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Halstead Collection

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Biographical Sketch of Matthew Hale Carpenter

Decatur Merritt Hammond Carpenter, later known as Matthew Hale Carpenter, was born in Moretown, Vermont, on 22 December 1824, the eldest son of Ira and Esther Ann (Luce) Carpenter. He attended local schools until the age of fourteen when he moved to Waterbury, Vermont. There he continued his education and studied law with Paul Dillingham (later the governor of Vermont) into whose home he was accepted as a family member.

In June of 1843 Carpenter entered the United States Military Academy at West Point where he remained until August of 1845 when he resigned his cadetship and returned to study law with Dillingham. After passing the Vermont bar examination in November of 1847, he moved to Boston, continuing his law studies with Rufus Choate for six months before moving to Beloit, Wisconsin, in June of 1848. In the fall of that year he contracted an eye disease which left him blind for nearly two years. During this period he returned to the East Coast for medical treatment.

In 1850, with his sight restored although impaired, Carpenter returned to Beloit where he was elected district attorney of Rock County, a position he held until 1854. During this period he became known as Matthew Hale Carpenter. In 1855, while continuing to practice law in Beloit, he married Caroline Dillingham, the daughter of his benefactor. They moved to Milwaukee in 1858 where Carpenter was for a short time the law partner of Edward G. Ryan and where he began a career in railroad litigation, which gained him the reputation as the "Webster of the West" and which contributed to the creation of railroad law principles.

Until the Civil War, Carpenter belonged to the Douglas wing of the Democratic Party. In 1861 he became Judge Advocate General of Militia for Wisconsin. He defended

President Lincoln's war measures in response to the 1862 Democratic platform advanced by Edward G. Ryan. Following the war, Carpenter helped shape Reconstruction policy in the North through his briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Garland*, *McCardle*, and *Slaughterhouse* cases, becoming known as one of the foremost authorities in constitutional law. He also won a reputation as a champion of women's rights, advocating women's suffrage and representing Myra Bradwell before the U.S. Supreme Court in her efforts to practice law in the state of Illinois.

Elected to the U.S. Senate as a Republican from Wisconsin, Carpenter served from 1869 to 1875 and was generally identified with the Radical supporters of President Ulysses S. Grant. An unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1875, he resumed the practice of law in Washington, D.C., and Milwaukee, representing Secretary of War William W. Belknap in his impeachment trial and Samuel Tilden at the Electoral Commission inquiry into the 1876 presidential election. In 1879 he was again elected as a Republican from Wisconsin to the U.S. Senate where he served until his death in Washington, D.C., on 24 February 1881.

Matthew Hale and Caroline Dillingham Carpenter had four children: Lillian, born 30 June 1857; twin daughters Ada and Annie, born 4 February 1860, who died in infancy; and Paul Dillingham, born 26 January 1867, who married Eunice M. Falk in 1891.

Scope and Content

The Halstead Collection spans the years 1826-1942 and contains correspondence pertaining mainly to Matthew Hale Carpenter, lawyer and United States Senator from Wisconsin. To a lesser extent the collection relates to Carpenter's wife, Caroline Dillingham; his daughter, Lillian; and his son, Paul Dillingham, father of Agnes Carpenter Halstead who gave the collection to Loyola University Chicago. Several additional letters relate to Murat Halstead, a prominent nineteenth century journalist, war correspondent, author, and editor. The balance of the collection is composed of letters and clipped signatures of prominent individuals which appear to have been collected for their autograph value.

Series

Series 1: Matthew Hale Carpenter (1824-1881), 1848-1881, Boxes 1-2

Primarily incoming correspondence of Carpenter concerning legal, political, legislative, personal, and social matters. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

Series 2: Caroline Dillingham Carpenter, 1867-1897, Box 2

Primarily incoming correspondence of a social nature as well as letters and eulogies relating to the death of her husband, Matthew Hale Carpenter, and the disposition of his library and briefs. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

Series 3: Lillian Carpenter (b. 6 June 1857), Box 2

Incoming correspondence of a personal and social nature. Arranged by name of correspondent.

Series 4: Paul Dillingham Carpenter (b. 26 January 1867), 1871-1889, Box 2

Correspondence of a personal nature, arranged by name of correspondent. The letter of James Road Doolittle was addressed to Carpenter's grandfather Paul Dillingham.

