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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Cattell, James McKeen, 1860-1944
<b>Title:</b>	James McKeen Cattell papers
<b>ID:</b>	4078592
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0205
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1890-1922
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.42 linear feet 1 document box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); James McKeen Cattell papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Summary

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With the exception of letters to John Dewey, George Rives, G. Stanley Hall and some original incoming correspondence, the papers of James McKeen Cattell consist of typescript copies of correspondence with Seth Low, Nicholas Murray Butler, and faculty members, dealing with Psychology Dept. matters, professional matters, and Cattell's battle for academic freedom which ended in his dismissal from and subsequent suit against Columbia. Included are typescript copies of University reports, printed court records, and transcripts of correspondence with Cattell's lawyers.

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## Arrangement

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Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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### Revision Description

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### Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

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This collection has no restrictions.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Date of acquisition--1959. Accession number--M-59.

### Reproduction Note

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Academic freedom -- New York (State) -- New York
- Editors
- Educators
- Psychologists
- Correspondence
- Memorandums
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Dewey, John, 1859-1952
- Rives, George Lockhart, 1849-1917
- Hall, G. Stanley (Granville Stanley), 1844-1924
- Low, Seth, 1850-1916
- Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947
- Columbia University. Department of Psychology
- Seligman, Edwin R. A (Edwin Robert Anderson), 1861-1939
- Fackenthal, Frank Diehl, 1883-1968
- Shotwell, James T., 1874-1965

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
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Butler, Nicholas Murray	box 1
Cattell, James McKeen	box 1
Dewey, John	box 1
Fackenthal, Frank Diehl	box 1
Low, Seth	box 1
Miller, Dickinson S.	box 1
Rives, George L.	box 1
Seligman, Edwin R.A.	box 1
Seligman, Edwin R.A./Dewey, John	box 1
Shotwell, James T.	box 1
Nicholas Murray Butler	box 1
James Cattell to Seth Low	box 1
James Cattell to Nicholas Murray Butler	box 1
James Cattell, Miscellaneous correspondence (copies)	box 1
James Cattell, Miscellaneous memoranda	box 1
Miscellaneous correspondence relating to the dismissal of Cattell and Dana	box 1
Miscellaneous manuscripts, documents, etc.	box 1

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