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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Plimpton, George A. (George Arthur), 1855-1936
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Date [inclusive]:	1634-1956
Physical Description:	24 linear feet 58 boxes: 52 document boxes, 2 half document boxes, 1 custom-made box, 2 flat boxes, 1 shoe box; and 2 map drawers
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The George A. Plimpton Papers consist largely of personal and professional correspondence, financial and real estate records, personal diaries and albums, writings, and lectures produced by or for George Arthur Plimpton. But the Papers also contains not only the correspondence and records of Plimpton's colleagues at Ginn and Company, the publishing house that Plimpton led for decades, but also correspondence and records relating to the dozens of other institutions and organizations that Plimpton helped lead. In addition to extensive correspondence relating to Plimpton's collecting of rare books, manuscripts, and historical artifacts, the Papers also contain such diverse items as autographs of presidents, handwriting specimens, studies of medieval manuscripts, and documents relating to the American slave trade.

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Biographical Note

In his July 1936 obituary, the *New York Times* described George Arthur Plimpton (13 July 1855-1 July 1936) as an "internationally known publisher and collector, college trustee and philanthropist." As the materials in the George A. Plimpton Papers testify, those four areas of activity dominated Plimpton's public and private lives.

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Plimpton worked as a publisher for most of his adult life. Graduating in 1873 from Phillips Exeter Academy, he pursued undergraduate studies at Amherst College. An admittedly unexceptional student, Plimpton graduated from Amherst in 1876 before studying law at Harvard University for one year. The summer before enrolling at Harvard, Plimpton sold textbooks on commission for Ginn and Heath, a Boston-based publishing firm known for their emphasis on classics as well as their attractive layouts and illustrations. Plimpton had made the acquaintance of company founder Edwin Ginn (1838-1914) through Melvil(le) Dewey (1851-1931), an Amherst alumnus (class of 1874) who advocated for the use of the metric system and had devised an innovative decimal system for cataloguing library materials. Dewey temporarily had given Ginn exclusive publishing rights to both sets of materials. After leaving Harvard in 1877, Plimpton considered teaching history and political science but ultimately took a permanent job offer from Ginn. Plimpton rose to junior partner status by 1881, and when the Amherst-graduate Daniel Collamore Heath (1843-1908) withdrew from the firm in 1885, Plimpton became a founding partner of the rebranded Ginn and Company

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With Ginn managing the firm's Boston headquarters and Plimpton managing its fledging New York office, Ginn and Company competed with the American Book Company conglomerate throughout the 1890s for status as the leading publisher of schoolbooks in the United States. From at least 1891 on, Edwin Ginn cast the competition as a more than a matter of market share: because an increasingly diverse selection of schoolbooks inevitably would enhance the quality American education, Ginn argued, the American Book Company's monopolistic aspirations threatened American progress.

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In both his rhetoric and activities, Plimpton displayed similar assumptions about schoolbooks' ameliorative effect on education and society. Plimpton proved a great proponent, for example, of expanding Ginn and Company's business overseas: if schoolbooks could transform American education, the logic went, so too the worlds'. By the end of the nineteenth century, the company sold books in Japan and the Ottoman Empire; in the twentieth century's first two decades, Plimpton helped open up sales channels in such countries as Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Philippines, China, and England. These international affairs allowed Plimpton to travel not just in Europe, which he visited almost annually from the early 1880s on, but also in South America and what he termed "the Orient." Plimpton's trips often mixed business with both pleasure as well as his various diplomatic and institutional commitments.

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Whatever the social benefit of schoolbooks, schoolbook sales produced profits for the partners of Ginn and Company. The concern for profit sometimes ran up against their high-minded assumptions about the books' social benefit: they opposed, for example, a 1912 California amendment that made free textbooks available to primary and grammar schools. But such changes in law ultimately inspired innovation; while the common school movement initially hurt their sales, for example, the company soon worked out textbook adoption contracts with such states as Kansas, Missouri, Montana, and North Dakota. By 1910, Edwin Ginn found himself wealthy enough to largely withdraw from business affairs and establish the International School of Peace (later renamed the World Peace Foundation, perhaps to differentiate it from Andrew Carnegie's competing Endowment for International Peace). When the press reported in 1912 that Ginn had donated one million dollars to his world peace initiatives, one partner wrote a memo to the other partners insisting that the company "make every effort to disabuse the public of the notion that this business is largely profit, and not give them the impression...that it is a source of great wealth to those who are engaged in it."

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Where Ginn became known for spending his fortune on peace work, Plimpton became known above all for his collecting of rare books and manuscripts. His collection centered largely on materials related to the history of education, which he often termed "our tools of learning." This interest serviced Plimpton's professional desire to demonstrate that educational textbooks facilitated social progress not just in the present but also in the past and future.

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To this end, Plimpton regularly exhibited items from his collection and drew upon the collection to write lectures on the history of education, which he delivered both in the United States and abroad. Plimpton ultimately transformed some of these lectures into two books, *The Education of Shakespeare* (1933) and *The Education of Chaucer* (1936). In the preface to the former book, Plimpton described the materials in his collection as "more or less responsible for our present civilization, because they are the books from which the youth of many centuries have received their education." Plimpton also let others make this argument on his behalf. Teachers College's David Eugene Smith (1860-1944), for example, drew upon Plimpton's collection to write *Rara Arithmetica* (1908), both a history of arithmetic between the thirteenth and seventeenth centuries as well as a catalog of Plimpton's books and manuscripts from that period.

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By the time of his death, Plimpton owned the world's largest private collection of rare textbooks, manuscripts, pictures, and other artifacts and ephemera. The ephemera included a large collection of cigar-store Indians; the artifacts included miniature portraits of historic figures, a collection of presidential autographs, ancient samples of penmanship, over a dozen medieval hornbooks, and documents related to his interests in slavery, the Civil War, and the French and Indian Wars.

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Yet Plimpton's devoted his time not just to publishing and collecting books but also to an extraordinary range of academic and philanthropic institutions. For most of his life, Plimpton served as a trustee of several educational institutions. His career as a trustee began at Phillips Exeter Academy and Amherst College, the institutions that educated him. Plimpton served as an Amherst trustee beginning in 1895, and he served as president of Amherst's board of trustees beginning in 1907.

