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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Rare Book and Manuscript Library |
| Creator: | Anderson, Henry J (Henry James), 1799-1875 |
| Title: | Henry J. Anderson Papers |
| ID: | 4079814 |
| ID: | MS#0031 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1823-1844 |
| Physical Description: | 0.42 linear feet 1 document box |
| Language of the Material: | English , Italian . |
| Abstract: | The Henry J. Anderson Papers consist of some 400 personal letters spanning the adult life of Henry James Anderson. The majority of the correspondences are between Anderson and his wife, Fanny Da Ponte. There are also letters to and from various family members including his father in-law, Venetian librettist Lorenzo Da Ponte. |

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Henry James Anderson Papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Henry James Anderson was born in New York City in 1799. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University in 1818, and an M.D. from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1824. He served as Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at Columbia College from 1825-1843. At the age of 26, Anderson joined the United States Dead Sea Expedition as a geologist. While abroad, Anderson converted to the Catholic faith and would become known for his zeal and leadership within the Catholic Church throughout his lifetime. The New York Catholic Protectory was both founded upon and built under his influence; Anderson also served as president of the Catholic Union. Pope Pius IX received him

numerous times, and bestowed on him the title of Knight Commander of the order of Saint Gregory the Great.

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Biographical / Historical

Aside from his religious merits, Anderson received an honorary L.L.D in 1850, and served as Trustee of Columbia from 1851-1875. Anderson was Professor Emeritus from 1866 until his death in 1875. The majority of Anderson's writings were for the New York Quarterly Review and mathematical journals.

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Summary

These papers are carbon copies of typed copies of the original letters of Henry James Anderson. The letters describe Anderson's love and affection for his wife, Fanny Da Ponte Anderson. These correspondences attend to life in the early to mid nineteenth century on the east coast. Some letters contain price lists and budgets for both Anderson and his wife and children. Personal letters between Anderson and Venetian librettist Lorenzo Da Ponte, Anderson's father in-law, are also included in this collection.

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Arrangement

Arranged. chronologically.

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The Da Ponte family loaned the original set of letters to Arthur Livingston, a collector of Venetian documents; Elizabeth Abbott translated Da Ponte's memoirs and typed copies of the originals for Livingston in the 1920s. While the original set of letters was returned to the Da Ponte family, one set of carbons was given to Columbia University's Italian Department at some undetermined time. The copies were then transferred to the Rare Book & Manuscript Library in 1992 by the Department of Italian.

Processing Information

Papers processed Robyn Hjermstad.

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Finding aid written by Robyn Hjermstad June 2010.

Accrual

No additions expected

Processing Information

Collection is processed to folder level.

Accruals

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Related Materials

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Additional information on Henry James Anderson and Lorenzo Da Ponte can be found in the Historical Biographical Files, Columbia University Archives

Selected Related Material-- at Columbia

Henry James Anderson file in Historical Biographical Files, Columbia University Archives

Selected Related Material-- at Columbia

Lorenzo Da Ponte file in Historical Biographical Files, Columbia University Archives

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Controlled Access Headings

- Anderson, Henry J (Henry James), 1799-1875
- Da Ponte, Lorenzo, 1749-1838
- Columbia University. Department of Mathematics
- Columbia University -- Faculty

Collection Inventory

Henry J. Anderson Papers

| Title/Description | Instances |
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| Letters, 1823, 1833-1844, undated, 1823, 1833-1844, undated <u>Physical Description:</u> (3 Folders) | box 1 folder 1 to 3 |

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