Series 5: Murat Halstead (1829-908), 1880-1889, Box 2

Correspondence of and concerning Halstead and the Franco-Prussian War as well as the publishing business. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

Series 6: Autograph Collection, 1826-1942, Box 2

Correspondence and clipped signatures of prominent nineteenth-century personages, generally of a literary, political, or legal character, arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, with miscellaneous and unidentified letters as well as envelopes and clipped autographs following at the end.

Subjects:

Bancroft, Elizabeth
Barrow, Frances Elizabeth M.
Burnside, Ambrose E.
Carpenter, Caroline Dillingham
Carpenter, Lillian
Carpenter, Paul Dillingham
Carpenter, Matthew Hale
Chambrun, Madame de
Choate, Rufus
Colfax, Schuyler
Conkling, Roscoe
Davis, David
Decatur, Stephen
Dewey, George
Dillingham, Paul, 1800-1891
Edmonds, George F.
Ewing, Thomas
Floyd, Charles
Fremont, John Charles
Gibbons, James Cardinal
Grant, Julia Dent
Grant, Ulysses S.
Trumbull, Lyman
Halstead, Murat
Hunt, Ward
Peabody, Elizabeth E.
Pierrepont, Edward
Pope, John W.
Sherman, John
Thornton, Mary

Miller, Samuel F.
Sartoris, Nellie Grant
Seymour, Horatio
Waite, Morrison Remick
Stanton, Edwin M.
Doolittle, James Rood
Stoughton, Edwin W.
Sumner, Charles
Lincoln, Abraham
Taney, Roger B.
Webster, Daniel Marshfield

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<i>Series 1: Matthew Hale Carpenter, 1848-1881</i>			
1	1	Anthony, Henry Bowen	Apr. 12, 1873
1	2	Bell, Helen	Apr. 20, 18??
1	3	Benjamin, Judah p.	n.d.
1	4	Binney, Horace	Mar. 23 & 31, 1868
1	5	Black, Jeremiah Sullivan	Jan. 26, 1868
1	6	Blaine, James Gillespie	Oct. 5, 1874
1	7	Blair, Francis P.	Jun. 24, 1872
1	8	Bradley, Joseph P.	Feb. 8, 1870
1	9	Budeau, Adam	Nov. 11, 1868
1	10	Butler, Benjamin F.	Dec. 19, 1866
1	11	Cameron, Angus	Apr. 30, 1868
1	12	Carey, Henry Chalres	Jul. 31, 1869
1	13	Carpenter, Matthew Hale	Jun. 23, 1879; Jan. 7, 1844
1	14	Casserly, Eugene	Aug. 16, 1869
1	15	Chase, Salmon Portland	Oct. 29, 1866; Jan. 6, 1873
1	16	Choate, Rufus	Aug. 25, 1855
1	17	Church, A. E.	Apr. 5, 1870; May 2, 1870
1	18	Clifford, Nathan	Jan. 20, 1868; Dec. 14, 1868; Apr. 2, 1880
1	19	Cogswell, W. J.	Mar. 9, 1868
1	20	Colfax, Schuyler	Sept. 12, 1868; Apr. 9, 1872; Jul. 9, 1873
1	21	Colfax, Schuyler, Vice President of the United States	Jun. 27, 1873
1	22	Conkling, Roscoe	Sept. 2, 1870; Mar. 2, 1871; Aug. 27, 1874; Nov. 6, 1874
1	23	Conkling, Roscoe, Utica, N.Y.	Jun. 30, 1873
1	25	Corcoran	Feb. 13, 1878
1	26	Curtis, George William	Mar. 28, 1870
1	27	Cushing, Caleb	Nov. 12, 1865; Mar. 4, 1867
1	28	Cushing, Caleb	Apr. 25, 1873
1	29	Davis, David	Jan. 19, 18??; Aug. 18, 1866
1	30	Dawes, Henry Laurens	Jan. 27, 1873
1	31	Decatur, Stephen	Mar. 27, 1872
1	32	Dix, John A.	Jul. 1, 1865; Oct. 1,

