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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

SC 01101

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1834-1888

### Language

English

### Creator

Weld, Theodore Dwight, 1803-1895

### Creator

Cady, Daniel

### Creator

Garrison, William Lloyd, 1805-1879

### Creator

Grew, Henry, 1782-1862

### Creator

M'Kim, J. Miller (James Miller), 1810-1874

### Creator

Miller, Elizabeth L.

**Creator**

Pillsbury, Parker, 1809-1898

**Creator**

Smith, Gerrit, 1797-1874

**Creator**

Stetson, Mary S.

**Creator**

Stone, H. G.

**Creator**

Wright, Elizur, 1804-1885

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0.01 Linear Foot

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## Scope and Contents

Letters, a speech, and a photograph relating to the abolitionist movement in the United States. Correspondents include: Theodore Dwight Weld (1803-1895) of Lane Seminary, Elizur Wright (1804-1885), Secretary of the American Anti-Slavery Society, Gerrit Smith (1797-1874), philanthropist and reformer, Henry Grew (1782-1862), Quaker abolitionist, William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), prominent abolitionist, and Parker Pillsbury (1809-1898), abolitionist author. Subjects include abolition tactics and organizations, expressions of sympathy to Garrison on the death of his wife and publication of Pillsbury's work. Also includes a photograph of Mary Grew (1813-1896), daughter of Henry Grew and an abolitionist in her own right.

## Keywords

Correspondence

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Abolitionists

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Slavery--Southern States--History  
Women abolitionists  
American Anti-Slavery Society  
American Freedman Aid Commission, Philadelphia, Pa  
Lane Theological Seminary  
Garrison, Helen Benson  
Grew, Mary, 1813-1896

## General

The former identifier for this collection was Mss 95 Ab7.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Theodore Dwight Weld, Walnut Hills, Ohio to Elizur Wright**

**Unit ID** id152253

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/36551

**Unit Date** 1834 January 24

**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Container** 1 (Item)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Elizur Wright Junior was the Corresponding Secretary of the American anti-Slavery Society, New York City, New York.

Received Elizur Wright's letter, the decision that the letter requested was a heavy responsibility; has decided he serves the cause better where he is; has fought against slavery and colonization; colonization has able advocates; Brother Mehan and Professor Morgan have renounced colonization and come over to the abolitionist position; they are on the border of a slave state but within a year there will be 100 theological students at the institution (Lane Seminary in Walnut Hills, Ohio)- a strong abolitionist center that will influence the entire valley "more than a hundred societies in New York"; Beecher Stowe is dead set against their cause; believes the seminary would fold if he left; leads a bible class for "colored adults"; nominates Lewis Tappan as General Agent for the Society. (JDW has secured Elizur Wright's position of Corresponding Secretary in December of 1833).

### **Gerrit Smith, Peterboro, New York, to "my dear Uncle" Daniel Cady Esq., Johnstown, Fulton County, New York**

**Unit ID** id152254

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/36552

**Unit Date** 1839 October 10

**Mixed materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Container** 2 (Item)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Received Daniel Cady's letter; hopes Cady will be able to commence proceedings in the case of the Delaware Lot (?). Hopes for a speedy settlement with the representatives of R.M. Campbell and John E. Smith; business is poor and Gerrit Smith has not had a paying customer in 8 days.

### **Henry Grew, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, "to the Friends of Righteousness and humanity to convene at West Chester on the 25th inst."**

**Unit ID** id152255

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/36553

**Unit Date** 1861 October 23

**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Container** 3 (Item)

### **Scope and Contents**

Regrets that he cannot attend the abolitionist meeting; hopes God will guide the convention; afraid that "the Temptor" will turn them from a "right end" and make them use "wrong means"; God may use the Civil War to bring about abolition, but he may allow wicked men to accomplish this; the faithful are obligated to not support the war if it is not a "right measure to accomplish a right end"; the war is not just because it seeks merely to restore the pre-war government that allowed slavery; support for a government that merely prevents the extension of slavery is not enough; even if the ends are right (i.e. total abolition), war is still wrong; God's command of "thou shalt not kill" applies to soldiers as well; ministers who leave the pulpit and accept commissions are hypocrites; God's weapons are sufficient to defeat slavery.

### **James Miller McKim, Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association, No. 424 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to "my dear May"**

**Unit ID** id152256

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/36554

**Unit Date** 1865 March

**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Container** 4 (Item)

### **Scope and Contents**

Relates establishment of the American Freedman Aid Commission; Judge Berd is president and Wendell Phillips Lawson is acting Secretary, a "grand Anniversary" will be marked by addresses by Phillip Brooks, Henry Ward Beecher, General Saxton and (?) Andrew; requests advice on choosing an editor.

### **H.G. Stone, Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts to William Lloyd Garrison**

**Unit ID** id152257

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/36555

**Unit Date** 1876 February 4

**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Container** 5 (Item)

### **Scope and Contents**

Thanks William Lloyd Garrison for his memorial card; expresses sympathy for the loss of his wife; hopes that he is recovering from his illness because his services to the country are still needed; Southern Rebels are finding cause with power hungry Northern partisans.

### **Elizabeth L. Miler, 7 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York to "my dear friend" William Lloyd Garrison**

**Unit ID** id152258

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/36556

**Unit Date** 1876 February 20

**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Container** 6 (Item)

### **Scope and Contents**

Sends sympathy for his great loss of Mrs. Garrison.

### **Mary S. Stetson for her father, Brooklyn County, New York, to "Dear Friend" William Lloyd Garrison**

**Unit ID** id152259

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/36557

**Unit Date** 1876 May 11

**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Container** 7 (Item)

**Scope and Contents**

Written for her father, who expresses sympathy for Mrs. Garrison's death; he knew her as a child in 1825. Bears a short personal condolence from Mary herself.

**Parker Pillsbury, Concord, New Hampshire, to "My dear friend May"**

**Unit ID** id152260

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/36558

**Unit Date** 1884 July 2

**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Container** 8 (Item)

**Scope and Contents**

Mr. Phillips and the Wallcots have passed away and Parker Pillsbury feels that there is nothing left that is dear to him; William Lloyd Garrison is hospitable; one thousand of his books have sold and he still has one thousand left that he cannot sell; he is in relatively good health. Stationery is an advertisement for Parker Pillsbury's book, Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles.

**Photograph of Mary Grew**

**Unit ID** id152261

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/36559

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** Small Collections Box 75 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Container** 9 (Item)

**Scope and Contents**

2 1/4", 3 5/8", black and white, head and shoulders view. Photograph.