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Committed to the notion that women should receive educations comparable to those of men, Plimpton became treasurer and trustee of Barnard College in 1893, only four years after its founding. He served Barnard for the rest of his life. Drawing upon networking skills honed through his work as a businessman and collector, Plimpton solicited such impressive amounts from the likes of John D. Rockefeller, Sr. (1839-1937), and the financier Jacob Schiff (1847-1920) that Edwin Ginn plaintively asked Plimpton in 1913 if Plimpton could "could secure for [the World Peace Foundation] as much as you have secured for Barnard College...What [Carnegie] has done is like a chain around my neck with a millstone hung to it, for the people when I ask for money say, 'Here are the Carnegie millions; why don't you use those?'"

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Plimpton's work as a trustee led him not only to raise money on schools' behalves but also to donate generously himself; then as now, trustees often earned such positions because of their personal willingness to support the cause. From around 1904 until the end of his life, Plimpton served as a trustee of the American College for Girls at Constantinople in Turkey (also known as the Constantinople Woman's College and, today, Robert College of Istanbul). In this capacity, Plimpton both contributed to and worked on behalf of the college's various building campaigns. A member of the executive committee for Near East Relief, Plimpton's dedication to bringing that region's peoples from "medievalism to modern times" made him loyal to the college even when the First World War made fundraising difficult and the school's prospects rather grim.

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As with his Near East work, Plimpton's pursuit of good diplomatic relations between the United States and Japan helped earn him a position as trustee to Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan. In addition to raising money for the school, Plimpton helped foster ties to Amherst. Construction began on a residence hall named "Amherst House" in 1932.

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But Plimpton made his greatest financial contributions to schools in the United States. At Phillips Exeter, for instance, he helped fund the purchase of Philips Church and the construction of the Plimpton Playing Fields. As trustee to Union Theological Seminary, Plimpton helped raise money to commission portraits of Union's past presidents and to construct such buildings as McGiffert Hall, Union's Refectory, and its Social Hall. In exchange for his work, he received a degree of input over the appointment of such faculty as Reinhold Niebuhr.

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At nearby Columbia, Plimpton served not as trustee but as president of the Friends of the Library of Columbia University, a group that his friend David Eugene Smith helped found in 1928. Two years later, Columbia created its Rare Books Department, and Smith and Plimpton soon promised to donate their libraries to it. Beginning in 1932, Plimpton kept his library of nearly 20,000 items on deposit at Low Library, including a Babylonian cuneiform tablet as well as several hundred medieval and Renaissance manuscripts. He formally presented the collection the year before he died. Along with Plimpton's priceless books and manuscripts came his personal and financial correspondence, business records, writings, personal diaries, and historical documents and artifacts. The latter items compose this particular collection. Plimpton's contributions to Columbia earned him an honorary degree in 1929. By the end of his life he possessed an honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa as well as honorary degrees

from the University of Rochester, the University of Richmond, New York University, Amherst, and St. Lawrence University.

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To Wellesley College, Plimpton donated a collection of over 900 books and manuscripts of Italian literature. Described at the time as containing "first editions of almost every Italian author, especially from the classical period," the collection allowed Wellesley for a time to claim the largest library of any women's college in the United States and to cast itself as the one of the leading centers of Italian renaissance literature in the world. Plimpton delivered the collection in 1904 but began arrangements for the donation four years earlier in the months immediately following the sudden death of his first wife, Frances Taylor Pearsons Plimpton (1862-1900). An 1884 graduate of Wellesley, Frances's interest in Italian literature accounted for the collection's focus. The gift not only enshrined her memory at an institution whose alumnae association she once led but also ensured George Plimpton's continued connection to her alma mater for the rest of his life.

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Plimpton served as a trustee and treasurer trustee not just to colleges but also to a panoply of other organizations and institutions. Plimpton's commitments generally broke down into four main categories. First, Plimpton's peace and humanitarian commitments included Ginn's World Peace Foundation as well as Andrew Carnegie's Church Peace Union. Headed by William P. Merrill (1867-1954), the minister of New York's Brick Presbyterian Church who eventually presided at Plimpton's funeral, the Church Peace Union used church institutions to promote the cause of world peace. Plimpton also served as treasurer to the American Poets Ambulances in Italy, as trustee to the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship Through the Churches, and as a member of the American Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities, and the Near East and Serbian Relief Associations.

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Finally, Plimpton's interest in political science, history, books, and language made him a patron of such academic organizations as the Historical Societies of Massachusetts and New York, the Grolier Club, the New England Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, the American Antiquarian Society, the New York Academy of Public Education, the American Economic Association, the Modern Language Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He served as treasurer to both the American Philological Association and the American Academy of Political Science; records related to these latter two organizations are located in this collection.

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Plimpton's interest in academic affairs led him to found the journal *Political Science Quarterly* in 1886. Ginn and Company published that journal as well as the *Yale Review*, the *Philosophical Review*, the *Classical Review*, and the *American Naturalist*. Occasionally taking a hands-on approach to intellectual production, Plimpton not only helped found Columbia's department of political science but also wrote the president of John Hopkins in 1902 to ask why Charles Peirce (1839-1914) had taken so long to complete his anticipated book on logic.

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Plimpton often worked out idiosyncratic agreements with loan recipients and other financial consorts; for example, he agreed to let "Louis, the Greek" sell his wares on the sidewalk near Plimpton's house provided Louis kept the street clean, and he promised to pay two women and their families \$50 a month in perpetuity as thanks for caring for his son Francis Taylor Pearsons Plimpton (1900-1983). When the elder Plimpton's first wife Frances died within three days of giving birth to their son, Plimpton's busy schedule had forced him to seek assistance with his son's care.

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Perhaps because Francis never knew his mother, Plimpton gifted him in 1920 a property located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, Francis's hometown. It was Walpole, not Holyoke, where Plimpton chose to raise Francis. Born and raised in Walpole, a relatively rural town southwest of Boston, Plimpton had grown up on a farm that his family had owned for generations. Yet Plimpton's mother had been forced to sell the farm during his youth after his father's unexpected death in a mill accident. After Francis's birth, Plimpton decided that the farm would provide a much better setting for his child than New York City, and Plimpton accordingly purchased the farm in 1902 from his Uncle David Lewis.

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Almost immediately Plimpton set about ensuring that Lewis Farm would function not as a "gentleman's farm" but rather as a working farm. He accordingly hired farm managers, purchased such animals as sheep and a peacock, and wrote to Teachers College in 1912 asking for menus that are "nutritious, satisfying, and economical, and provide a varied diet." In addition to extensive correspondence about the farm's purchase and operations, the Plimpton Papers include a complete inventory taken in 1937 of the house and its outbuildings, including Plimpton's exhibit spaces and study.

