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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Gerry, Elbridge T. (Elbridge Thomas), 1837-1927
Title:	Elbridge T. Gerry papers
ID:	4078804
ID:	MS#0481
Date [inclusive]:	1856-1912
Physical Description:	2.5 linear feet 5 manuscript boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains the papers, consisting primarily of correspondence, of Elbridge T. Gerry (1837-1927), 1857 graduate of Columbia College and later famous as a lawyer and philanthropist. There are also documents concerning Columbia College Class of 1857, college notebooks, memorabilia, and manuscript copies of Gerry's essays and orations.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Elbridge T. Gerry papers; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Lawyer, philanthropist. Gerry was an 1857 graduate of Columbia College. He founded the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and was chairman of the legislative committee that abolished hanging in favor of the electric chair as capital punishment in New York State. He also worked with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and was chairman for the New York City commission for the insane.

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Summary

As secretary of the Columbia College Class of 1857, Gerry carried on a detailed correspondence with many of its members. The bulk of the Gerry Papers are these carefully preserved letters, many of which are of a personal, intimate nature, and documents concerning the activities of the class as a whole. Of special interest are letters from Right Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle and manuscript copies of several of Gerry's own essays and orations. Also, some of Gerry's Columbia College notebooks and memorabilia of Gerry's student days.

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Arrangement

Cataloged and Arranged.

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Revision Description

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Restrictions on Access

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Accession number--M-59.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 06/--/89.

Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

- Mentally ill -- New York (State) -- New York
- Capital punishment -- New York (State)
- Social problems -- New York (State)
- Child abuse -- Societies, etc
- Animal welfare

- New York (N.Y.) -- Social conditions
- New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs
- New York (State) -- Social conditions
- Lawyers
- Philanthropists
- Tuttle, Daniel Sylvester, 1837-1923
- Columbia College (New York, N.Y.) -- Alumni and alumnae
- Columbia University -- Students
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence - Columbia College, class of, 1857	box 1
Various Committee Reports, Treasurer's Report - Columbia College, class of, 1857	box 1
Translation of Homer's Iliad	box 1
List of translations	box 1
Essays	box 1
Columbia College, Class of 1857 - miscellaneous envelopes with names and notes, 1857	box 1
Schiller, William Tell. Translation by Professor Schmidt - MISSING	box 1

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Series II: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Benedict, W. de L.	box 2
Boardman, William S.	box 2
Brower, J.H.	box 2
Davies, Henry E.	box 2
Fairchild, Charles A.	box 2
Francis, S.M.	box 2
Funsten, Reverend J.B.	box 2

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Gerry, Elbridge	box 2
Goetze, Frederick	box 2
Griffeths, Catherine Louise	box 2
Griffin, George Butler	box 2
Haven, George G.	box 2
Herrick, J.B.	box 2
Jackson, Oliver P.	box 2
Ludlow, E.L.	box 2
MacDonald, Wilson	box 2
Mason, Erskime	box 2
Masset, B.W. Carey	box 2
Masset, W. Carey	box 2
Maury, Mytton	box 2
Nott, Henry B.	box 2
Packwood, Richard T.	box 2
Parkman, John	box 2
Parkman, Theodore	box 2
Redmond, Goold	box 2
Russell, Charles	box 2
Sears, Charles E.	box 2
Slipper, James H.	box 2
Sloan, William S.	box 2
Smedberg, W. Renwick	box 2
Smith, Edgar P.	box 2
Steel, Alfred H.	box 2
Tailer, James T.	box 2
Talbot, William R.	box 3
Tombo, Rudolf	box 3
Tuttle, Daniel S.	box 3
Ward, Charles	box 3
Wheeler, Everett P.	box 3
Winslow, William B.	box 3

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Series III: Columbia College notebooks

Title/Description	Instances
<p>Columbia College notebooks</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Notebooks include translations of Caesar, Xenophon, Aristotle, Cicero's "De Officiis", Juvenal, Homer's Odyssey, Demosthenes, Aristophanes, Tacitus, Lucan's Pharsalia, Cicero's Tusculan Disputations, Ancient Geography Questions by Prof. Drysler, Vergil's Eclogues, Aeschylus's Prometheus Bound, Horace, Euripides, Terence, Cicero's De Natura Deorum, and Plato. There is also a bound copy of the Philolexian Society's Constitution and By-laws and the Columbia College's Catalogues, 1853-1857, with memorabilia attached (programs, tickets, Class of 1857 ribbon, and photographs of Prof. Anthon and Prof. McVickar.</p>	<p>box 4</p>

Columbia College notebooks	box 5
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Scope and Contents

Notebooks on Xenophon's Memorabilia (translated from Prof. Anthon's edition, corrected by Prof. Drisler, 1853); Roman Antiquities; Ancient Geography; Vergil's Eclogues; Homer's Odyssey Book XVII, translated by Prof. Drisler, 1854; German Cotillion; Horace; Logic and English Literature; History of Philosophy; History with Prof. McVickar; Chemistry.

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