			1872
1	33	Edmonds, George F.	Aug. 28, 1874; Feb. 2, 18??
1	34	Ewing, Thomas	Sept. 15, 1865; Dec. 10, 1865
1	35	Fenton, Reuben Eaton	May 3, 1869
1	36	Fish, Hamilton	Jun. 3, 1869; Sept. 20, 1869; May 17, 1873
1	37	Frelinghuysen, Frederick	Jul 15, 1874
1	38	Fremont, John Charles	n.d.
1	39	Goff, Jr., Nathan	Feb. 9, 1881
1	40	Goldsborough, Louis Malesherbes	Oct. 20, 1871; Mar. 10, 1872; Jun. 29, 1875
1	41	Grant, Julia Dent	Mar. 15, 1876
1	42	Grier, R. C.	Feb. 24, 1867
1	43	Hamlin, Hannibal	Jun. 12, 1872
1	44	Hardy, E. C.	Sept. 16, 1871
1	45	King, Rufus	Aug. 27, 1868
1	46	Hay, John	Dec. 6, 1880
1	47	Henn, John J.	Jun. 27, 1873
1	48	Hoar, Ebenezer Rockwood	Jul. 10, 1869; Sept. 27, 1869
1	49	Hott, I. Washington	Dec. 10, 1872
1	50	Howe, Timothy Otis	Jun. 24, 18??; Jan. 11, 1868
1	51	Hunt, Ward	Apr. 1, 1873
1	52	Jenkins, Charles Jones	Mar. 17, 1868
1	53	Johnson, Reverdy	1865; Jul. 6, 1867
1	54	Lapham, Increase A.	Jun. 1, 870
1	55	MacArthur, (Judge) Arthur	Oct. 14, 1869; Feb. 18, 1870
1	56	McCall, Peter	Mar. 12, 1868
1	57	McMillan, Samuel James Renwick	Feb. 14, 1881
1	58	Meade, George Gordon	Mar. 9, 1868
1	59	Miller, Samuel F.	n.d.; Feb. 13, 1867
1	60	Miller, Samuel F., Justice of the Supreme Court	1869
1	61	Morrill, Lot M.	Aug. 27, 1874
1	62	Pierrepoint, Edward	Feb. 12, 1870
1	63	Pope, John W., General of the United States	Mar. 23, 1866
1	64	Pope, John W.	Apr. 2, 1868
1	65	Porter, Adm. David D.	Sept 12, 18??
1	66	Ramsey, Alexander	Sept. 13, 1870
1	67	Robeson, George	May 9, 1870; Aug. 3, 1872
1	68	Rufield, Isacc	Apr. 20, 1870
1	69	Sage, Russell	Aug. 10, 1867; Oct. 18, 1870; Jan. 25,

			1871; Sept. 13, 1871; Nov. 26, 1871; Dec. 1872
1	70	Sanders, H. T.	Sept. 14, 1865
1	71	Schrivver, Edmund	Nov. 12, 1868
1	72	Selden, H. R.	Sept. 11, 1866
1	73	Seymour, Horatio	Aug. 6, 1874
1	74	Sherman, Ellen Ewing	Jun. 13, 1880
1	75	Spooner, John C.	Nov. 7, 1874
1	76	Stanton, Edwin M. (Secretary of War), assorted letters	1865, 1868
1	77	Stanton, Elizabeth Cady	Jun. 18, 1870
2	1	Stebbins, Henry G.	Feb. 11, 1867
	2	Stephens, Alexander H.	Jan. 23, 1880
2	3	Stoughton, Edwin W.	Feb. 4, 1867
2	4	Sumner, Charles	Oct. 11, 1866; 1876
2	5	Thomas, Addison	Jul. 24, 1871
2	6	Thomas, Hugh Miller	Dec. 8, 1869; Jul. 6, 1870
2	7	Thurman, Allen Granberry	n.d.
2	8	Thurman, Allen G.	Aug. 25, 1871
2	9	Townsend, Frederick	Sept. 17, 1867
2	10	Trumbull, Lyman	Jan. 23, 1867; Jan. 23, 1868
2	11	Walbridge, Hiram	Sept. 19, 1866
2	12	Wallace, John W.	Oct. 11, 1866; Sept. 9, 1876
2	13	Washburn, Cadwallader Colden	Aug. 14, 1868; Jun. 3, 1871; May 2, 1871
2	14	Welles, E. R.	Jan. 27, 18??
2	15	Whiton, Edward	Sept. 26, 1848
2	16	Willis, Ambrose	Tuesday Evening, n.d
2	17	Unidentified correspondents	

