their edges chipped, affecting a few words. The best, most anti-British passages are mostly written on four smaller pages glued in the center of the manuscript. It is stunning how some of Page's writing foretells the Declaration of Independence. Page discusses the attacks of the Native Americans, and a decade later, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration, “He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.” The American Book Prices Current shows no other Stamp Act sermons ever selling. A fine example of anti-British sentiment from a minister, and it is representative of the energies and resentments that led to the American Revolution a decade later. $5,500.00
is the son of Michael Wise. He writes me that he has an old wagon which his father owned. I should like to hear about his family history and the wagon business:

He left Pleasant Ridge, but that must be a mistake, as we left there in 1851 and I suppose last year. He says his father told him it was the last wagon John Studebaker ironed before he left Pleasant Ridge, but that must be a mistake, as we left there in 1851 and I suppose father ironed the wagon we came to Indiana in. Now he wrote to know if I wanted that old wagon. Of course, we have several old timers, but none quite as old as that. I write you to see if you can remember anything of this kind, as I might take it over as an old relic if his story is correct. I hope the new year is using you and your wife and the father and mother of those good boys who have made their name famous the world over, in good health and that you will live to round up the hundred. I have an arrangement with an old gentleman in Detroit who is now ninety-eight years old to meet him and help him celebrate his one hundredth birthday, and of course we are all praying for that time, and I shall do the same with you and I am sure the recollection of this wagon will take you back to the early days when you really had no thought that you would raise boys to be such a power in the world and stand so high and build up such a prosperous and successful business. Wishing you a happy new year…”. There is a pencil note at the bottom: “father was down to see the wagon and reports it in pretty good shape. Has the 3rd set of tire bits & am good for 50 more years of service.” The letter has mailing folds and is in very good condition with a large autograph that touches two folds. John Studebaker is a rare autograph and this letter has terrific content. $1,500.00

STUDEBAKER COMPANY PRESIDENT JOHN STUDEBAKER WRITES ABOUT HIS FAMILY’S HISTORY OF MAKING RELIABLE WAGONS: “HE HAS AN OLD WAGON...AND THE IRON MADE AND PUT ON BY JOHN STUDEBAKER...THE WAGON WAS MADE IN 1845 AND IS STILL IN USE. ONE WHEEL IS STILL GOOD; THREE OF THE WHEELS HE HAD TO FILL WITH NEW SPOKES...HE HAULED 3,800 LBS. OF SLATE ON IT LAST YEAR”

94) JOHN M. STUDEBAKER (1833-1917). John M. Studebaker was a co-founder of the Studebaker automobile company. He was the corporate president from 1868 until his death.

TLS. 2pg. 8” x 10”. January 12, 1906. South Bend, Indiana. A lengthy typed letter signed “J.M. Studebaker” to George Myers of Ashland, Ohio. He wrote on his personal letterhead about his family history and the wagon business: “I received a letter to-day which prompts me to write you. The letter was received from G.M. Wise of Polk, Ohio. I should take it he is the son of Michael Wise. He writes me that he has an old wagon which his father owned and the wood work was made by George Myers and the iron made and put on by John Studebaker while they lived at Pleasant Ridge. The wagon was made in 1845 and is still in use. One wheel is still good; three of the wheels he had to fill with new spokes. The old axle and hub, he says, are still good, as are also the hounds, and he hauled 3,800 lbs. of slate on it last year. He says his father told him it was the last wagon John Studebaker ironed before he left Pleasant Ridge, but that must be a mistake, as we left there in 1851 and I suppose father ironed the wagon we came to Indiana in. Now he wrote to know if I wanted that old wagon. Of course, we have several old timers, but none quite as old as that. I write you to see if you can remember anything of this kind, as I might take it over as an old relic if his story is correct. I hope the new year is using you and your wife and the father and mother of those good boys who have made their name famous the world over, in good health and that you will live to round up the hundred. I have an arrangement with an old gentleman in Detroit who is now ninety-eight years old to meet him and help him celebrate his one hundredth birthday, and of course we are all praying for that time, and I shall do the same with you and I am sure the recollection of this wagon will take you back to the early days when you really had no thought that you would raise boys to be such a power in the world and stand so high and build up such a prosperous and successful business. Wishing you a happy new year…” There is a pencil note at the bottom: “father was down to see the wagon and reports it in pretty good shape. Has the 3rd set of tire hubs & am good for 50 more years of service.” The letter has mailing folds and is in very good condition with a large autograph that touches two folds. John Studebaker is a rare autograph and this letter has terrific content. $1,500.00

