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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Smith, Joseph H. (Joseph Henry), 1913-1981
<b>Title:</b>	Joseph Henry Smith papers
<b>ID:</b>	10523571
<b>ID:</b>	MS#1693
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	circa 1938-1981
<b>Physical Description:</b>	31 linear feet 24 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Joseph Henry Smith Papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Joseph Henry Smith (1913-1981) was professor of law, Columbia University, 1961-1981 (LL.B., 1938). He was the George Welwood Murray Professor of Legal History at the Columbia Law School, where he taught for 20 years. Smith also served as the editor of the legal papers, *The Law Practice of Alexander Hamilton*. Smith was awarded the first James Willard Hurst Prize by the Law and Society Association for his "distinguished work in American legal history" in 1980.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

The creator's name, and the collection title, had become transposed and incorrectly read Henry Joseph Smith. This error likely occurred when the original accession record was created in 2013. The name of the collection and related subject headings have been corrected.

CCR. Revised biographical statement, collection dates, information on related collections.

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### Processing Information

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Selected Related Material-- at Columbia**

[The Law Practice of Alexander Hamilton publication project, 1961-1981](#), Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Law
- Personal papers
- Lawyers
- Columbia University. Law Library
- Smith, Joseph H. (Joseph Henry), 1913-1981