

## Letters Collection Introduction

The Letters Collection consists of personal and public correspondence written to, or by, Toledoans. It spans a period of over one hundred years, touching every decade; it covers a wide variety of subjects – politics, economics, transportation, and real estate being the major topics.

In virtually every case, only single letters are included in this collection; and only individual letters that did not belong to a larger collection are included here. Thus, the letters of Brand Whitlock, for instance, are a separate collection; and the correspondence of James McPherson is included in the McPherson Family Papers Collection.

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- Folder 1      1800-1839
1. Return J. Meigs to Richard Smith, United States Bank, Washington, October 30, 1817, requesting delivery of shares in United States Bank.
  2. Elijah Cooper to Mrs. Delilah Sealls, Millarstown, Ohio, September 8, 1822, includes family news.
  3. Commissioners to John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, Detroit, November 24, 1824, report by commissioners appointed to survey road from the foot of the rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to Detroit. (negative photostat)
  4. Isaac Street, Oregon to B. Brenen [?], Toledo, 9 Mo. 24, 1837 (laminated photocopy)
  5. Platt Card, Manhattan, to Salmon Keeney, Esq., Port Master, Erie, Michigan, January 11, 1838, concerning Havre Branch Railroad
  6. Platt Card, Manhattan, to A. C. Fitch, Monroe, Michigan, January 7, 1839, concerning the building of the Ohio Rail Road, which was constructed of piles and leveled off by a steam saw mill.
- Folder 2      1840-1849
1. Mavor Brigham, Toledo to Mrs. Clarissa Brigham, Vienna, Oneida County, New York, July 24, 1840, re his experience in Toledo.
  2. Tilden and Hill, Toledo to Joseph R. Williams, Constantine, Michigan, September 24, 1842, concerning real estate and prices of lots in Toledo.
  3. Carry [?], Toledo, Ohio to Julia G. Atwood, Mansfield Centre, Connecticut, April 3, 1843
  4. Charles B. Phillips, Toledo, to C. G. Hammond, Esq., Detroit, October 26, 1844, with regard to Lenawee County.
  5. Myron H. Tilden, Toledo, to James Purdy, Toledo, concerning Tilden's political career, December 20, 1845.
  6. A. Coffinberry, Sidney, [Ohio] to James Purdy, Mansfield, Ohio, October 9, 1847, re business.
  7. G. Swan, Office of the Board of Control to Henry B. Curtis, Mount Vernon, Ohio, June 18, 1849 re examination of bank branch.
  8. Esther Cowles, Rochester to Daughter, July 4, 1849, re the death of Esther's husband.
- Folder 3      1850-1859
1. C. Ramsey, Leipsic to Brother & Sister, August 9, 1856, re crops and politics.
  2. H. S. & Christiana Ramsey, Liberty to C. & E. Ramsey, July 5, 1857, re family news.
  3. Richard Mott to W. W. Jones, January 27, 1859, protesting an ordinance for grading and paving Monroe Street from the canal out into the woods.

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- Folder 4      1860-1869
1. Charles Farrar Browne (Artemus Ward) to "Jim," April 20, 1863.  
Typescript copy only.
  2. Sam Sloane, City Bank of New-York, New York, to Mr. J. Sykes, Jr.,  
Toledo, June 3, 1865
- Folder 5      1870-1879
1. Three letters, Charles H. Royce, Carrington and Casey  
Commission Merchants, Toledo, to Lovell Hall, East Hampton,  
Connecticut, May 11, 20 and 26, 1874, concerning grain prices.
  2. Two letters, Charles W. Coe, Commission Merchant, Toledo, to Lovell  
Hall, East Hampton, Connecticut, June 18 and 25, 1874.
  3. Two letters from Frank Hurd, U. S. House of Representatives, to an  
unnamed friend, July 29, 1876, and April 16, 1876.
- Folder 6      1880-1889
1. John G. Avery, Chief Engineer Fire Department, to Julius McKinley,  
January 9, 1882, appointing him Captain of Engine House No. 6.
- Folder 7      1890-1898
1. Viscount Ivan Bryce, House of Commons, to Ralph S. Holbrook,  
Toledo, December 7, 1893, referring to a speech by Judge John Hardy  
Doyle on legislative abuses.
  2. Dresden W. H. Howard, Wauseon, Ohio to W. E. Siebert, Columbus,  
Ohio, August 22, 1894, with Howard's recollections of the Underground  
Railroad (photocopy)
  3. Letters from William E. Selden and May E. Seldon to Richard Waite,  
October 24, 1894
  4. Lella, North Baltimore, Ohio, to Mrs. E. L. (Dora) Sutton, Toledo, April  
20, 1897
  5. Letter from Seth S. Waite to Richard Waite, October 5, 1897.
  6. Note from Martha Waite Steers, Schenectady, to Richard Waite,  
undated
- Folder 8      1900-1909
1. Marcus A. Hanna, U. S. Senator, to H. P. Crouse, December 13, 1902,  
complimenting him on the success of the *Toledo Times*.
  2. Marcus A. Hanna, U. S. Senator, to Louis Henriques, February 13,  
1903, concerning the letters of a certain party.
  3. J. W. Flowers, Secretary, The Business Men's Chamber of Commerce  
Co., to Ira C. Richardson, February 23, 1903 concerning need for  
businessmen to be active under the new code of city government.