CLEMENT STUDEBAKER ARRANGES FOR HIS NEW HAMPSHIRE SUMMER VACATION

95) CLEMENT STUDEBAKER, JR. (1871-1932). Studebaker, Jr. was the son of wagon and automobile manufacturer, and he was the president of the Illinois Power and Light Company.

TLS. 1pg. 8½” x 11”. June 26, 1911. South Bend. A typed letter signed “Clement Studebaker Jr.” addressed to W.E. Carter of the Farragut House in Rye Beach, New Hampshire. He wrote on “The Studebaker Corporation” letterhead: “We are making our arrangements to leave here on July 6th, arriving at Rye Beach the afternoon or evening of July 7th. I hope that you will have everything ready for us, and that there will be nothing to do after we get there, except to have a good time. I will wire you when we leave…Of course you understand I want a good room for the Chauffeur and one for Mrs. Studebaker’s maid.” The letter is in very good condition with light folds. $400.00

BRITISH PLAYWRITER ALFRED SUTRO WRITES ABOUT THE MAURICE MAETERLINCK PLAY, JOYZELLE

96) ALFRED SUTRO (1863-1933). Sutro was a well-known British writer, playwright and translator. His best known play is The Two Virtues.

MAURICE MAETERLINCK (1862-1949). A Belgian playwright, Maeterlinck was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1911. His best known work is Pelléas et Mélisande.

TLS. 1pg. 8” x 5”. 23 September 1904. Southampton Row. A typed letter signed “Alfred Sutro” to John W. Hastings: “M. Maeterlinck has handed me your letter, in which you ask for permission to publish a translation of ‘JOYZELLE’. A translation of this play has already been made by Mr. Teixeira de Mattos, but not yet published, as there is a probability of the play being produced; when the time comes to publish the question as to publisher will be dealt with by Mr. Paul R. Reynolds, of 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, who acts as M. Maeterlinck’s agent in America.” The letter is in very fine condition overall with a dark autograph. $50.00
William Howard Taft thanks a friend for his words of “vindication”
After the controversial 1912 Republican National Convention

97) William Howard Taft (1857-1930). Taft was President, as well as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court later in his career.

TLS. 1pg. June 24, 1912. The White House, Washington. A typed letter signed “Wm. H. Taft” as President on “The White House” letterhead. Taft thanks Charles Sumner Hawkins for his words of support following the 1912 Republican National Convention, in which Taft controversially won the party’s nomination over Theodore Roosevelt; TR then formed his Progressive Party and ran against Taft. Taft lost the 1912 Presidential election to Woodrow Wilson: “My dear Mr. Hawkins: I thank you for the kindly words of your letter of June 22d. The vindication that I have received is very gratifying. Sincerely yours, Wm. H. Taft”. The letter has a central mailing fold and light soiling and is in very good condition. $450.00

An early mention of a pocket telescope

98) (Early Telescope). ADS. 1pg. 7” x 3 ¾”. April 14, 1797. N.p. An autograph document signed “Wm Richardson”: “Recd April the 14 1797 of Col. Jones Eight Dolls in full of a Pocket Telescope Wm Richardson”. The document has vertical folds and irregular edges, and it is in very good condition. $150.00

James Thurber writes “so many queer animals show up in apartment buildings, the new yorker no longer bothers about them”

99) James Thurber (1894-1961). Thurber, one of the preeminent American humorists of the Twentieth Century, began writing for the struggling New Yorker, often illustrating his works himself. He is best remembered for “Is Sex Necessary?”, “Men, Women And Dogs”, “The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty” and “The Owl In The Attic And Other Perplexities”.

