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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Jay, John, 1817-1894
Title:	John Jay II Papers
ID:	13503834
ID:	MS#1946
Date [inclusive]:	1834-1911
Physical Description:	6.3 Linear Feet 15 document boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	John Jay II was a graduate of Columbia college and an abolitionist. This collection includes letters, legal and financial documents, newspaper clippings, writings, photographs, circulars, and pamphlets.

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Biographical / Historical

John Jay II (1817-1894) was the grandson of John Jay and a graduate of Columbia College in 1836. He followed the example of his grandfather and his father, William Jay, becoming an active abolitionist. William Jay was a judge and an abolitionist who became the president of the New York State Anti-Slavery Society in 1835.

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Biographical / Historical

In 1834, while he was still a student at Columbia, John Jay II became a manager of the New-York Young Men's Anti-Slavery Society, which advocated for the immediate abolition of slavery. In the same year, New York was roiled by anti-abolitionist riots. Jay was among those

who defended the home of Arthur Tappan, president of the American Anti-Slavery Society, from the mob.

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Biographical / Historical

While Jay found few among his fellow Columbians who also supported the antislavery cause, he embarked on a long career of abolitionist activism. As a lawyer, he defended fugitive slaves in New York City in the 1840s and 50s. He also protested racism in the Episcopal Church. Columbia, since its founding, had close ties with that religious denomination, and Jay came into direct conflict with several alumni. Jay also attempted to combat discrimination at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. When James Parker Barnett was summarily expelled from P&S in 1850 after it was discovered that he was of African descent, Jay took on his case. Jay filed a petition in the Supreme Court of New York for a writ of mandamus in an effort to compel P&S to readmit Barnett. This writ was eventually ruled invalid in a later contest.

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During the Civil War, John Jay II served as the president of the Union League Club in New York. In this role, Jay strove to cultivate unity and patriotic support of the Union war effort, especially among members of the city's wealthy business community.

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Biographical / Historical

Colonel William Jay (1841-1915) was the eldest son of John Jay II and Eleanor Kingsland Field Jay (1819-1909). William Jay served as an aide-de-camp for the Union Army during the American Civil War. After the war, he followed his father into the legal profession. He married Lucy Oelrichs Jay (1854-1931) in 1878.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains mostly John Jay II's letters and other documents related to his anti-slavery activities. Besides letters, the collection also has John Jay II's drafts for lectures, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and circulars on abolition and related subjects. There are also some financial documents and miscellaneous notes and photographs.

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Scope and Contents

A portion of this collection (9 document boxes) remains unprocessed. The majority of this material is from the 1880s and 1890s.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in two series.

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Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access

Many boxes in the processed portion of the collection contained mold and have been professionally cleaned. All materials in Boxes 1-3, 5, 7-9, 11-15 have been cleaned. Materials in Boxes 4, 6, and 10 did not contain mold. Although all materials can be used in the reading room, patrons that are sensitive to mold may still experience a reaction to materials that have been cleaned in Boxes 1-3, 5, 7-9, 11-15.

Conditions Governing Access

There are nine boxes in this collection that have not been processed; these boxes are currently unavailable as the material may contain mold.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchase, 1992

Processing Information

Portions of this collection (Boxes 1-15) were processed by Mary Freeman (GSAS 2018) and Hong Deng Gao (GSAS 2021) in 2017-2018.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Abolitionists -- United States
- Antislavery movements -- United States
- Copyright, International
- Fugitive slaves
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Pamphlets
- Clippings (Information Artifacts)
- Photographs
- Financial records
- Personal correspondence
- Crummell, Alexander, 1819-1898
- Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874
- Johnson, Oliver, 1809-1889
- Chapman, Maria Weston, 1806-1885
- Phillips, Wendell, 1811-1884
- Jay Family
- Jay, John, 1745-1829
- Jay, John, 1817-1894
- Jay, William, 1841-1915
- Columbia College (Columbia University)
- Episcopal Church

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence, 1829-1889

Scope and Contents

This series contains mostly John Jay II's correspondence with family members and friends, including Alexander Crummell, Charles Sumner, Oliver Johnson, Maria Weston Chapman, and Wendell Philips.