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From 1902 on, Plimpton split his time between Walpole, New York, and his travels. But Walpole's affairs became increasingly important to him. Some of his activity in Walpole related to business: in 1927, for example, he bought and renovated an historic tavern that once had served as the halfway house for people traveling from Boston to Providence. And in 1903, Plimpton attempted to sell to Walpole electricity from dams that he owned outside the town.

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Plimpton tried to lure high-profile visitors to Walpole both for the dedication of the union church as well as for other events. In 1906, for example, he asked then-president Theodore Roosevelt to visit the town for the eightieth birthday of a long-time teacher; in 1924, he asked the bishop of Edinburgh (Scotland), a descendant of Walpole's founder, to visit the town for its 200th anniversary celebration. The extraordinary number of invitations to dinners and ceremonies in Plimpton's papers indicate that he socialized regularly with the wealthy and powerful. But he ultimately drew them to Walpole in large numbers only with his death.

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Plimpton died at Lewis Farm on 1 July 1936, near the end of his eightieth year. His family buried him there. Plimpton was survived by his second wife, Fanny Hastings Plimpton (d. 1950), whom he married in Bermuda in 1917, his first son Francis, as well as the two children that he and Fanny had together, Calvin Hastings Plimpton (1918-2007) and Emily Plimpton. None of Plimpton's children worked in publishing or became collectors of any significance. But they did follow Plimpton as institutional trustees and philanthropists.

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In describing Plimpton as a "publisher and collector, college trustee and philanthropist," the *New York Times* summarized his life's work but misconstrued his legacy. To be sure, both Plimpton's publishing and trustee work made undeniable, if unquantifiable, contributions to American education, and his large and small philanthropic initiatives improved the lives of many both in the United States and abroad. But his ultimate legacy lies in his collecting. In addition to conserving and passing on books and manuscripts of tremendous historic significance, his collector's habits ensured that his own papers, artifacts, and ephemera survive today as a treasure trove of information for economic, cultural, material, social, and religious historians alike.

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Summary

The George Arthur Plimpton Papers consist primarily of correspondence relating to Plimpton's personal, financial, organizational, and collecting endeavors, including correspondence addressed to George Plimpton as well as carbon copies of outgoing correspondence. The collection also includes correspondence between members of Ginn and Company that often relate only indirectly to Plimpton himself. Other financial correspondence relates to Plimpton's various property holdings. In addition to decades' worth of Plimpton's personal account books and diaries, the collection contains Plimpton's financial and legal records, including his checkbooks, check stubs, receipts, and wills. Other items include notes, drafts of Plimpton's lectures and essays, family scrapbooks, guestbooks, travel diaries, a small number of family photographs, documents bearing the autographs of United States presidents, historical documents relating to the American slave trade, handwriting specimens, and notes on Plimpton's collection of medieval manuscripts.

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Summary

This collection is arranged in seven series, an arrangement shaped both by the material's themes and by the arrangement of materials when previously archived in the twentieth century. That earlier work organized materials into two main series: catalogued correspondence between Plimpton and persons whom the librarians deemed noteworthy, and uncatalogued correspondence and documents. The current arrangement therefore retains the arrangement of the original series (redesignated Series I-III), but the remainder has been organized into new series (Series IV-VI). While both the previous arrangement of the materials as well as the original folder names have been preserved to the extent possible, material within each series has been grouped under various subheadings and arranged alphabetically.

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Schiff letter & a photostat: Source of acquisition--Plimpton, Mrs Frances T.P. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--12/--/92. Accession number--M-92-12.

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Gift of George A. Plimpton, 1936.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. Francis T. P. Plimpton, 1984, 1985, 1987& 1992.

Processing Information

Collection reprocessed in 2009 June by Daniel Vaca, GSAS 2010.

Processing Information

Papers recataloged Lea Osborne 2010 April.

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Processing Information

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Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

Processing Information

Correspondence from Plimpton Family papers, Box 6 Folder 9, were moved to: George A. Plimpton Papers Series I: Correspondence and Personal Documents Subseries 1: Cataloged Correspondence Smith, David Eugene, 1912-1913 (Box 6 Folder 7), 9/2022.

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Related Materials

Selected Related Material at Columbia

[Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs Records, 1914-1996](#)

Selected Related Material at Columbia

[Plimpton Family Papers, 1697-1995 \(Bulk Dates: 1892-1995\)](#)

Selected Related Material at Columbia

[Reminiscences of Francis Taylor Pearsons Plimpton: oral history, 1967](#) In: Adlai E. Stevenson project. Oral History Research Office, Rare Book & Manuscript Library

Selected Related Material at Columbia

[Reminiscences of Francis Talor Pearsons Plimpton: oral history, 1981](#) In: Debevoise Plimpton Lyons & Gates project. Oral History Research Office, Rare Book & Manuscript Library

Selected Related Material at Columbia

[Francis T.P. Plimpton Papers, 1936-1981](#) Barnard Archives

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- Textbooks -- Publishing -- Japan
- Textbooks -- Publishing -- Mexico
- Textbooks -- Publishing -- United States
- Women's colleges
- United States -- History -- French and Indian War, 1754-1763
- New England -- Education
- New York (N.Y.)
- Walpole (Mass. : Town) -- History
- Account books
- Articles of incorporation
- Contracts
- Deeds
- Diaries
- diplomas
- Drawings (visual works)
- Hornbooks
- Illustrations
- Leases
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Dewey, Melvil, 1851-1931
- Ginn, Edwin, 1838-1914
- Merrill, William Pierson, 1867-1954
- Carnegie, Andrew, 1835-1919
- Niebuhr, Reinhold, 1892-1971
- Plimpton, Calvin H.
- Plimpton, Frances Taylor Pearsons, 1861-1900
- Plimpton, Francis T. P. (Francis Taylor Pearsons), 1900-1983
- Plimpton, George A. (George Arthur), 1855-1936
- Rockefeller, John D. (John Davison), 1839-1937
- Schiff, Jacob H. (Jacob Henry), 1847-1920
- Smith, David Eugene, 1860-1944
- American Academy of Political and Social Science
- American Book Company
- American College for Girls (Istanbul, Turkey) -- Turkey -- Istanbul
- American Committee on Religious Rights and Minorities
- American Philological Association
- Amherst College
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Barnard College
- Barnard College. Trustees
- Brick Presbyterian Church (New York, N.Y.)
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Century Club (New York, N.Y.) -- New York (State) -- New York

- Church Peace Union
- Columbia University. Libraries
- Friends of the Columbia Libraries
- Columbia University. Rare Book and Manuscript Library -- History
- Delta Kappa Epsilon
- Dōshisha Daigaku
- Ginn and Company
- Ginn and Heath Harvard University. Law School
- Grolier Club
- Near East Relief (Organization)
- New York University
- New-York Historical Society
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- Columbia University. Teachers College
- Union Theological Seminary (New York, N.Y.)
- United Nations
- University Club (New York, N.Y.)
- Wellesley College Alumnae Association
- Wellesley College
- World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship Through the Churches
- World Peace Foundation

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence and Personal Documents, 1841- 1936

Scope and Contents

Series I consists primarily of correspondence addressed to or composed by George Plimpton. The series includes the correspondence catalogued previously as well as the uncatalogued materials labeled "General Correspondence."