TLS. 1pg. 8 ½” x 11”. September 7, 1959. West Cornwall, Connecticut. A typed letter signed “James Thurber” in pencil. He wrote to Miss Blake of the Cape Cod Compass: “So many queer animals show up in apartment buildings, The New Yorker no longer bothers about them. A few years ago there was a snake on the fifteenth floor somewhere. I can certainly sympathize with Miss Alleman, but the thin is to keep on going as she is. Good luck to you all and The Compass.” The letter has mailing folds and is in fine condition. $350.00

Truman sends a confidential memo with intelligence on Uruguay’s nine-man council system of government

100) Harry Truman (1884-1972). Truman was the Thirty-Third President.

TLS. 1pg. 7” x 9”. January 17, 1952. The White House, Washington. A typed letter signed “H.S.T.” by Harry Truman as President on “The White House” stationery. Truman forwarded a confidential memorandum about Uruguay to Secretary of State Dean Acheson. “Attached is a copy of a memorandum which I requested the Ambassador at Montevideo to send to me. It is an analysis of the ‘Nine-Man’ Executive Commission that will rule Uruguay. I thought you would like to see a copy of it. H.S.T.” There are staple holes in the upper left corner.

The five-page, typed memorandum is included. It details the new, nine-member “Collegiate” council that abolished the Presidency and began to rule Uruguay on March 1, 1952. It is a very thorough report that covers a brief history of democracy in Uruguay, the organization of the new system, the leanings of probable council members, the lack of public support for the new system, and its potential effects on Uruguay-United States relations. Early Twentieth Century Uruguayan President José Batlle y Ordóñez (1856-1929) and Argentinean dictator Juan Perón (1895-1974) are mentioned. Both the letter and the memorandum are in very good condition. $750.00

A lengthy and rambling van loon letter: “I want to return to cornell, partly because I love the old place and partly because by just being there I could annoy a great many people I dearly love to annoy”

101) Hendrik van Loon (1882-1944). Van Loon was a Dutch-American historian, children’s book author and journalist. He is best remembered for The Story Of Mankind, a history of the world for youth that won the inaugural Newbery Medal in 1922. He graduated from Cornell.

TLS. 1pg. 7 ¼” x 10 ½”. November 7, 1941. Old Greenwich, Connecticut. A lengthy typed letter signed “Hendrik Willem” to Mr. Ladd: “Many thanks for your long and informative letter for now we know all there is to be known. I think that you would be an excellent idea for Butler – chauffeur – teacher of the Swiss dialect... For the present moment attendant on an eight week old Newfoundland pup (all work on Luca’s point has been suspended during the use of this most amiable and fascinating creature) but in all seriousness, he might as well go to work and do a little grubbing in the soil for soon there won't be any more literature and even wobbly hearts have to be supported. We still flourish far beyond the deserts (I always thought it scandalous that I should be able to make so much money out of something that was so much fun) but how long will it last? Paper is going fast. Paperclips are going to and how can an author hope to keep his MS. together without paperclips? Carbon paper has disappeared. And the Newfoundland pup eats 6 pounds sirloin per diem, five bottles of milk and a dozen eggs. Three grandchildren to be kept in pantaloons. It is just as well that at least one member of this household (we really ain't the butter keeping kind...Sort of hired man, old Thompkins country style, but I write and my wife copies and somebody has got the feed us) should know how to raise radishes. As long as the heart wobbles I must stay here because Michaelmas I want to return to Cornell, partly because I love the old place and partly because by just being there I could annoy a great many people I dearly love to annoy. Should you come this far West or is it East (we focus in this part of Connecticut are forever getting mixed up because to Boston where we don't go we want to proceed in an easterly direction) you might want to study the behavior of Newfoundland pups and no better opportunity to do that then right here in our little factory for I seem to have made writing the second largest industry of Connecticut.” The letter has light toning, a wonderful letterhead, and light wrinkling. It is in very good condition. $250.00
A DOCUMENT CONCERNING THE ENDLESS FIGHT OVER GEORGE WASHINGTON’S ESTATE, AND HIS GREAT-NEPHEW’S SHARE OF MONEY