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- Folder 9      1910-1919
1. Michael J. Owens to J. R. Cowell, May 2, 1911, complaining about the ruts and chuckholes in Madison Ave., with negative photostat.
  2. Edward Drummond Libbey to Michael J. Owens, December 25, 1911, with season's greetings and expression of friendship.
  3. Atlee Pomerene, U. S. Senator, to Whitney and Currier, Toledo, concerning the Oldfield Bill, January 29, 1913.
  4. Isaac R. Sherwood, U. S. Representative to unnamed friend, February 27, 1914 expressing thanks for condolences
  5. William E. Richards, Toledo Railways & Light Company to Sister, December 29, 1916 concerning Richards' role in lighting the Statue of Liberty. Photocopy
  6. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, to Israel Abramofsky, December 24, 1916, concerning a miniature that was painted of him. Original, photocopy, and transcript.
  7. Isaac R. Sherwood, U. S. Representative, to Lewis H. Clement, May 25, 1917, answering a question about tax stamps.
  8. Mayor Cornell Schreiber to Emily Farrar, September 18, 1918, with regard to her war garden prize.
- Folder 10     1920-1929
1. C. D. Egelton, Secretary, South Side Chamber of Commerce, to Senator W. W. Farnsworth, Columbus, Ohio, January 26, 1923 re elimination of M and E Canal from Maumee to Grand Rapids
  2. Frank B. Willis, U. S. Senator, to Lewis H. Clement, January 24, 1924, in reply to a recommendation of John M. Killits for appointment to U. S. Court of Appeals.
  3. Lawrence Binyon, poet, to Maude Brown, April 3, 1924.
- Folder 11     1930-1939
1. Franklin D. Roosevelt to Shelby F. Stother, April 7, 1932. (Photocopy, original moved to Vault)
  2. Helen Beach Jones to Toledo citizens, May 18, 1935 re City Manager form of government, 3 pp.
  3. John R. Cowell to Franklin D. Roosevelt, April 14, 1937, concerning the appointment of Frazier Reams to a federal judgeship. Carbon copy, unsigned
  4. G. W. Carver, Tuskegee Institute, to Mrs. C. J. Fisher, Waterville, 1938, concerning use of peanut oils.

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- Folder 12 1940-1949
1. Eleanor Roosevelt to Shelby H. Stother, August 17, 1942, concerning Communism in Russia. (Photocopy, original moved to Vault)
  2. Correspondence between Mildred Shepherst and George Hardy, concerning the "Witch of the West," the first tugboat in Toledo, November 1945 to February 1946.
  3. Rev. E. J. Edwards, Tucson, Arizona, to Charlotte Ruegger, November 21, 1945, thanking her for compliments on his book.
  4. Sally Stimson to Mr. & Mrs. Ellery Eaton, January 8, 1946
  5. Letter from Olive Kirkby, 1947, concerning family relationships of Mrs. Zorah Bowman, Calvin Bronson, Leander Burdick, Frank Collins, William Collins and Mary V. Fisk.
  6. R. B. [Russell Bremer] to Frank Siedel, Rocky River, Ohio, February 17, 1948 re memories of Samuel M. Jones
  7. Russell Bremer to Hugh J. Tudor, Tacoma, Washington, May 12, 1948 re memories of Samuel M. Jones
- Folder 13 1950-1959
1. John Yager to the Toledo Public Library, March 27, 1959, relative to a request about information on the descendants of Samuel Milton Jones.
- Folder 14 1960-
1. Robert S. Mikesell to Page Stranahan (Mrs. R. A.), September 14, 1967
  2. Susan I. Coburn to Shelby Foote, March 11, 1994, invitation to speak to Ohio Library Council; response March 17, 1994
  3. Marcy Kaptur to Clyde Scoles and Board of Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, March 4, 2002, re dedication of Rogowski-Kaptur Labor History Room
- Folder 15 Letters (photocopied and laminated)
1. Franklin Slocum, Toledo to Jeremiah Slocum, Schuylerville, Saratoga County, New York, January 9, 1832 (4 pp)
  2. Warren Jenkins, Toledo to B. S. Brown, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, December 21, 1837
  3. W. Jenkins, Toledo to B. S. Brown, Columbus, Ohio, February 14, 1838
  4. S. L. Collins, Tremainsville to B. S. Brown, Mount Vernon, Ohio, April 19, 1838
  5. S. B. Worden, Toledo to [unknown], August 5, 1847