

Guide to the Lewis W. Fairchild Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 921

CREATOR: Fairchild, Lewis W.

TITLE: Lewis W. Fairchild papers

DATES: 1867-1888

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: A large part of the papers consist of letters from Alvin J. Johnson, publisher in New York of bibles, atlases and encyclopedias, to Lewis W. Fairchild concerning the sale of books in Fairchild's territory. The remainder of the papers consists of letters and weekly reports on sales to Fairchild and Johnson from their agents and canvassers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York. Also included are Fairchild's personal bills (1884-1888). These papers were formerly known as the Alvin J. Johnson Papers.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1965.

Conditions Governing Access

The entire collection is available on microfilm. Patrons must use HM 262 instead of the originals.

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Preferred Citation

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Existence and Location of Copies

The entire collection is available on microfilm (HM 262).

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of correspondence, reports, and receipts pertaining to the business of Alvin Jewett Johnson (1827-1884) of New York City, "publisher of atlases, cyclopedias and other books." Letters from Johnson to his regional supervisor, Lewis W. Fairchild are included, as are letters and weekly reports on sales from local agents and canvassers in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York, to Fairchild. The letters and reports concern publication, advertising, and sales of books, problems with competing firms, and the training of salesmen and other employees. Fairchild's personal bills complete the collection.

These papers were purchased for Yale University in 1965. They were formerly known as the Alvin Johnson Papers.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1 - 7reel 1U	Letters to Lewis W. Fairchild from Alvin J. Johnson	1867-1869
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	Letters and weekly reports to Lewis Fairchild	
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b. 1, f. 8 - 24	A-H	1868-1869
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b. 2, f. 25 - 33	J-Y	1868-1869
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b. 2, f. 34 - 45reel 2U	Receipts of Lewis W. Fairchild, A-W	1884-1888
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Booksellers and bookselling
Business
Businessmen

Geographic Names

Sunderland (Mass.)

Preferred Titles

Alvin J. Johnson Papers

Names

Fairchild, Lewis W.
Johnson, A. J. (Alvin Jewett), 1827-1884