102) (GEORGE WASHINGTON ESTATE). D. 1pg. 7 ½” x 10”. March 26, 1850. N.p. [presumably Virginia]. A document concerning the share of Washington’s estate that his great-nephew inherited: “The estate of Lorenzo Lewis in acct. with the executor of Gen. Geo. Washington May 26, 1845 by the amount due on the executorial account of Lawrence Lewis decd. As reported by Commissioners Eakes is to the US Circuit Court of DC for the Alexandria County interest on $890.72 to March 26, 1850 by quota 1 1/2f share $300 per share interest on $400 to March 26, 1850 balance by check on branch farmers Bank of VA at Alex. May 4, 1847 by paid Barnett on Hammond Companion interest to March 26, 1850 July 14 balance due by L Lewis acct. Book interest to March 26, 1850”. It took decades to settle Washington’s estate because he appointed seven people to be the executors, including Martha Washington and some nephews. His nephew Lawrence Lewis died in 1839, leaving his portion of Washington’s estate to his son Lorenzo. The estate was not closed until 1847, almost fifty years after the President’s death. This document shows the $2,059.40 that was due to Lorenzo for his share of Washington’s estate. The document is in very fine condition. **$650.00**

A 1973 POSTER WITH CARICATURES OF MANY OF THE WATERGATE ANTAGONISTS

103) (WATERGATE). Poster. 22 ½” x 17 ½”. 1973. N.p. A poster entitled “The Watergate Affair”. It shows the Watergate in the center, the Capitol dome at the top and the White House at the bottom. There are caricatures of seven individuals associated with the scandal, including H.R. Haldeman, John W. Dean III, E. Howard Hunt, Jr., G. Gordon Liddy, James McCord, John Mitchell and John Ehrlicman [sic]. Although these are not the exact “Watergate Seven,” many of these men spent time in prison. The poster is printed on light green paper and has a 1973 copyright date. RareBookHub shows none of these posters ever selling. **$300.00**

A DANIEL WEBSTER LETTER TO WILLIAM RUFUS KING

104) DANIEL WEBSTER (1782-1852). Webster, a Massachusetts and New Hampshire Congressman, served as Secretary of State in the Harrison/Tyler and Fillmore administrations. He unsuccessfully ran for President in 1836 and became the premier Senator and orator of his day.

WILLIAM RUFUS KING (1786-1853). King was a Representative from North Carolina, a Senator from Alabama, Minister to France and Vice President.

ALS. 2pg. 5” x 8”. February 25, 1848. Washington. An autograph letter signed “Danl Webster” to William Rufus King: “It gives me true pleasure to make known to you William Gray Esq of Boston, a Gentleman of the Law, of most estimable character, & a personal friend of mine. He goes abroad for relaxation & travel, & as Paris is one of his proposed points, I beg to commend him to your kind attention. I am Dr Sir, with my true regard Your Ob Serv Danl Webster”. The letter has mailing folds and is in fine condition. **$250.00**

A MONTH AFTER ARNOLD’S TREASON AT WEST POINT, A QUARTERMASTER ORDERS A BOATSMAN TO COLLECT FIREWOOD AND “RETURN HERE WILL ALL POSSIBLE EXPEDITION”

105) (WEST POINT IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION). ADS. 1pg. 6” x 5 ¼”. October 29, 1780. West Point. An autograph document signed “D Carthy ADQM”. He wrote to Mr. Campbell: “You will proceed immediately with your vessel to Verplanks Point then take on board a load of firewood and return here with all possible expedition.” Verplanck’s Point is on the eastern shore of the Hudson, across from Stony Point and several miles south of West Point. This document was written just a month after Benedict Arnold attempted to turn over West Point to the British. On September 21, General Arnold met with British Major John Andre and the plot was uncovered when Andre was captured. Andre was hanged and Arnold fled to the British side. Undoubtedly, the Americans were nervous about West Point, which may be why Carthy wanted to boatman to “return here with all possible expedition.” The document is glued down to a larger board and the top right corner is burned away. **$400.00**