Subseries 1: Cataloged Correspondence, 1876-1936

Scope and Contents

The arrangement of the catalogued correspondence has not been modified. Although copies of some outgoing correspondence are included, the bulk of this subseries consists of incoming correspondence from a variety of persons and on a variety of topics including collecting, philanthropy, education and peace work. Also included are numerous notes, from prominent persons, thanking Plimpton for copies of the books he authored. Some correspondence is to and from Frances Taylor Pearsons, George Plimpton's first wife. Extensive outgoing correspondence from George Plimpton to Frances, and to their son, Francis, can be found here as well.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondents--List of Cataloged, undated	box 1	folder 1
Abbott-Ayedelotte, 1886-1933	box 1	folder 2

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Babbott-Beresford, 1886-1934	box 1	folder 3
Bertram-Brooks, 1886-1935	box 1	folder 4
Brown-Burgess, 1885-1929	box 1	folder 5
Burlingham-Butler, 1895-1936	box 1	folder 6
Cable-Carnegie, 1888-1936	box 1	folder 7
Choate-Coffin, 1897-1936	box 2	folder 1
Coffin-John Dewey, 1888-1936	box 2	folder 2
Dewey, Melvil-Dodge, 1879-1929	box 2	folder 3
Dodge-Duggan, 1892-1936	box 2	folder 4
Eames-Ely, 1897-1934	box 2	folder 5
Farham-Finley, 1892-1936	box 2	folder 6
Fish-French, 1892-1930	box 3	folder 1
Garrison-Gunsaulus, 1891-1936	box 3	folder 2
Hadley-Hart, 1889-1936	box 3	folder 3
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Hazard-Hobhouse, 1881-1929	box 3	folder 5
Hodges-Hyde, 1876-1936	box 3	folder 6
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Lindsay- Low, 1890-1934	box 4	folder 4
Lowell-Mansfield, 1886-1935	box 4	folder 5
March-Matthews, 1886-1927	box 4	folder 6
Maxwell-Millet, 1890-1935	box 5	folder 1
Mills-Murray, 1889-1935	box 5	folder 2
Nelson-Page, 1892-1935	box 5	folder 3
Palmer-Peirce, 1889-1929	box 5	folder 4
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Smith, David Eugene, 1914-1936 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 7	folder 1 to 2
Smith, Edward Curtis-Royall Bascom Smith, 1892- 1913	box 7	folder 3
Söderblom-Tarbell, 1892-1935	box 7	folder 4
Taylor-Villard, 1876-1935	box 7	folder 5
Wald-West, 1885-1932	box 7	folder 6
Whalen-James Southall Wilson, 1900- 1933	box 54	folder 1
Wilson, Woodrow-Yen, 1897-1935	box 54	folder 2
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to Frances Taylor Pearsons Plimpton, 1891-1898 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 folders)	box 54	folder 3 to 6
to Francis T. P. Plimpton, 1912-1929 (4 folders), 1912-1929	box 55	folder 1 to 4

Subseries 2: Uncataloged Correspondence and Personal Documents, 1841- 1936

Scope and Contents

The previous arrangement of the uncatalogued "General Correspondence" has been maintained. The current arrangement has relocated to this subseries such material as George Arthur and Frances Taylor Pearson Plimpton's correspondence from their courtship period, the guest albums from their wedding and home, family travel diaries from trips to Europe, Japan, China, and Alaska, and additional family correspondence.

Scope and Contents

Because Plimpton's personal and financial lives were far from distinct, much of the correspondence in this subseries overlaps thematically with correspondence in Series II, particularly correspondence regarding Plimpton's philanthropic endeavors and trustee work. Yet this subseries tends to contain more of Plimpton's personal demonstrations of support and letters of introduction for friends and former employees.

Title/Description	Instances	
Frances T.P. Plimpton, 1891- 1896 <u>Physical Description:</u> (6 folders)	box 8	folder 1 to 6
George A. Plimpton		
Marriage, 1892	box 9	folder 1
Death of Frances T. P. Plimpton, 1900- 1901	box 9	folder 2

General, 1892-1915 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 folders)	box 9	folder 3 to 5
General, 1916-1936 <u>Physical Description:</u> (7 folders)	box 10	folder 1 to 7
Birthday--60th, 1915	box 10	folder 8
Birthday--80th, 1935	box 11	folder 1
General, 1863-1935	box 11	folder 2
Guest Album--Home, 1893-1936	box 11	folder 3
Guest Album--Wedding, 1892	box 11	folder 4
Notebook of Language Scripts, undated	box 11	folder 5
Family Correspondence		
General, 1841- 1907 <u>Physical Description:</u> (4 folders)	box 11	folder 6 to 9
General, 1908-1936 <u>Physical Description:</u> (8 folders)	box 12	folder 1 to 8
Family Correspondence		
Scope and Contents		
(Includes printed material and photographs)		
General, 1852-1930s <u>Physical Description:</u> (4 folders)	box 12	folder 9 to 12
Adams Family, 1907-1922	box 13	folder 1
Family Genealogy, 1852-1935	box 13	folder 2
Family Photographs, undated	box 13	folder 3
Family Tree, 1950	box 13	folder 4
Hastings--Clearing House in Paris, undated	box 13	folder 5
Travel		
Europe--Diary of Sarah E. Pearsons, 1899	box 13	folder 6
Europe--Travel Images, 1899	box 13	folder 7
Japan, China, Alaska, 1918-1936	box 13	folder 8
Correspondence and Diary, 1885- 1923	box 13	folder 9
Oversize--Honorary Degrees, undated		

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Series II: Financial Correspondence and Records, 1888- 1936

Scope and Contents

Although the documents in this series not only relate to a diverse array of issues and sometimes overlap significantly with material in other series, these documents nevertheless provide discrete snapshots of the more financial side of Plimpton's life. The series includes Plimpton's general financial correspondence as well as documents related to particular companies and individuals. Between 1900 and 1911, for example, Plimpton served as executor for the estates of Sarah Pearsons, the mother of his first wife, Frances, and his sister Priscilla. The series includes various versions of Plimpton's own wills.

