Herbert H. Rawnsley
Autograph Collection
MS 50

Summary Information
Creator
Rawnsley, Herbert H., 1919-2004

Title
Herbert H. Rawnsley Autograph Collection

Dates
2054 BCE - 1976 CE; 1500 CE-1945 CE (bulk)

Extent
3.5 LF (5 ms. boxes, 5 flat boxes, 1 flat file drawer)

Arrangement
The collection is organized into three broad groups: Autographed materials, containing signatures of American Notables; English Rulers, English Notables, Authors, Nazis, and Scientists, Inventors and Physicians; Legal and Business Documents containing deeds, grants, patents, bills of sale, etc; and Printed materials consisting of newspapers, book leaves and prints.

Key to document type:
Some of the following abbreviations are used to describe documents in the collection.

ALS  Autographed letter signed (written entirely in author's hand and signed)
AL   Autographed letter unsigned (written entirely in author's hand but unsigned)
ANS  Autographed note signed (note written entirely in author's hand and signed)
LS   Letter signed (written by another hand, signed by author)
ADS  Autographed document signed (written entirely in author's hand and signed)
TDS  Typed document signed (typed but signed by author)
Abstract
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Subjects
Monarchy--Great Britain--Autographs.
Authors, English--Autographs.
Scientists--Autographs.
Autographs--Specimens.
Manuscripts--Specimens.
Manuscripts, Anglo-Norman--Specimens.

Administrative Information
Acquisition Information

Custodial History (Provenance)
Dr. Herbert H. Rawnsley, a 1940 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, donated this collection to the College in 2001. The materials were personally collected by Dr. Rawnsley during a period of 20 years. ca. 1965-1985.

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**Accruals**  
No further accruals are expected.

**Additional Information**  
No additional information.

**Historical/Biographical Information**  
Dr. Herbert H. Rawnsley of Washington, PA collected these documents from ca. 1965 through 1985 mostly from autograph/manuscript dealers in Great Britain. Mr. Rawnsley was born in 1919 in Conshohocken PA. He was a 1936 graduate of Franklin and Marshall Academy, a 1940 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in WWII and later practiced obstetrics and gynecology at St. Luke Hospital, (Bethlehem) Magee Women's Hospital (Pittsburgh), and Washington (PA) Hospital. He died in 2004.

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July 31, 1876.  
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English Rulers

subgroup: English rulers - Commonwealth

2/1 Cromwell, Elizabeth. DS, no date.
0S1 Cromwell, Oliver. ALS, March 14, 1648.
2/2 Cromwell, Oliver. DS, October 8, 1649.
Cromwell, Oliver. DS, April 22, 1654.
Cromwell, Henry. LS, May 22, 1657.
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subgroup: English rulers - Hanover

2/5 George I. LS, September 27, 1714.
George I. DS, June 14, 1720.
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0S1 George II. DS, December 14, 1726.
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George II. DS, November 17, 1730.
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OSDR18 George III. Document with seal, May 1762.
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subgroup: English rulers – Lancaster & York

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2/11  Anne. DS, June 9, 1702.

2/12  Charles I. ALS, December 13/23, 1642.

2/13  Charles II. ALS, April 22, 1658.

2/14  Henry Stuart [IX]. LS, December 29, 1771.


2/16  James II. ALS, August 25, 1685.

2/17  Mary II. DS, July 27, 1691.

2/18  Privy Council, James I. LS, December, 1607.

2/19  William III. ALS, March 13, 1696.

subgroup: English rulers - Stuarts


2/21  Elizabeth I. DS, November 5, 1568(?)

2/22  Guise, Mary of. DS, September 25, 1559.

2/23  Henry VII. DS, May 26, 1499.

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subgroup: English rulers - Tudors


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subgroup: English Rulers – Saxe-Coburg/Windsor

2/28 Edward VII. DS, December 19, 1902.
Edward VII. ALS, January 11, 1867.

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2/29 Edward VIII. TLS, July 9, 1930.
Edward VIII. Signature on menu, 1959.
Edward VIII. Signed Christmas card, 1926.

OS1 Edward VIII. DS, June 8, 1936.

2/30 Elizabeth (Queen Mother). ALS, September 12, 1931.


Elizabeth II. ALS, January 3, 1966.

2/32 George V. ALS (3) with envelopes (3), 1923, 1931, 1932.

OS3 George V. Document with seal, 1910.

2/33 George VI. Signed Christmas card and portrait, 1949.

2/34 Victoria. ALS, September 8, 1845.
Victoria. DS, January 16, 1857.

OS3 Victoria. Document with seal (broken), February 9, 1844.

English Notables

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OS2 October 12, 1588;

OS2 August 9, 1599;

OS2 November 28, 1611;

OS2 July 11, 1665;

2/36 May 10, 1666.


OS2 Bale, Alexander. ALS, May 27, 1795.

2/38 Burghley, William Cecil. LS, March 1, 1597.
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2/39 Cecil, Robert. ALS (postscript), April 15, 1602.

2/40 Chester, Sir W. ALS, December 29, 1559.


2/42 Covenanters. "Pockmanty Sermon," 1638(?).

2/43 Devereaux, Robert (Earl of Essex). ALS, before 1601.

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  LS with seal, 1580;
  ALS, May 29, 1603;
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OS2 Snape, Sir Andrew. Seal of College of Heralds, seal in metal tin, December 13, 1783.
2/50 Temple, Sir I. ALS(?), April 7, 1790.
2/52 Wesley, John. ALS, March 22, 1782.

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OS4 Burns, Robert. ADS, framed, December 6, 1788.
2/55 Dickens, Charles. Signed, addressed envelope, no date.
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Nazis
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2/63 Goering, Hermann. DS, March 5, 1936.
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2/64 Hess, Rudolf. ADS (partly printed), no date.
2/65 Himmler, H. DS, November 9, 1938.
2/66 Hitler, Adolf. LS, December 1, 1944.
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3/9  Edison, Thomas. Signatures (2 pcs and photo), no date.
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3/19 Lister, Joseph. ANS, Feb 15, 1899 with photograph of portrait bust. ALS, June 30, 1906
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3/24 Pasteur, Louis. ALS, October 1, 1884.
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OS1  Penn, John. DS Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Patent to Chew and Wilcox, November 18, 1776.
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OS2  March 5, 1662;
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