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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Loveman, Samuel, 1887-1976
<b>Title:</b>	Samuel Loveman letters
<b>ID:</b>	4079049
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0806
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1911-1976
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.42 linear feet 1 document box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains correspondence sent to the New York bookseller, poet, and collector, Samuel Loveman.

### Preferred Citation

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

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## Biographical Note

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Samuel Loveman was born in 1887 in Cleveland, Ohio. An aspiring poet, Loveman left the Midwest in order to pursue his career as a writer and to live an openly gay lifestyle. He moved to New York City in the early 1920s where he made the acquaintance of several prominent authors including Ambrose Bierce, Hart Crane, and H.P. Lovecraft. Loveman owned a bookstore named the Bodley Bookshop in Manhattan with his partner David Mann. He wrote two books, *The Hermaphrodite* was a poem published in July 1926 and subsequently republished with additional poems in 1936 and *Twenty-One Letters*, a collection of letters sent to him by Ambrose Bierce. He also published *The Sphinx* in 1944. Loveman died in relative obscurity at the Jewish Home and Hospital in 1976.

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## Summary

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The Samuel Loveman Correspondence collection contains letters primarily sent to Loveman by friends, colleagues, and admirers. Subjects written about include the legacy and growing interest in author Hart Crane and Loveman's connection to him, antiquarianism, and books. There is a small amount of letters complimenting Loveman on his poetry. Sculptor Ahron Ben-Shmuel is well represented in the collection with letters spanning several decades.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged alphabetically.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Literature
- Booksellers and bookselling
- Authors
- Scholars
- Antiquarian booksellers
- Poetry
- Gay authors -- New York (State) -- New York
- Poets
- Ben-Shmuel, Ahron, 1903-
- Loveman, Samuel, 1887-1976

## Collection Inventory

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Correspondence		
Title/Description	Instances	
A1911	box 1	folder 1
B, undated, 1948-1958, 1976, 1948-1958, 1976	box 1	folder 2
Ben-Shmuel, Ahron, undated, 1940-1950, 1964-1976, 1940-1950, 1964-1976	box 1	folder 3
C, 1931-1937, 1975, 1931-1937, 1975	box 1	folder 4
D, 1929, 1951-1976, 1929, 1951-1976	box 1	folder 5
E through F,, 1950-1958	box 1	folder 6
G, 1943, 1952, 1965-1969, 1943, 1952, 1965-1969	box 1	folder 7
Gautier-Roman, Rizal, undated, 1929-1932, 1942, undated, 1929-1932, 1942	box 1	folder 8
H, undated, 1931, 1945-1976, undated, 1931, 1945-1976	box 1	folder 9
J through K, 1933, 1950-1956, 1933, 1950-1956	box 1	folder 10
L, undated, 1940, 1958, undated, 1940, 1958	box 1	folder 11
M, 1927-1939, 1951- 1957, 1927-1939, 1951- 1957	box 1	folder 12
O, 1934-1935, 1972, 1934-1935, 1972	box 1	folder 13
P through R, undated, 1952, 1966, undated, 1952, 1966	box 1	folder 14
S, undated, 1926-1934, 1963, 1976, undated, 1926-1934, 1963, 1976	box 1	folder 15
T, 1912, 1932- 1938, 1912, 1932- 1938	box 1	folder 16
U through W, undated, 1927-1935, 1948- 1955, undated, 1927-1935, 1948- 1955	box 1	folder 17
Unidentified Individuals, undated, 1928, 1938 -1959, 1975, undated, 1928, 1938 -1959,, 1975	box 1	folder 18

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