Scope and Contents

The series also includes Plimpton's account books and daily diaries. The forty-one personal diaries in the collection provide a window into Plimpton's daily activities and expenses during the last four decades of his life, illustrating not just whom Plimpton met on which days but also the rising cost of taxis and martinis over several decades. Plimpton's check stubs, checks, and receipts provide further insight into his financial activities between 1889 and 1935. Other materials in the financial series include correspondence relating to the loans and donations that Plimpton made to dozens of individuals and institutions.

Scope and Contents

Finally, the series contains documents related to Plimpton's real estate holdings, including account books, payroll and payment records, letters to delinquent tenants, and receipts for repairs and other work. The Walpole materials stand out from the other real estate materials not just because of their scope but also because they include documents related less to Plimpton's ownership of the Walpole property than to his life and affairs in the town. The inclusion of the latter materials in this series honors the original arrangement.

Title/Description	Instances	
Daily Agendas, 1890- 1934 <u>Physical Description:</u> (41 folders)	box 14	folder 1 to 41
Personal Accounts		
Account Books, 1888-1899 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 15	folder 1 to 2
Check Stubs and Notes, 1899-1904 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 folders)	box 15	folder 3 to 5
Receipts and Cancelled Checks, 1935 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 folders)	box 16	folder 1 to 3
Correspondence		

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(Includes Records and Documents)

Ardley Estates, Inc., 1917-1935	box 16	folder 4
The Central Foundry Co., 1931-1936	box 16	folder 5
Conant, Richard Royce Estate, 1918	box 16	folder 6
General, 1899-1914	box 16	folder 7
General, 1915-1935	box 17	folder 1 to 2
<u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)		
Loans--General, 1935	box 17	folder 3
Loans--Outstanding, 1923-1936	box 17	folder 4
Macnaughton Family--Estate of Sarah Pearsons, 1899-1916	box 17	folder 5
Macnaughton, James and Elizabeth P.--NY Wool Warehouse Co., 1898- 1913	box 17	folder 6
Pearsons Estate, 1900-1902	box 17	folder 7
Plimpton, Priscilla--Lewis Estate, 1905- 1906	box 17	folder 8
Wills, 1921-1935	box 18	folder 1
Philanthropic Work		
Donations, 1927-1935	box 18	folder 2 to 6
<u>Physical Description:</u> (5 Folders)		
Wood, Wallace, 1907-1916	box 19	folder 1
Real Estate--Holyoke, Massachusetts		
Highland Park, 1896-1920	box 19	folder 2
Highland Park--Account book, 1909-1920	box 19	folder 3 to 5
<u>Physical Description:</u> (3 folders)		
Real Estate--New York City		
25th Street, 1905-1911	box 19	folder 6
Park Avenue--Number 59, 61, 1927- 1932	box 19	folder 7
Park Avenue--Number 62-65, 1935	box 19	folder 8
Plimpton Building, 1909-1921, 1931, 1909-1921, 1931	box 20	folder 1
38th Street, 1929-1934	box 20	folder 2
George A. Plimpton vs. Alfred and Helen Baruch, 1926-1927	box 20	folder 3
Plimpton Corporation, 1925-1931	box 20	folder 4

Property Speculation, 1902-1935	box 20	folder 5
Real Estate and Personal Affairs--Walpole, Massachusetts		
Donations and Public Life, 1901- 1934	box 20	folder 6
Fuller's Tavern, 1927	box 20	folder 7
Lewis Farm, 1902-1937 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 folders)	box 20	folder 8 to 9
Photographs, undated	box 21	folder 1
Vouchers, 1935	box 21	folder 2
Wooden Indian Theft--Reward Poster, 1921	box 52	folder 25

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Series III: Ginn and Company, 1877-1936

Scope and Contents

This series contains extensive materials related to the operation of the publishing firm that Plimpton led for decades. Currently arranged as previously processed, the series includes correspondence, company reports, photographs, mailings, and other materials dating from 1877 to 1936. While documents dating before 1911 are grouped by year, most documents dating after 1911 are associated with the employee who wrote or received them.

Scope and Contents

Because the company's employees became such close associates over decades of cooperation, not all of their correspondence relates immediately to the company's affairs; for example, some materials relate to Edwin Ginn's peace work and, after 1914, to Ginn's estate. Moreover, not all the materials involve Plimpton directly.

Scope and Contents

Documents related to Lewis Parkhurst prove particularly illuminating; because the Boston-based Parkhurst served as the company's administrative leader for decades, his files contain numerous company memos, annual reports, and meeting minutes. Following Ginn's death in 1914, Parkhurst served as one of Ginn's executors.

Title/Description	Instances	
General--Ephemera, 1877- 1911		
Mailings and Leaflets	box 21	folder 3
Photographs, 1905	box 21	folder 4
Plaster cast of Edward Ginn	box 21	folder 5
Correspondence and Records		
General		
Dated, 1877-1899		

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	box 22	folder 1
Dated, 1900-1911	box 22	folder 2 to 9
<u>Physical Description:</u> (7 folders)		
Ambrose, Fred M., 1911	box 22	folder 10
Ginn, Edwin, 1911	box 22	folder 11
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1911	box 22	folder 12
Laylander, Orange Judd, 1911	box 22	folder 13
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1911	box 22	folder 14
Smith, Selden C., 1911	box 22	folder 15
Thomas, Richard S., 1911	box 22	folder 16
Thurber, Charles Herbert, 1911	box 22	folder 17
General, 1912	box 23	folder 1
Ambrose, Fred H., 1912	box 23	folder 2
Gilson, T. W., 1912	box 23	folder 3
Ginn, Edwin, 1912	box 23	folder 4
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1912	box 23	folder 5
Hodgdon, Frederick C., 1912	box 23	folder 6
Lawler, Thomas Bonaventure, 1912	box 23	folder 7
Laylander, Orange Judd, 1912	box 23	folder 8
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1912	box 23	folder 9 to 10
<u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)		
Smith, Selden C., 1912	box 23	folder 11
Thomas, Richard S., 1912	box 23	folder 12
Thurber, Charles Herbert, 1912	box 23	folder 13
General, 1913	box 23	folder 14
Ambrose, Fred H., 1913	box 23	folder 15
Gilson, T. W., 1913	box 23	folder 16
Ginn, Edwin, 1913	box 24	folder 1
Hall, Dana W., 1913	box 24	folder 2
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1913	box 24	folder 3
Hodgdon, Frederick C., 1913	box 24	folder 4
Lawler, Thomas Bonaventure, 1913	box 24	folder 5
Laylander, Orange Judd, 1913		

