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**CREATOR:** Van Sinderen, Alfred White, 1924-1998 , collector

**TITLE:** Alfred White Van Sinderen Collection

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of letters of thirty-five presidents of the United States from George Washington to Lyndon B. Johnson. Each is represented by one letter written in office and one written after leaving office. There are also fifteen other letters either written by a United States president or relating to a United States president.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Alfred W. Van Sinderen, 1980-1990.

## Conditions Governing Access

All original documents in the collection have been both microfilmed and photocopied due to preservation concerns. Readers must use either the microfilm (HM 104) or photocopies of the collection in box 2.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of letters of thirty-five presidents of the United States from George Washington to Lyndon B. Johnson. Each is represented by one letter written in office and one written after leaving office. There are also fifteen other letters either written by a United States president or relating to a United States president. Many of the letters are accompanied by typescripts, notes on historical significance of item, and/or clippings from auction catalogues.

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## Arrangement

The letters are arranged chronologically.

## Collection Contents

### Originals

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b. 1, f. 1reel 1U	George Washington to James Madison, Jr., Mount Vernon This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 104 instead of the originals.  A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1786 November 5
b. 1, f. 2reel 1U	George Washington to James McHenry, Philadelphia This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 104 instead of the originals.	1798 November 13
b. 1, f. 5	Thomas Jefferson to Sharp Delaney (Written on verso of letter from Delaney, 2 Nov 1792)  A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1792 November
b. 1, f. 6	Thomas Jefferson to John Page, Rosewell, Va.	1802 April 2
b. 1, f. 7	James Madison to [ <u>          </u> ], Washington	1803 June 30
b. 1, f. 8	James Madison to Tench Coxe, Orange City, Va.	1823 November 3
b. 1, f. 9	James Monroe to George Washington, Philadelphia	1794 June 1
b. 1, f. 10	James Monroe to unnamed government official, Oak Hill	1819 October 26
b. 1, f. 11	John Quincy Adams to William S. Smith, Stockholm	1814 May 31
b. 1, f. 12	John Quincy Adams to Asa Gray, Washington	1846 July 16
b. 1, f. 13	Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., Philadelphia	1831 March 29
b. 1, f. 14	Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, Hermitage	1841 January 2
b. 1, f. 15	Martin Van Buren to Stephen Van Rensselear, Washington	1837 February 26
b. 1, f. 16	Martin Van Buren to Caleb Cushing, Washington	1837 July 29
b. 1, f. 17	William H. Harrison to Thaddeus Stevens, Cincinnati	1835 November 28
b. 1, f. 18	William H. Harrison to John Bell (Secretary of War), Washington	1841 March 13
b. 1, f. 19	John Tyler to the House of Representatives, Washington	1842 February 26
b. 1, f. 20	John Tyler to J.S. Cunningham, Sherwood Forest	1852 April 20

b. 1, f. 21	James K. Polk to Lewis Cass, Washington	1846 May 11
b. 1, f. 22	James K. Polk, Treaty settling the Oregon Boundary, Washington	1846 June 19
b. 1, f. 23	Zachary Taylor to J.T. Eubank, Fort Harrison, Indiana Territory	1812 July 25
b. 1, f. 24	Zachary Taylor to Robert Crooke Ward, Monterey, Mexico	1847 October 27
b. 1, f. 25	Millard Fillmore to H.C. Day, Albany	1848 November 8
b. 1, f. 26	Millard Fillmore to Secretary of War, Washington (Written on verso of letter from the Jackson Monument Committee with A.D.S. by Winfield Scott)	1850 August 14
b. 1, f. 27	Franklin Pierce to R. Jones, Concord, N.H.	1847 March 2
b. 1, f. 28	Franklin Pierce to R. Jones, Concord, N.H.	1847 March 10
b. 1, f. 29	James Buchanan to Ann J. Stephens, Wheatland	1852 March 23
b. 1, f. 30	James Buchanan to Lady Clarendon, Washington	1857 May 3
b. 1, f. 31	<a href="#">Abraham Lincoln to P.S. Harrison, Tremont, Illinois</a>	1849 September 23
b. 1, f. 32	<a href="#">Abraham Lincoln to Winfield Scott, Washington</a>	1861 May 31
b. 1, f. 33	Andrew Johnson to William M. Lowery, Washington City	1844 February 13
b. 1, f. 34	Andrew Johnson to J. Netherland, Greenville, Tenn	1872 March 3
b. 1, f. 35	Ulysses S. Grant to Maj. Gen. Meade, City Point	1864 July 27
b. 1, f. 36	Ulysses S. Grant to Edwards Pierpont, Washington	1877 February 11
b. 1, f. 37	Rutherford B. Hayes to W.W. Story, Washington	1877 June 25
b. 1, f. 38	Rutherford B. Hayes to Richard Karnis, Fremont, Ohio	1884 February 2
b. 1, f. 39	James A. Garfield to S.S. Cox, Mentor, Ohio	1881 January 21
b. 1, f. 40	James A. Garfield to Lewis Wallace, Washington	1881 June 1
b. 1, f. 41	Chester A. Arthur to Edwards Pierpont, Washington	1882 November 25
b. 1, f. 42	Chester A. Arthur to Park Godwin, Washington	1885 March 7
b. 1, f. 43	Grover Cleveland to Daniel Dougherty, Washington	1887 April 12
b. 1, f. 44	Grover Cleveland to Master George Tampers, New York	1890 November 10
b. 1, f. 45	Benjamin Harrison to Charles Elmer Rice, Washington	1891 March 16
b. 1, f. 46	Benjamin Harrison to May (daughter-in-law), Indianapolis	1893 July 3
b. 1, f. 47	William McKinley to Jesse Weick, Canton, Ohio	1896 April 22
b. 1, f. 48	William McKinley to Paul Dana, Washington	1898 February 19