Series 2: Caroline Dillingham Carpenter, 1867-1897

2	18	Bancroft, Elizabeth	Apr. 6, 18??
2	19	Bangs, Francis N.	Jan. 14, 1882
2	20	Belknap, A. T.	Jul. 30, 1876
2	21	Bielak, Father J.	1887
2	22	Black, Jeremiah Sullivan	n.d.
2	23	Blaine, Harriett S.	n.d.
2	24	Blair, Mary E.	Apr. 6 18??
2	25	Burnside, General Ambrose E.	Apr. 2, 1880

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2	26	Butler, James D.	Mar. 30, 1878; Jul. 3, 1867
2	27	Chambrun, Madame de	Jan. 21, 18??
2	28	Clifford, Nathan	Apr. 2, 1880
2	29	Conkling, Roscoe	Mar. 5, 1884
2	30	Davis, David	Jan. 17, 18??
2	31	Deuster, Peter Victor	Jan. 18., 1883
2	32	Dewey, George	Apr. 22, 18??
2	33	Edmonds, George F.	Dec. 16, 1879
2	34	Evarts, William Maxwell	Mar. 13, 1882; Jun. 29, 1882; Jan. 21, 1882; Jul. 12, 1882
2	35	Garland, Augustus Hill	Apr. 24, 1882
2	36	Grant, Ulysses S.	Jul. 9, 1872
2	37	Irish, O. H.	Feb. 7, 1882
2	38	Lanman, Charles	Jan. 9, 1872
2	39	Liquori, Father Andrea	Feb. 19, 1887
2	40	MacArthur, Arthur	Oct. 14, 1869
2	41	Manning, Vannoy Hartog	Oct. 31, 1897
2	42	Peabody, Elizabeth E.	Mar. 187?
2	43	Pope, General John W.	Jun. 11, 18??
2	44	Sherman, John	Feb. 25, 1882
2	45	Thornton, Mary	Monday night at 11:30, n.d.
2	46	Volk, Leonard Wells	Jan. 31, 1882

Series 3: Lillian Carpenter, 1866-1908

2	47	Barrow, Frances Elizabeth M.	Feb. 22, 1866; Aug. 19, 1867; Mar. 16, 1868
2	48	Chambrum, Duke de	Nov. 16, 1879
2	49	Gibbons, James Cardinal	Jun. 21, 1893
2	50	King, Charles	Sunday, n.d.; Jun. 26, 1908
2	51	Sartoris, Nellie Grant	n.d.
2	52	Waite, Morrison Remich, 7 th chief justice of the Supreme Court	Oct. 2, 1886
2	53	Warner, Charles Dudley	Jan. 9, 1888

Series 4: Paul Dillingham Carpenter, 1875-1889

2	54	Bielak, Father J.	1887
2	55	Doolittle, James Road	Jul. 29, 1871
2	56	Logan, John A.	Mar. 1, 1875
2	57	MacArthur, Arthur	Jul. 16, 1886

2	58	Mazzella, C. Cardinal	Oct. 17, 1887; Dec. 1889
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Series 5: Murat Halstead, 1880-1889

2	59	Forbes, N. A.	Dec. 8, 1880
2	60	Halstead, Murat	Aug. 10, 1889; Aug. 11, 1889

Series 6: Autograph Collection, 1826-1942

2	61	Dickens, Charles	Mar. 7, 1868
2	62	Floyd, Charles	Jul. 27, 1827
2	63	Greeley, Horace	Aug. 13, 1865
2	64	Halleck, Fitz-Greene	Sept. 15, 1862
2	65	Lincoln, Abraham	Nov. 12, 1864
2	66	Phillips, Wendell	Jun. 29, 1868
2	67	Randolph, I.	
2	68	Smith, Gerrit	Aug. 15, 1866
2	69	Taney, Roger B.	Aprl. 13, 1857; Dec. 21, 1862
2	70	Webster, Daniel Marshfield	Sept. 18, 1849
2	71	Facsimile copy of various Matthew Hale Carpenter signatures	n.d.
2	72	Misc. & Unidentified letters as well as envelopes & clipped autographs	1826-1942, n.d.