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	box 24	folder 6
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1913 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 24	folder 7 to 8
Smith, Selden Cornelius, 1913	box 24	folder 9
Thomas, Richard S., 1913	box 24	folder 10
Thurber, Charles Herbert, 1913	box 24	folder 11
General, 1914	box 24	folder 12
General--A-Z, 1914	box 25	folder 1
Ambrose, Fred H., 1914	box 25	folder 2
Ayer, Flora H., 1914	box 25	folder 3
DeWitt, Edgar A., 1914	box 25	folder 4
Gilson, T. W., 1914	box 25	folder 5
Ginn Estate, 1914	box 25	folder 6
Hall, Dana W., 1914	box 25	folder 7
Hickam, A. R., 1914	box 25	folder 8
Hill, Charlotte F., 1914	box 25	folder 9
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1914	box 25	folder 10
Hodgdon, Frederick C., 1914	box 25	folder 11
Lawler, Thomas Bonaventure, 1914	box 25	folder 12
Laylander, Orange Judd, 1914	box 25	folder 13
Maxwell, C. J., 1914	box 26	folder 1
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1914 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 26	folder 2 to 3
Robeson, L. B., 1914	box 26	folder 4
Smith, Selden C., 1914	box 26	folder 5
Thomas, Richard S., 1914	box 26	folder 6
Thurber, Charles Herbert, 1914	box 26	folder 7
Weaver, Frank, 1914	box 26	folder 8
General, 1915	box 26	folder 9
General--A-Z, 1915 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 26	folder 10 to 11
Ayer, Flora H., 1915	box 27	folder 1
Fernald, Reginald L., 1915	box 27	folder 2

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Field, Walter T., 1915	box 27	folder 3
Ginn Estate, 1915	box 27	folder 4
Greeley, W. H., 1915	box 27	folder 5
Hill, Charlotte F., 1915	box 27	folder 6
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1915	box 27	folder 7
Hughan, Evelyn W., 1915	box 27	folder 8
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1915	box 27	folder 9
Robinson, Edward K., 1915	box 27	folder 10
Thurber, Charles Herbert, 1915	box 27	folder 11
General, 1916	box 27	folder 12
General--A-Z, 1916	box 27	folder 13
Ayer, Flora H., 1916	box 27	folder 14
DeWitt, E. A., 1916	box 27	folder 15
Ginn Estate, 1916	box 27	folder 16
Hall, Dana W., 1916	box 27	folder 17
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1916	box 27	folder 18
Hodgdon, Frederick C., 1916	box 27	folder 19
Hughan, Evelyn W., 1916	box 27	folder 20
Jouett, Mark R., Jr., 1916	box 27	folder 21
Miller, Hugo, 1916	box 27	folder 22
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1916	box 27	folder 23
Robeson, L. B., 1916	box 27	folder 24
Robinson, Edward K., 1916	box 27	folder 25
Smith, Selden Cornelius, 1916	box 27	folder 26
Thomas, Richard S., 1916	box 27	folder 27
Thurber, Charles Hubert, 1916	box 27	folder 28
General, 1917	box 27	folder 29
DeWitt, E. A., 1917	box 28	folder 1
Ginn Estate, 1917	box 28	folder 2
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1917	box 28	folder 3
Hodgdon, Frederick C., 1917	box 28	folder 4
Jouett, Mark R., Jr., 1917	box 28	folder 5

London Office, 1917 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 folders)	box 28	folder 6 to 8
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1917	box 28	folder 9
Robeson, L. B., 1917	box 28	folder 10
Swartz, J. W., 1917	box 28	folder 11
Thomas, Richard S., 1917	box 28	folder 12
Thurber, Charles Herbert, 1917	box 28	folder 13
General		
Dated, 1918- 1919 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 28	folder 14 to 15
Dated, 1920-1923 <u>Physical Description:</u> (4 folders)	box 29	folder 1 to 4
Balance Sheets, 1920-1928	box 29	folder 5
"A History of Ginn and Company"--Draft, 1922- 1923	box 29	folder 6
Conway, H. P., 1923	box 29	folder 7
DeWitt, Edgar A., 1923	box 29	folder 8
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1923	box 29	folder 9
Hodgdon, Frederick C., 1923	box 29	folder 10
Jouett, Mark R., Jr., 1923	box 29	folder 11
Laylander, Orange Judd, 1923	box 29	folder 12
Miller, Norman C., 1923	box 29	folder 13
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1923	box 29	folder 14
Priddy, A. L., 1923	box 29	folder 15
Robeson, L. B., 1923	box 29	folder 16
Smith, Selden Cornelius, 1923	box 29	folder 17
Swartz, J. W., 1923	box 29	folder 18
Thomas, Richard S., 1923	box 29	folder 19
Thurber, Charles Hubert, 1923	box 29	folder 20
Weed, LeRoy J., 1923	box 30	folder 1
General, 1924	box 30	folder 2
DeWitt, Edgar A., 1924	box 30	folder 3
Executive Committee, 1924	box 30	folder 4
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1924		

