

Special Collections at Yale

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- **Browse these resources to get a sense of what is available:**
 - Descriptions of Yale repositories: http://www.library.yale.edu/special_collections
 - Database of archival collections and manuscripts: <http://webtext.library.yale.edu/>
 - Orbis, the online catalog, which contains brief records describing collections at Yale (Use "More Limits" function and limit by "Item Type" to "Archives and Manuscripts"): <http://orbis.library.yale.edu>
- **Feel free to contact the reference staff at the libraries that hold materials relevant to your subject area (see reverse of this handout for contact info.) Tell them what you are interested in pursuing and they will alert you to relevant collections.**
- **See below for some examples of essays that have been written over the past few years based on special collections materials held at Yale.**
- **See on the reverse for some examples of collections that would be good candidates for senior essay research on your topic.**

BEINECKE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY:

"Schooling the Indian: Richard Henry Pratt and His Students at Carlisle"

"Mapping the West: Washington Hood and the Corps of Topographic Engineers"

"Mirabeau B. Lamar and the Republic of Texas"

"Creating Tacoma: The Northern Pacific Rail Road Selects a Western Terminus"

DIVINITY LIBRARY

"From Practical Philanthropy to Social Ethics: Jerome Davis, Liston Pope, and the Evolution of the Social Gospel"

"Ginling College: the Implicit Feminism of Women's Mission Work in China"

"To Save China: Wu Yi-fang and Christian Chinese Nationalism, 1927-1937"

"From Healer to Physician: The Hackett Medical College & Educating Chinese Women Doctors"

MEDICAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY

"Their Own Civil War : the Struggle of Homeopathic Physicians in the United States Army to Achieve Medical Pluralism, 1861-1865 ."

"Yellow Fever in New Haven, 1794"

YALE ART GALLERY

"Printmaking and Artistic Theory in the Venetian Renaissance"

MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES

"From the 'Bland Leading the Bland' to the Mississippi Freedom Vote"

"Walking the Line of Diplomacy: The Mutual Failures of Chester Bowles and the United States in India, 1951-1969"

"What's in a Name: the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, 1965-1972"

"Disclosure of Holocaust Experiences: Reasons, Attributions, and Health Implications"

"Hiram Bingham and the Lost Treasures of Machu Pichu: Popular Archaeology, Imagined Imperialism and National Press in the Yale Peruvian Expeditions"

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Some examples of collections relevant to:

US HISTORY: 19th CENTURY

See also: http://www.librarv.yale.edu/special_collections/essavs.html

ARTS LIBRARY- Arts of the Book Collection:

American trade cards: The Arts of the Book Collection, part of the Arts Library, houses a large collection of late 19th century American trade cards. Organized roughly by subject, these small colorfully-printed collectable advertisements illustrate the range of products consumed by the public and the messages used by the companies to sell their wares.

MANUSCRIPTS AND ARCHIVES, STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beecher Family Papers: Correspondence, writings, speeches, diaries, clippings, printed matter, sermons, and other papers of two centuries of Beecher family members. The papers relate principally to Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), popular 19th century clergyman and orator, and members of his family. Among those represented are his father, the Reverend Lyman Beecher (1775-1863), clergyman; his brothers, Edward Beecher (1803-1895), educator and antislavery leader, and Thomas Kinnicut Beecher (1824-1900) and Charles Beecher (1815-1900), both clergyman and antislavery activist; and his sisters, Harriett Elizabeth (Beecher) Stowe (1811-1896), author, Catherine Esther Beecher (1800-1878), pioneer educator and writer on 'domestic economy,' and Isabella Homes (Beecher) Hooker (1822-1907), well-known suffragist. The papers cover an extremely wide range of cultural, political, social, and religious issues and topics of 19th and early 20th century America and include correspondence from a large number of well-known men and women.

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Henry S. Huntington Family Papers: Correspondence, writings, and collected material in the Henry S. Huntington Family Papers provide documentation of an educated clergy family's life in New England, particularly during the Victorian era. Huntington (1836-1920) was a Congregational minister in New Hampshire, Illinois, Maine, and Massachusetts. Three of his children were involved with mission work in Turkey.

MUSIC LIBRARY

Lowell Mason Papers: Mason (1792-1872) composed hymns (including "Nearer My God to Thee") and was his era's most influential proponent of music education in the American public schools. The Lowell Mason Papers contain sketches, manuscript scores, and published editions of Mason's musical compositions, including hymns, songs, and choral music. The Papers also hold piano music composed or arranged by Mason's son, William Mason. The correspondence includes letters to and from Mason and family members, musicians, theologians, and educators. Mason's life and work are further documented by: diaries and scrapbooks; photographs; programs and clippings; and miscellaneous biographical materials.

BEINECKE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY:

Savage Mining Company & Associated Records: These records document the mining of the Comstock Lode, focusing on the operations of the mines, but including information of the San Francisco stock market and court cases involving the mines in both Nevada and California. The collection consists of the corporate records of the Savage Mining Company, the Hale & Norcross Mining Company, and other Comstock companies. As one of the largest mining ventures in the western United States, the Savage Mining Company records document the impact of technology on the environment as well as the relationship between capital and labor in 19th century America.