

# Abram S.Hewitt papers 4078891

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#### **Summary Information**

<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library	
Creator:	Hewitt, Abram S (Abram Stevens), 1822-1903	
Title:	Abram S. Hewitt papers	
ID:	4078891	
ID:	MS#0586	
Date [inclusive]:	1839-1852	
Physical Description:	0.83 linear feet 2 document boxes	
Language of the Material:	English .	

#### **Preferred Citation**

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Abram S.Hewitt papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Hewitt graduated from Columbia in the class of 1842 and became, in turn, an attorney in New York City, a manufacturer of iron and steel, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1875-1879, 1881-1886, and Mayor of New York, 1887-1888.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The material is an elaborately calligraphic 19th century script and extends to one file box and 14 bound volumes. Professor Allan Nevins used this material for his work on Abram S. Hewitt.

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#### Summary

This is a collection of the surviving undergraduate papers, notebooks, and memorabilia of Hewitt, including a group of college themes and exercises, the manuscript of Hewitt's Greek Salutatory Address (4 October 1842), three volumes of lecture notes, eight volumes of translations from Greek authors, and three volumes of lecture notes made by Hewitt's brother-in-law and business partner, Edward Cooper (1824-1905).

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### Administrative Information

#### **Publication Statement**

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#### **Revision Description**

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#### **Restrictions on Access**

This collection is located off-site. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

#### **Restrictions on Access**

This collection has no restrictions.

#### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Nevins, Allan. Method of acquisition--Gift to the Columbiana Collection; Date of acquisition--1936. Accession number--M-36. A gift to Allan Nevins from Erskine Hewitt, son of Abram Stevens Hewitt.

#### **Processing Information**

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## **Related Materials**

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A number of medals awarded to Hewitt and Cooper were donated with this collection. These are now part of the <u>Columbia Medals collection (UA#0121)</u>.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

- Greek language -- Study and teaching
- Greek literature -- Study and teaching
- Cooper, Edward, 1824-1905
- Columbia University -- Students

## **Publications About Described Materials**

Nevins, Allan. Abram S. Hewitt : with Some Account of Peter Cooper. New York, 1935.

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## **Collection Inventory**

Title/Description	Instances
Student papers	box 1
Scope and Contents	
Various student papers, some addressed to "Mr. President" (William Alexander Duer, Columbia College President 1929-1942). There are outlines, drafts and final papers. There are also 3 letters, including a certificate of character (or reference letter) from Professor Charles Anthon; copies of the 1852 Commencement program; and a math exam. Composition titles include: Ought immigration to be encouraged?; On the fall of Constantinople; On the study of history; The connection between Platonism and Christianity; On the Platonic Tradition; On the influence of Christianity on the temporal condition of man; On the acquisition of fame; On friendship; On the troubadours; Socrates and his Philosophy; The mission of the Roman Empire; England's three revolutions; On the execution of the Charles I; On the character of Cicero; On the rise and fall of the Spanish and Portuguese colonies; On taste and criticism; On rivalry; Is capitalism justifiable?; The Turkish Empire: its prospects.	
Notebooks	box 2
Scope and Contents	

translations from Greek and Latin authors (e.g., Terence's Andria, Herodotus, Aeschylus's Seven Against Thebes, Sophocles's Ajax), and three volumes of lecture notes made by Hewitt's brother-in-law and business partner, Edward Cooper (1824-1905). Lecture notes include "Notes on the Historical Lectures of Prof. McVickar, Columbia College 1839-1840" and "Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion by Prof. McVickar, Columbia College 1841."

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