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	box 30	folder 5
Jouett, Mark R., Jr., 1924	box 30	folder 6
Kenerson, E.H., 1924	box 30	folder 7
Lawler, Thomas Bonaventure, 1924	box 30	folder 8
Miller, Norman C., 1924	box 30	folder 9
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1924	box 30	folder 10
Priddy, A. L., 1924	box 30	folder 11
Robeson, L. B., 1924	box 30	folder 12
Smith, Selden Cornelius, 1924	box 30	folder 13
Swartz, J. W., 1924	box 30	folder 14
Thurber, Charles Hubert, 1924	box 30	folder 15
Weed, LeRoy J., 1924	box 30	folder 16
General, 1925	box 30	folder 17
DeWitt, Edgar A., 1925	box 30	folder 18
Hall, Dana W., 1925	box 30	folder 19
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1925	box 30	folder 20
Hodgdon, Frederick C., 1925	box 30	folder 21
Jouett, Mark R., Jr., 1925	box 30	folder 22
Kenerson, E. H., 1925	box 30	folder 23
Lawler, Thomas Bonaventure, 1925	box 30	folder 24
Laylander, Orange Judd, 1925	box 30	folder 25
Miller, Norman C., 1925	box 30	folder 26
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1925	box 30	folder 27
Priddy, A. L., 1925	box 30	folder 28
Robeson, L. B., 1925	box 31	folder 1
Smith, Selden Cornelius, 1925	box 31	folder 2
Swartz, J. W., 1925	box 31	folder 3
Thurber, Charles Hubert, 1925	box 31	folder 4
General, 1926	box 31	folder 5
Conway, H. P., 1926	box 31	folder 6
DeWitt, Edgar A., 1926	box 31	folder 7
Hall, Dana W., 1926	box 31	folder 8

Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1926	box 31	folder 9
Jencko, Millard, H., 1926	box 31	folder 10
Jouett, Mark R., Jr., 1926	box 31	folder 11
Kenerson, E. H., 1926	box 31	folder 12
Laylander, Orange Judd, 1926	box 31	folder 13
Miller, Norman C., 1926	box 31	folder 14
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1926	box 31	folder 15
Priddy, A. L., 1926	box 31	folder 16
Robeson, L. B., 1926	box 31	folder 17
Smith, Selden Cornelius, 1926	box 31	folder 18
Swartz, J. W., 1926	box 31	folder 19
Thurber, Charles Hubert, 1926	box 31	folder 20
General, 1927-1934 <u>Physical Description</u> : (3 folders)	box 31	folder 21 to 23
General-- <i>The Ginn Sketchbook</i> , 1933	box 31	folder 24
DeWitt, Edgar A, 1934	box 31	folder 25
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1934	box 31	folder 26
Jouett, Mark R., Jr., 1934	box 32	folder 1
Laylander, Orange Judd, 1934	box 32	folder 2
Lucas, Homer C., 1934	box 32	folder 3
Miller, Norman C., 1934	box 32	folder 4
Newell, S. W., 1934	box 32	folder 5
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1934	box 32	folder 6
Priddy, A. L., 1934	box 32	folder 7
Smith, Selden Cornelius, 1934	box 32	folder 8
Stevens, Ernest N., 1934	box 32	folder 9
Thurber, Charles Hubert, 1934	box 32	folder 10
General, 1935	box 32	folder 11
DeWitt, Edgar A, 1935	box 32	folder 12
Ginn Estate, 1935	box 32	folder 13
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1935	box 32	folder 14
Jouett, Mark R., Jr., 1935	box 32	folder 15

Lawler, Thomas Bonaventure, 1935	box 32	folder 16
Miller, Hugo, 1935	box 32	folder 17
Parkhurst, Lewis, 1935	box 32	folder 18
Priddy, A. L., 1935	box 32	folder 19
Stevens, Ernest N., 1935	box 32	folder 20
General, 1936	box 32	folder 21
DeWitt, Edgar A., 1936	box 32	folder 22
Hilton, Henry Hoyt, 1936	box 32	folder 23

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Series IV: Organizations, 1889-1936

Scope and Contents

Centering on Plimpton's organizational commitments both in the United States and abroad, the documents in this series were drawn together from materials originally arranged alphabetically in the uncatalogued "Subject File." Because subheadings and folder names were arranged alphabetically in both the previous and current arrangement, the folders retain similar names and accordingly retain their original order. Documents include correspondence and records related to such organizations as the American Academy of Political Science, to Plimpton's work in Japan and the Near East, to his peace work, and to his trusteeships at Phillips Exeter Academy and Union Theological Seminary.

Title/Description	Instances	
Academy of Political Science		
General, 1897- 1908 <u>Physical Description:</u> (5 folders)	box 32	folder 24 to 28
General, 1909-1915 <u>Physical Description:</u> (8 folders)	box 33	folder 1 to 8
General, 1916-1936 <u>Physical Description:</u> (9 folders)	box 34	folder 1 to 9
American Philological Association, 1916- 1934	box 34	folder 10
Arizona Home School, 1928-1935	box 34	folder 11
Committees, Directorships, Trusteeships, 1897- 1936	box 34	folder 12
Honorary Degrees and Awards, 1894- 1929	box 34	folder 13
Invitations and Responses, 1896- 1936	box 35	folder 1
Japan		
Correspondence, 1912- 1936	box 35	folder 2 to 4

Physical Description: (3 folders)

Ephemera, 1935	box 35	folder 5
Photographs and Postcards, 1935	box 35	folder 6
Memberships, 1889-1936	box 36	folder 1 to 2
<u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)		
"Near East Relations"		
Constantinople Women's College		
Buildings, 1909-1936	box 36	folder 3
Committees, 1904-1930	box 36	folder 4
Correspondence		
General, 1913- 1928	box 36	folder 5
General--Plimpton's Personality, 1906- 1932	box 36	folder 6
Borden, Caroline, 1915-1924	box 36	folder 7
Patrick, Dr. Mary Mills, 1914-1935	box 36	folder 8
Trustee Affairs, 1900-1929	box 36	folder 9 to 10
<u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)		
Dedication, 1914	box 37	folder 1
Difficulties, 1904-1928	box 37	folder 2
Donations, 1912-1931	box 37	folder 3
Fundraising and Finance, 1920-1922	box 37	folder 4 to 5
<u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)		
History, 1906-1931	box 37	folder 6
Hospitality and Meetings, 1915-1918	box 37	folder 7
Istanbul Woman's College, 1935	box 37	folder 8
Medical Education and the American Hospital, 1905-1931	box 37	folder 9 to 10
<u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)		
School of Education, 1924-1927	box 38	folder 1
Visit, 1924	box 38	folder 2
Correspondence, 1930-1936	box 38	folder 3
Lausanne Treaty, 1925-1927	box 38	folder 4
Near East College Association, Inc., 1912- 1936	box 38	folder 5
Relief		