CELEBRATED BRITISH AUTHOR REBECCA WEST LOOKS FORWARD TO SPEAKING AT YALE

106) DAME CICELY ISABEL FAIRFIELD (“REBECCA WEST”) (1892-1983). Fairfield/West was a prolific and influential British writer, literary critic, and travel writer. She was a Dame of the British Empire.

TLS. 1pg. March 30, 1956. Ibstone House, Buckinghamshire. A typed letter signed “Rebecca West” concerning a lecture engagement at Yale. “Dear Mr. Holden, I hope the enclosed memorandum is not too late. I would have sent it off before but I have had trouble in getting down to the actual typing of my lectures, and till then was not sure what I must leave out. My husband has been ill again, and this has slowed down my work. I look forward very much to seeing Yale again. Yours very sincerely, Rebecca West March 30, 1956”. West handwrote the date at the bottom of the page. It is in very good condition with a deep fold. **$125.00**
PS. 11” x 13 ½”. June 14, 1911. N.p. An oversized photograph signed “Geo. Westinghouse June 14th 1911” on the lower mat. The image, taken by Gessford in 1902, is also signed by the photographer in pencil in the lower right corner. Westinghouse signed photographs are rare; the American Book Prices Current shows none selling in the last forty years, and the legendary photography collector Wesley Marans did not show any in his book on signed photographs. The photograph is printed on thick paper stock and has some mat burn, some slight faults to the very extreme margins, and light foxing. A fine and handsome image. $2,000.00

AN AMERICAN LIVING IN VIENNA EXPERIENCES THE START OF WORLD WAR I – “WE ARE STILL IN NO DANGER AS LONG AS WE STAY HERE... EVERY AVAILABLE PLACE IS FILLED WITH WOUNDED SOLDIERS... MANY AMERICANS WENT HOME WHEN YOUR LETTER WENT”

108) (WORLD WAR I). ALS. 3pgs. November 13, 1914. Vienna. An autograph letter signed “Libbie Tappan”, an American living in Vienna at the start of World War I. She writes home to her sister in America concerning wartime conditions in Vienna. She mentions lies of the media and the fear that her letter will be censored: “...All mails from here was stopped and now we have to leave our letters open. Irene’s Mother wrote her to come home at once but we thought it was too big a risk to run. We had no idea that they were writing all lies until we got hold of an American paper. War was first declared here on account of the to be next king and his wife were killed by the Serbians. There is such a lot to tell but for fear it will never reach you I will only say the German Kaiser is not to blame. The Germans and Austrian Hungarians have never lost a battle we are not starving and there is no...here. All places of amusement were closed trotting was stopped, the first of August. Things are beginning to brighten a bit now, but there will be no racing until next year. Every available place is filled with wounded soldiers and we don’t see much else but soldiers although there has never been a battle here in Vienna...We are still in no danger as long as we stay here. I am so sorry I cannot send you some money but it is impossible now. But just as soon as it can be sent will send. Remember me to all the ladies? There was a call for linen for the wounded. Irene did two pounds out of my old linen. I thought of you all how busy you would be if you was here, there was a ship load of red cross nurses and doctors come over some of them are here in Vienna. There were many Americans went home when your letter went...”. An interesting first-hand account. It is in very good condition and the envelope is enclosed. $300.00

