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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Lazarus, Emma, 1849-1887
Title:	Emma Lazarus letters
ID:	4079016
ID:	MS#0754
Date [inclusive]:	1868-1929
Date [bulk]:	1868-1887
Physical Description:	1 box 86 items
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Emma Lazarus letters; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Poet, essayist.

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Summary

Correspondence of Emma Lazarus. While the letters are primarily of a personal nature, they also reflect both her literary career and, after the traumatic effect on her of the persecution of Russian Jews, 1879-1883, her role as American champion of Jews. There are original autograph letters from John Burroughs, Ralph W. Emerson, Henry James, William Morris,

Tommaso Salvini, and Ivan Turgenev, and twenty other prominent figures. Also, one letter from Lazarus to William Wetmore Story and the letter of her sister, Annie Johnstone, presenting this collection to Columbia University.

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Arrangement

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Revision Description

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Restrictions on Access

Reader must use printed copy of these letters, except for those of Henry James and John Greenleaf Whittier, which were not published.

[Letters to Emma Lazarus in the Columbia University Library](#)

Also PS 2234 .A45 1966

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Johnstone, Annie Humphreys. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1929. Accession number--M-29.

Ownership and Custodial History

This collection was left by Emma Lazarus to her sisters and subsequently given by them to Columbia University Libraries.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 07/--/89.

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Controlled Access Headings

- American literature -- 19th century
- Jews -- Soviet Union
- Pogroms -- Russia
- Soviet Union -- Social conditions
- Soviet Union -- Religious life and customs
- Autographs (manuscripts)
- Women poets, American
- Women authors, American
- Burroughs, John, 1837-1921
- Emerson, Ralph Waldo, 1803-1882
- James, Henry, 1843-1916
- Morris, William, 1834-1896
- Salvini, Tommaso, 1829-1915
- Turgenev, Ivan Sergeevich, 1818-1883
- Story, William Wetmore, 1819-1895
- Johnstone, Annie Humphreys

Publications About Described Materials

Lazarus, Emma. Letters to Emma Lazarus in the Columbia University Library, edited by Ralph L. Rusk. New York : Columbia University Press, 1939.

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Collection Inventory

Emma Lazarus letters	
Title/Description	Instances
Browning, Robert	box 1
Bryce, James	box 1
Burne-Jones, Georgiana	box 1

Burroughs, John	box 1
Cunliffe, Eleanor S.L.	box 1
Cushman, Charlotte	box 1
Emerson, Lydian and Ellen T.	box 1
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	box 1
George, Henry	box 1
Goldsmid, Albert Edward W.	box 1
Gosse, Edmund	box 1
Huxley, Henrietta	box 1
James, Henry	box 1
James, William	box 1
La Farge, John	box 1
Lazarus, Emma	box 1
Lindau, Rudolph	box 1
Lowell, James Russell	box 1
Morris, William	box 1
Oliphant, Laurence	box 1
Procter, Anne Benson (Skepper)	box 1
Salvini, Tommaso	box 1
Stanley, Maude	box 1
Stedman, Edmund Clarence	box 1
Story, William Wetmore	box 1
Turgenev, Ivan Sergevevich	box 1
Whittier, John Greenleaf to A.A. Marcus re: Emma Lazarus	box 1

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