

A Guide to the Richard Watson Gilder Collection

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Language

English

Extent

4 items

Repository

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

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Item Listing

Letters

Richard Watson Gilder, Scribner's Monthly, New York, to Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, [Cambridge, Massachusetts]

Unit Date 1871 Nov 15

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses the [Tenriffe] article which he would like to show to Dr. H. [Josiah Gilbert Holland] to give it its best chance; wonders if Higginson ever wrote on "Blue Blood," a subject he could speak about with authority, being an aristocrat by blend and a democrat by brain; urges him to think about it; suggests that John Hay could write on the subject, but he would lack Higginson's fineness.]

Richard Watson Gilder, New York, to Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, [Cambridge]

Unit Date 1890 Apr 11

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he has mixed feelings about getting an honorary degree from Harvard; says he was a "poor devil" who would not have made it into Harvard's freshman class; explains that he has not had a proper education, but went to his father's school, dabbled in ancient and modern languages and read some law; says he does not want to sail under false colors; asks him to express views; says he felt the same way when an honorary degree was bestowed upon him by Dickinson College; states that he heard that a degree will be given to his friend Grover Cleveland; hopes they can all go up there together; talks about his "Ode."]

Richard Watson Gilder, New York, to Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, [Cambridge]

Unit Date 1893 Mar 2

Extent

TLS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes autograph corrections; discusses George E. Harrington who was a soldier in Gilder's father's regiment; explains that Harrington is in danger of losing his job at the East Boston post office because of a change in the administration; tries to engage his help in securing the veteran's place.]

Richard Watson Gilder, New York, to Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, [Cambridge]

Unit Date 1905 Jan 5

Extent

TLS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes autograph note; tells him confidentially that he, also, is in favor of adding women to the Institute of Arts and Letters.]