109) (WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES). ALS. 3pg. 6” x 10 ½”. June 6, 1945. Philippine Islands. An autograph letter signed “Claude”, an American GI stationed in the Philippines. He wrote to Clayton Dickerson of Jonesboro, Indiana about Wright’s farm lands: “I am inclosing a proposed field chart for the 1936 crops. This is made out according to the regular pasturage. If you will be wanting this year more than the pasture lost Nos. 7, 8 and 9, please let me know at once so that the chart can be changed accordingly. I shall expect that after the chart is once agreed upon the use of the land as designated in it will be strictly adhered to, except where later changes are allowed by written permission. Please let me know whether the oats have been sold and how the beans have turned out. Also please let me know how much corn is in, and what is the price of corn. If you yourself are going to occupy my farm this year, please me know so that I may have a contract prepared for signing.” There is a pencil letter on the back of the Wright letter from Dickerson to Wright concerning soybeans and oats. The letter has two mailing folds and is in fine condition. $850.00

ORVILLE WRIGHT INSTRUCTS HIS OVERSEER ABOUT CROP ROTATION ON HIS INDIANA FARM

110) ORVILLE WRIGHT (1871-1948). Orville, with his brother Wilbur, designed and flew the first heavier-than-air ship on December 17, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The twelve second flight, piloted by Orville, covered 120 feet and ended several years of work and trial flights with gliders.

TLS. 1pg. 7” x 9 3/4”. February 3, 1926. Dayton, Ohio. A typed letter signed “Orville Wright” on his personal letterhead. He wrote to Clayton Dickerson of Jonesboro, Indiana about Wright’s farm lands: “I am inclosing a proposed field chart for the 1936 crops. This is made out according to the regular rotation. If, however, you would prefer it so, I would be willing to plant fields Nos. 3 and 6, now listed for oats, in soy beans for 1936 and 1937. There was some trouble last year over the use of land for pasturage. If you will be wanting this year more than the pasture lost Nos. 7, 8 and 9, please let me know at once so that the chart can be changed accordingly. I shall expect that after the chart is once agreed upon the use of the ground as designated in it will be strictly adhered to, except where later changes are allowed by written permission. Please let me know whether the oats have been sold and how the beans have turned out. Also please let me know how much corn is in, and what is the price of corn. If you yourself are going to occupy my farm this year, please me know so that I may have a contract prepared for signing.” There is a pencil letter on the back of the Wright letter from Dickerson to Wright concerning soybeans and oats. The letter has two mailing folds and is in fine condition. $850.00
A LONELY MAN ON THE WYOMING FRONTIER WRITES: “I HAVE AN INVITATION TO A DANCE ON THE 26TH OF THIS MONTH BUT I DON'T THINK I'LL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF ENJOYING IT IS ONLY ABOUT 65 MILES TO THE PLACE...THERE WILL BE SQUAWS THERE FOR THE COWBOYS TO DANCE WITH BUT OF COURSE THE MAJORITY WILL BE AMERICANS”

111) (WYOMING). ALS. 4pg. 5” x 8”. December 23, 1881. Fort Casper, Wyoming. An autograph letter signed “Jas Bethel” to his friend Ward Boyce from the Wyoming frontier. Bethel was likely a rancher and homesteader: “Esteemed friend of yours to hand glad to hear from you – had no news up in this part and having some nice weather have had the nicest weather that I ever saw in this month has been no snow in this month. This is a lonely place but I wish you was here to make one of our number and make things pleasant than they are with us. We are only staying here not having much in the way of fun. We stay on the outside and hope their friends are not having as dull a time as we do. I say we because there is three of us together having is little fun is any boys that you will ever seen butter working some but you that we are now hurting our self doing anything. Well as dull as times is I have an invitation to a dance on the 26th of this month but I don't think I'll have the pleasure of enjoying it is only about 65 miles to the place and I think that I'll stay at home and think those that do go I think they will have a heap of fun. I guess there will be squaws there for the Cowboys to dance with but of course the majority will be Americans. While I'm glad that the CHB has married. Given my congratulations and good wishes. Wish him much happiness and pleasure through life. Hope you are getting around to that notion yourself. Friend Ward try and have all the good time you can and some time have enough to have with your old friend Jim. I've not seen anyone that wants any saddle ponies yet we do not have a chance to do much till spring opens but I'll keep you posted all I can on the market of cow horses...”. The letter has soiling to the fourth page, but the interior pages are in better condition. $250.00

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