Most correspondence have to do with issues including international copyright, fugitive slaves, the Civil War, and the role of the Episcopal church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Incoming Correspondence, 1829-1889		
Correspondence--Incoming, 1829-1830	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence--Incoming, 1831	box 1	folder 2
Correspondence--Incoming, 1832	box 1	folder 3
Correspondence--Incoming, 1833	box 1	folder 4
Correspondence--Incoming, 1834	box 1	folder 5
Correspondence--Incoming, 1835	box 1	folder 6
Correspondence--Incoming, 1836 January-September	box 1	folder 7
Correspondence--Incoming, 1836 October-November	box 1	folder 8
Correspondence--Incoming, 1837 January-February	box 1	folder 9
Correspondence--Incoming, 1837 March-June	box 1	folder 10
Correspondence--Incoming, 1837 July-December	box 1	folder 11
Correspondence--Incoming, 1838	box 1	folder 12
Correspondence--Incoming, 1839	box 1	folder 13
Correspondence--Incoming, 1830s	box 1	folder 14
Correspondence--Incoming, 1840-1841	box 1	folder 15
Correspondence--Incoming, 1842	box 1	folder 16
Correspondence--Incoming, 1843	box 2	folder 1
Correspondence--Incoming, 1844	box 2	folder 2
Correspondence--Incoming, 1846-1849	box 2	folder 3
Correspondence--Incoming, 1850-1853	box 2	folder 4
Correspondence--Incoming, 1854	box 2	folder 5
Correspondence--Incoming, 1855-1859	box 2	folder 6
Correspondence--Incoming, 1860	box 2	folder 7
Correspondence--Incoming, undated	box 3	folder 1
Correspondence--Stephen Myers to John Jay II on Underground Railroad, 1861	box 3	folder 2
Correspondence--Incoming, 1861	box 3	folder 3-5
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Correspondence--Incoming, 1862	box 3	folder 6

Correspondence--Incoming, 1863 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 3	folder 7-8
Correspondence--Incoming, 1864	box 5	folder 1
Correspondence--Incoming, 1865-1866	box 5	folder 2
Correspondence--Incoming, 1867	box 5	folder 3
Correspondence--Incoming, 1869	box 5	folder 4
Correspondence--Incoming, 1870-1879	box 4	folder 1
Correspondence--Incoming, 1880-1889, 1893	box 4	folder 2
Correspondence--Incoming, 1880-1889 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 4	folder 3-4
Outgoing and Third-Party Correspondence, 1835-1889		
Correspondence--Outgoing, 1835-1839	box 5	folder 5
Correspondence--Third Party, 1830-1839, undated	box 5	folder 6
Correspondence--Outgoing, 1840-1849	box 5	folder 7
Correspondence--Third Party, 1840-1848	box 5	folder 8
Correspondence--Outgoing, 1855-1859	box 5	folder 9
Correspondence--Third Party, 1851, 1855	box 5	folder 10
Correspondence--Outgoing, 1860-1861	box 5	folder 11
Correspondence--Outgoing, 1862-1869	box 7	folder 1
Correspondence--Outgoing-John Jay II to Reverend Edward Boggs, 1862-1863	box 7	folder 2
Correspondence--Third Party, 1863	box 7	folder 3
Correspondence--Outgoing, 1870-1879	box 6	folder 1
Correspondence--Third Party, 1870-1879	box 6	folder 2
Correspondence--Outgoing, 1880-1889	box 6	folder 3
Correspondence--Third Party, 1885	box 6	folder 4

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Series II: Documents, 1790-1911

Scope and Contents

This series contains legal documents on cases including George Kirk, Lemmon, and Ann McFarland, partition and land sale documents, receipts relating to John Jay II's farms, John Jay II's writings on fugitive slaves, international copyright, and the Civil War, and newspaper clippings on abolition, freeman, the Civil War and John Jay I's political and antislavery activities. The series also includes

pamphlets and circulars from anti-slavery societies, temperance petition from the women of Katonah, and some miscellaneous ephemera and photographs.

