

# A Guide to the Benson John Lossing Collection

Benson John Lossing Collection

---

A Collection in the Clifton Waller Barrett Library of American Literature 7857-b  
Special Collections Department, University of Virginia Library  
1997

## History

**Processed by:** Special Collections Department Staff  
**Date Completed:** 1997  
**Encoded by:** Courtney Boissonnault

## Title Statement

A Guide to the Benson John Lossing Collection

**Subtitle:** Lossing, Benson John.

**Collection:** 7857-b

**Author:** Processed by Special Collections Dept. staff; machine-readable finding aid created by Courtney Boissonnault

**Sponsor:** Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## Publication Statement

**File size:** 10 Kilobytes

**Date:** © 1997 By the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia. All rights reserved.

**Publisher:** University of Virginia Library

[Conditions of Use](#)

Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## Profile Description

**Creation:** Machine-readable finding aid derived from WordPerfect. [Date of source: 1997.]

**Language Usage:** Description is in English.

## Revision Description

**Feb 16, 2004** PUBLIC "-//University of Virginia::Library::Special Collections Dept.//TEXT (US::ViU::00297::Benson John Lossing Collection)//EN" "ViU00297.sgm" converted from EAD 1.0 to 2002 by v1to02.xsl (sy2003-10-15).

**Feb 27, 2004** converted to conform to eadVIVA.dtd by vivastrict.xsl

## Descriptive Summary

**Collection Number**

7857-b

**Language**

English

**Extent**

4 items

**Repository**

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
USA

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open to research.

**Use Restrictions**

See the [University of Virginia Library's use policy](#).

**Acquisition Information**

Gift 1949 January 3Purchase 1962 November 29

**Funding Note**

Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities

**Preferred Citation**

Benson John Lossing Collection, Accession 7857-b, Special Collections Department, University of Virginia Library

## Item Listing

### Letters

**Benson John Lossingto J[ohn] W[akefield] Francis**

**Unit Date** 1855 May 27

**Extent**

ALS,  
4 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Expresses appreciation for Dr. Francis's letter commending his book and asks if it can be used by his publisher. Most of letter given to describing, in sorrowful terms, the recent death of his wife and comparing it with Dr. Francis's sorrow at the loss of his son, Lou, who apparently was briefly treated in Lossing's book.]

**Benson John Lossingto Mrs. S[amuel] M. Bachelder**

**Unit Date** 1868 October 26

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Tells correspondent that his Pictorial Field Book of the War of 1812is printed and will be published in parts, "the first to be issued immediately after the approaching election." Adds that the work contains a portrait of General Montgomery "a copy of which you lent me several years ago, when I called upon you with our mutual friend, Mr. Frederick Kidder. " Desires to return his portrait and asks how this might be best accomplished.]

**Benson John Lossingto Elbridge Henry**

**Unit Date** 1876 November 6

**Extent**

ALS,  
4 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Describes his efforts, long hours and strain, in writing his recent books. Speaks of visit to the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition where "[we] spent the evening at Mr. Drexel's who gave a reception to Dom Pedro." Says his latest work The American Centenary was issued in a superb and too costly volume--\$20 in 'half-calf' and muslin and contains . . . a great deal from my storehouse of facts.]

**Benson John Lossing to Tristram Coffin**

**Unit Date** 1889 August 17

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Encloses his check for \$10 and says, "Since you have all knowledge while I have very little . . . I leave the matter wholly to your judgement satisfied that you will do all that any man can do."]