b. 1, f. 49	Theodore Roosevelt to Mr. Chapman, Washington	1889 October 8
b. 1, f. 50	Theodore Roosevelt to George A. Dyer, New York	1917 November 6
b. 1, f. 51	William H. Taft to Vespasian Warner, Washington	1905 April 14
b. 1, f. 52	William H. Taft to Charles Joline, Washington	1910 December 28
b. 1, f. 53	Woodrow Wilson to James Gayley, Princeton	1900 January 10
b. 1, f. 54	Woodrow Wilson to Edward A. Filene, Washington	1918 August 22
b. 1, f. 55	Warren G. Harding to Van [ <u>          </u> ], Washington	1918 July 17
b. 1, f. 56	Warren G. Harding to John Barton Payne, Washington	1922 August 16
b. 1, f. 57	Calvin Coolidge to Father O'Connell, Boston	1920 March 16
b. 1, f. 58	Calvin Coolidge to Herman Hegedorn, Washington	1925 March 14
b. 1, f. 59	Herbert C. Hoover to Mr. Pierce	1934 February 27
b. 1, f. 60	Herbert C. Hoover to John M. Morehead, New York	1961 August 12
b. 1, f. 61	Franklin D. Roosevelt to Mr. Pierce, Washington	1935 March 17
b. 1, f. 62	Franklin D. Roosevelt to Alben W. Barkley, Washington	1940 July 31
b. 1, f. 63	Harry S. Truman to George Seldes, Washington (with copy of letter to H.S.T. from Seldes, 1944 Aug 8)	1944 August 15
b. 1, f. 64	Harry S. Truman to Frank M. Swacker, Washington	1947 April 29
b. 1, f. 65	Dwight D. Eisenhower to Mrs. George V.H. Mosely, Washington (with copy of T.L.S., Patrick Hurley to George Van Horn Mosely)	1933 April
b. 1, f. 66	Dwight D. Eisenhower to Alden S. Condict	(1952) August 26
b. 1, f. 67	John F. Kennedy to Howard E. Marston, Hyannis, Mass.	(1954 September 2)
b. 1, f. 68	John F. Kennedy to Mrs. R. Warfield, Washington	1960 August 30
b. 1, f. 69	Lyndon B. Johnson to Zilmon J. Boothe, Jr., Washington	1956 May 29
b. 1, f. 70	Lyndon B. Johnson to Basil O'Connor, Austin, Texas	1969 February 25
b. 1, f. 71	Adams, John Quincy to Thomas B. Adams	1801 May 30
b. 1, f. 72	Harrison, William Henry to Thomas Jesup	1824 June 18
b. 1, f. 73	Buchanan, James to Andrew Jackson	1836 June 4
b. 1, f. 74	Taylor, Zachary to Henry Carey	1849 April 17

b. 1, f. 75	Fillmore, Millard to Mrs. Kellogg	1856 September 16
b. 1, f. 76	Garfield, James A. to Wallace Ford	1857 November 26
b. 1, f. 77	Arthur, Chester A. to William Arthur	1858 March 23
b. 1, f. 78	Pierce, Franklin to Mrs. Alfred Aiken	1869 June 8
b. 1, f. 79	Roosevelt, Theodore to Felix Frankfurter	1911 December 13
b. 1, f. 80	Coolidge, Calvin to Mr. Greenly	1932 April 6
b. 1, f. 81	Hoover, Herbert: press statement	1935 May 15
b. 1, f. 82	Roosevelt, Franklin: TLS to Franklin Roosevelt from James Forrestal, 1942 Feb 4, countersigned by Roosevelt	1942 February 6
b. 1, f. 83	Kennedy, Jacqueline Bouvier to Mrs. Secrest	[1959?] September 3
b. 1, f. 84	Roosevelt, Eleanor to Mr. Mandell	1960 January 19
b. 1, f. 85	Perry, Malcolm O.: ALS to "Dear Marshall" concerning the death of John F. Kennedy	1963 December 18
b. 1, f. 3reel 1U	John Adams to Benjamin Rush, the Hague This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 104 instead of the originals.	1782 Apr 22
b. 1, f. 4reel 1U	John Adams to James Brackett, Quincey, Massachusetts This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 104 instead of the originals.	1819 Feb 10
b. 2	Photocopies	



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## Selected Search Terms

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### Subjects

Presidents -- United States

### Genres / Formats

Autographs

### Names

Adams, John, 1735-1826  
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Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886  
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868  
Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908  
Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933  
Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David),  
1890-1969  
Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874  
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881  
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885  
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1865-1923  
Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901  
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841  
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Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano),  
1882-1945  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919  
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Tyler, John, 1790-1862  
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