General, 1916- 1936	box 38	folder 6
Committee Reports, 1926-1927 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 folders)	box 38	folder 7 to 9
Committee Reports, 1927 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 39	folder 1 to 2
Trustees' Annual Report, 1928	box 39	folder 3
Peace		
General, 1906- 1935 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 folders)	box 39	folder 4 to 6
Church Peace Union, 1914-1935	box 40	folder 1
Mexico--Relations and Scholarship Program, 1923- 1926	box 40	folder 2
World Peace Foundation, 1911-1925, 1935- 1936, 1911-1925, 1935- 1936 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 40	folder 3 to 4
The Phillips Exeter Academy, 1902-1936 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 40	folder 5 to 6
Union Theological Seminary, 1912-1936 <u>Physical Description:</u> (5 folders)	box 40	folder 7 to 11

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Series V: Writings and Lectures, circa, 1850- 1947

Scope and Contents

This series comprises notes, correspondence, and drafts relating to Plimpton's writings and lectures. Because subheadings and folder names were arranged alphabetically both in the previous "Subject File" and in the current arrangement, many folders retain their original order. Yet the introduction of several new subheadings has reordered several folders, and the discovery of loose notes and drafts required the creation of several new folders. The series includes Plimpton's correspondence and clippings regarding books that he either authored or supported, notes and drafts both of those writings and others, as well as lecture manuscripts and announcements.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence		
General, 1909- 1947	box 41	folder 1
Commonwealth History of Massachusetts, 1927- 1928	box 41	folder 2
The Education of Chaucer, 1934-1936 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 41	folder 3 to 4
The Education of Shakespeare, 1930- 1935	box 41	folder 5

The History of Elementary Mathematics in the Plimpton Library, 1910-1931	box 41	folder 6
Book: <i>Rara Arithmetica</i> , 1908-1922	box 41	folder 7
Lectures		
Announcements, Invitations, and Clippings, 1929-1939	box 41	folder 8
Clippings, 1909- 1935	box 42	folder 1
Plimpton's Books, 1902- 1936	box 42	folder 2
Manuscripts of Lectures, 1925-1926, 1931, 1925-1926, 1931	box 42	folder 3
"A Talk on Education Before the Invention of Printing", undated	box 42	folder 4
UCLA--"The Evolution of the Schoolbook"--Poster, 1927	box 52	folder 25
Notes and Drafts		
Autobiography and Family History, undated	box 42	folder 5
Education, undated	box 42	folder 6
Education of Chaucer, Dante, and Shakespeare, undated	box 42	folder 7
Education of Women, undated	box 42	folder 8
"Farming in the South", undated	box 42	folder 9
Notebook--History of Political Science, 1875	box 42	folder 10
"A Remarkable Exhibit of Scientific Manuscripts from the Library of George A. Plimpton", undated	box 42	folder 11
Slavery Diary, undated	box 42	folder 12
Smith, David Eugene, undated	box 42	folder 13
Pamphlets and Printed Material--Colonial History		
French and Indian War, 1877-1901	box 43	folder 1
New England Indians, [1850]-1896	box 43	folder 2

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Series VI: Collecting, 1693-1956

Scope and Contents

This series includes not only extensive correspondence related to Plimpton's collecting of rare books, manuscripts, and artifacts but also examples of the items he collected. The majority of the general correspondence retains the original folder names and general arrangement.

Scope and Contents

The remainder of the series contains several caches of material described only summarily by previous staff. One cache centers on penmanship and orthography, including handwriting samples, handwriting exercises, and an account book and general correspondence related to Alfred Manson, a Boston-based publisher of books on writing. Another cache of materials, dating from 1650-1869, centers on the American slave trade, including correspondence, documents, broadsides, pamphlets, and a slaveholder's account book.

Scope and Contents

The series also includes a cache of documents related to Plimpton's collection of Western medieval manuscripts. These documents include Samuel A. Ive's detailed notes on many of the manuscripts in Plimpton's collection as well as correspondence and proof sheets related to De Ricci and Wilson's *Census of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the United States and Canada* (1935-1937).

General

Title/Description	Instances	
Bookplates, undated	box 44	folder 1
Collection Descriptions and Notes, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 44	folder 2 to 3
Correspondence--Carpentier, Horace Walpole, 1902- 1936	box 44	folder 4
Correspondence, 1898-1935 <u>Physical Description:</u> (5 folders)	box 44	folder 5 to 9
Correspondence, 1935-1936 <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 folders)	box 45	folder 1 to 3

Dealers--Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
A-N, 1901- 1934 <u>Physical Description:</u> (7 folders)	box 45	folder 4 to 10
Maggs Brothers--London, 1910-1934	box 46	folder 1
Medieval Manuscripts, 1905-1934	box 46	folder 2
O-Q, 1904-1934 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 Folders)	box 46	folder 3 to 4
Quaritch, Bernard, 1901-1933	box 46	folder 5
R-S, 1910-1932	box 46	folder 6
Ricketts, C. Lindsay, 1911-1936	box 46	folder 7
Rosenthal, 1902-1933	box 46	folder 8
T-V, 1906-1934	box 46	folder 9
Voynich, Wilfred M., 1902-1930		

	box 46	folder 10
W1902-1930	box 46	folder 11
Exhibits, 1911-1936	box 46	folder 12
Exhibits, 1911-1936	box 47	folder 1
Plimpton Library, 1917-1938, undated, 1917-1938, undated	box 47	folder 2
Plimpton Library--Clippings, 1910-1923, undated, 1910-1923, undated	box 47	folder 3
Plimpton Library-- Requests to Visit and Talks, 1908-1936	box 47	folder 4
Portraits, 1901-1956 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 47	folder 5 TO 6
Portraits--Catalogues, 1905-1936	box 47	folder 7
Scrapbook--Mathematical Specimens, 1903	box 48	folder 1
Wellesley College, 1892- 1935	box 48	folder 2

Penmanship, Calligraphy, and Orthography

Title/Description	Instances	
American Manuscript Specimens of Handwriting, [1860]-1875	box 49	
Alfred Manson		
Account Book--Penmanship Samples, undated, 1873	box 50	
Forms Sent to Manson, 1887 -1888	box 48	folder 3
General Correspondence, 1872-1903	box 48	folder 4
<i>National System of Penmanship</i> --Working Copy-- Payson, Dunton & Scribner,, 1879-1881	box 48	folder 5
Scribner, W. M., 1887- 1888	box 48	folder 6
Tracings, undated	box 51	folder 1
Oversize, 1800- 1978	mapcase 14- H-6	
Oversize, Undated	mapcase 14- H-6	

Slavery

Title/Description	Instances	
Voyage of Judith Snow and Transcriptions, undated, 1906, undated, 1906	box 51	folder 2
Account Book--Oak Lawn Plantation, 1851- 1856	box 52	folder 1
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