Title/Description	Instances	
Legal and Financial Files, 1837-1850		
Legal Notes, 1837-1838	box 15	folder 6
Receipt and Financial Documents, 1835-1838	box 15	folder 7
Legal Files-Real Estate, Water Commissioners, 1790-1839	box 15	folder 8
Legal Files, 1840-1849	box 8	folder 1
Legal Files-Blackwood and International Copyright, 1849	box 8	folder 2
Legal Files--Petitions Re: Copyright, 1848	box 8	folder 3
Legal Files--Blackwood and International Copyright, 1848-1850	box 8	folder 4
Legal Files--Field Family, 1845-1849	box 8	folder 5
Legal Files--George Kirk, 1846	box 8	folder 6
Legal Files--Samuel Burhans, 1849-1850	box 8	folder 7
Receipts and Financial Document, 1840-1848	box 8	folder 8
Legal and Financial Files, 1850-1859		
Receipts and Accounts, 1850-1859	box 9	folder 5
Legal Files-Real Estate and Financial-Jay/Field Family, 1850	box 9	folder 6
Legal Files--Real Estate and Financial-Jay/Field Family, 1851-1853	box 11	folder 1
Legal Files--Real Estate and Financial--Jay/Field Family, 1853-1856	box 11	folder 2
Legal Files--Real Estate and Financial-Jay/Field Family, 1857-1859	box 11	folder 3
Legal Files--Jay Family Partition Deeds, 1857-1858	box 11	folder 4
Legal Files--Lemmon Case, 1852-1860	box 11	folder 5
Legal Files--Elizabeth McFarland vs. George Fogel, 1850-1855	box 11	folder 6
Legal Files--Miscellaneous, 1850-1859	box 11	folder 7
Legal and Financial Files, 1860-1889		
Receipts and Financial Documents, 1860-1869	box 9	folder 8
Receipts and Financial Documents, 1860-1869	box 13	folder 1-4

Physical Description: 4 folders

Legal Files, 1860-1869	box 13	folder 5-6
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Receipts and Financial Documents, 1870-1879	box 13	folder 7
Legal Files, 1870-1879	box 13	folder 8
Receipts and Financial, 1880-1189	box 13	folder 9
Receipts and Financial--"Hotel Accounts", 1876-1887	box 13	folder 10
Legal Files, 1880-1889	box 13	folder 11
Notes, Photos and Clippings, 1830-1849		
Miscellaneous Notes, Photos of Horace Mann Seating Chart, circa 1830s	box 9	folder 1
Clippings, circa 1840-1849	box 9	folder 2
Scrapbook, 1836-1842	box 9	folder 3
Miscellaneous-Georgia Historical Society Membership, St. Matthews Church, 1840-1841	box 9	folder 4
Clippings, Photos, and Circulars/Pamphlets, 1850-1869		
Clippings--Lemmon Case, 1852-1860	box 9	folder 7
Clippings, 1850-1859	box 12	folder 1
Clippings--"Slave Cases" Notebook, 1847-1852	box 12	folder 2
Pamphlets and Circulars, 1850-1859	box 12	folder 3
Newspaper Clippings, 1860-1869	box 12	folder 4-6
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Printed Materials, 1860-1869	box 12	folder 7
Photographs, 1860-1869	box 12	folder 8
Petition of the Women of Katonah, 1862	box 12	folder 9
Newspaper Clippings, Printed Materials, and Will of Agnes Ward, 1870-1911		
Printed Materials and Invitations, 1870-1879	box 14	folder 1
Newspaper Clippings, 1870-1879	box 14	folder 2-3
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Printed Materials and Invitations, 1880-1889	box 14	folder 4
Will of Agnes Ward, 1911	box 14	folder 5
Writings, 1833-1859		
Columbia College Compositions, 1833-1836	box 7	folder 4

Compositions Written by Others, 1834-1835	box 7	folder 5
Notes--Columbia College, 1833-1836	box 7	folder 6
Writings, 1841-1842	box 7	folder 7
Writings, 1843	box 7	folder 8
Writings, 1844-1848	box 15	folder 1
Writings, circa 1840-1949 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 15	folder 2-3
Writings, 1854-1859	box 15	folder 4
Writings--Lecture on New York Manumission Society, 1852	box 15	folder 5
Writings, 1860-1889		
Writings-Notes and Drafts, 1860-1869 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 6	folder 5-6
Writings, 1860-1869 <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 folders	box 10	folder 1-3
Writings--Address to the Colored Troops, 1864	box 10	folder 4
Writings--Draft of Address on Civil War, 1861-1865	box 10	folder 5
Writings--Address on Common Schools, 1860s	box 10	folder 6
Writings, 1870-1879	box 10	folder 7
Writings, 1880-1889	box 10	folder 8

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