

Preliminary Guide to the Benjamin Butterworth Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 120

CREATOR: Butterworth, Benjamin, 1837-1898

TITLE: Benjamin Butterworth papers

DATES: 1857-1908

BULK DATES: 1861-1898

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear feet (5 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Lawyer and politician. Scrapbooks of clippings and typed transcriptions of scrapbooks (1882-1898) concerning his career as lawyer, member of Congress from Ohio (1878-1882, 1886-1890) and commissioner of patents (1883-1885, 1897-1898). Included also are twenty letters which were originally part of the scrapbooks. Of these four are family correspondence (1857-1883) and the remainder are letters from political friends (1880-1898). The papers also contain the manuscript (typescript) introduction to The life of Major Benjamin Butterworth by Florence M. Bradford.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Frank Butterworth in 1951.

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Biographical / Historical

Admitted to the Ohio bar in 1861; served during the Civil War in the Union Army and later practiced law in Ohio; 1873-1875, state senator; 1875-1878, practiced law in Cincinnati; 1878, elected to the U.S. Congress, and reelected in 1880; 1883, appointed commissioner of patents; reelected to Congress in 1885, 1886, and 1892; 1892 opened law practice in Washington, D.C.; 1897 again became commissioner of patents.

Scope and Contents

The Benjamin Butterworth Papers consist mainly of scrapbooks, and typed transcriptions of the scrapbooks, concerning the career of Benjamin Butterworth as lawyer, congressional representative (1878-82, 1885-90), and commissioner of patents (1883-85, 1898-98). Some of these scrapbooks originally contained a small number of letters as well as many newspaper clippings, but the letters have been removed and foldered separately. The other items in the Butterworth Papers are a scrapbook of clippings and family letters and a typescript introduction to *The Life of Benjamin Butterworth*.

The Butterworth papers were given to Yale University Library by Frank Butterworth in 1951. The typescripts were prepared by Florence M. Bradford.

Collection Contents

Elisabeth (Linton) Butterworth Scrapbook containing the following letters:

b. 1, f. 1	Butterworth, Benjamin (1837-1898), to his mother	1881 August 8
b. 1, f. 1	Linton, Nathan (1778-1858), to his daughter, Elizabeth (Linton) Butterworth	1857 December 25
b. 1, f. 1	Linton, Nathan [nephew?], to one of the sons of Nathan above	1858 February 27
b. 1, f. 1	Myers, Elizabeth Ann (Davis?), to her "uncle and father"	1877 May 29

Letters removed from Benjamin Butterworth scrapbook as follows:

b. 1, f. 2	Alverstone, Richard Everard Webster, <i>viscount</i> , (1842-1915), to Butterworth	1891 July 28
b. 1, f. 2	Bright, John (1811-1889), to Butterworth	1885 August 19
b. 1, f. 2	Butterworth, Benjamin (1837-1898), carbon copies of 15 letters to various persons	1897
b. 1, f. 2	Carlisle, John Griffin (1835-1910), to Butterworth	1891 July 4
b. 1, f. 2	Cartwright, Richard John <i>Sir</i> (1835-1912), to Erastus Wiman	1889 December 26
b. 1, f. 2	Carlton, John (1829-1910), to Butterworth	1889 February 11, April 2
b. 1, f. 2	Cortelyou, George Bruce (1862-), for President McKinley to Mr. & Mrs. Butterworth	1897 September 19
b. 1, f. 2	Foster, Charles (1828-1904), to Butterworth	1880 March 24
b. 1, f. 2	Grosvenor, Charles Henry (1833-), to H.R. Probasco	1890 January 22
b. 1, f. 2	Hanna, Marcus Alonzo (1837-1904), to Butterworth	1889 January 30
b. 1, f. 2	Proctor, Redfield (1831-1908), to Butterworth	1891 January 22
b. 1, f. 2	Schurz, Carl (1829-1906), to Butterworth	1891 June 27
b. 1, f. 2	Seiler, J.F., to Butterworth	1889 February
b. 1, f. 2	Smith, Goldwin (1823-1910), to Butterworth. Marked "Printed."	1893 April 11
b. 1, f. 2	Smith, Richard, to Butterworth	1891 January 8
b. 1, f. 2	Welles, Gideon (1802-1878), to or about Capt. Cicero Price	1864 April 26, December 22, 1865 July 27
b. 1, f. 2	Whitfield, S.A. To Butterworth	1890 September 24
b. 1, f. 2	Telegrams on the death of Benjamin Butterworth, from various persons, including President McKinley	

b. 1, f. 3	Introduction of <i>The Life of Major Benjamin Butterworth</i> , typescript A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b. 1, f. 4 - 6	Typescript of clippings A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1883-1886
b. 2, f. 7 - 18	Typescript of clippings A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1887-1898
b. 2, f. 19	Typescript of clippings A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1900-1908
b. 2, f. 20	Typescript of clippings	undated
b. 3, f. 21 - 23	Typescript of excerpts from scrapbooks A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1884-1890 May
b. 3, f. 24	Typescript of excerpts from scrapbooks A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1897 June- November
b. 3, f. 25	Typescript of excerpts from scrapbooks A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1898-1908
b. 4, f. 26	Scrapbook A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1861-1878
b. 4, f. 27	Scrapbook A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1882-1896
b. 5, f. 28	Scrapbooks A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1885-1887, 1892-1895

Selected Search Terms

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Subjects

Law
Lawyers
Patents

Geographic Names

Middle West
Ohio -- Politics and government
United States -- Politics and government
United States -- Politics and government --
1865-1900

Genres / Formats

Albums (Books)

Occupations

Politicians

Names

Alverstone, Richard Everard Webster, Viscount,
1842-1915
Bradford, Florence M.
Bright, John, 1811-1889
Butterworth, Benjamin, 1837-1898
Butterworth, Elizabeth Linton
Carlisle, John Griffin, 1835-1910
Cartwright, Richard John, 1835-1912
Charlton, John, 1829-1910
Cortelyou, George B. (George Bruce), 1862-1940
Foster, Charles, 1828-1904
Grosvenor, Charles Henry, 1833-1917
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904
Linton, Nathan, 1778-1858
McKinley, William, 1843-1901
Myers, Elizabeth Ann Davis
Proctor, Redfield, 1831-1908
Schurz, Carl, 1829-1906
Seiler, J. F.
Smith, Goldwin, 1823-1910
Smith, Richard, 1802-1878
Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878
Whitfield, S. A.