

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Salisbury, James Henry, Papers, 1862-1869

LOCATION(S):

Mss. boxes "S"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

one manuscript box

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For biographical information, see AAS Newsclippings File and AAS Proceedings, vol. 17 (1905), p. 167.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Gift of James Henry Salisbury, 1905?

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Dr. James Henry Salisbury (1823-1905) of Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from Albany Medical College in 1850 and practiced as a specialist in chronic diseases in Cleveland and New York City. Salisbury contributed much to the field of medical research, publishing over seventy-five books and pamphlets. In partnership with his brother Charles Babcock Salisbury (1821-1888), Dr. Salisbury also conducted extensive research into ancient Indian mounds and rock-writing in Ohio.

This collection contains primarily charts, maps, sketches (including a drawing book), and surveys of their finds in Newark and other sections of Ohio. There is additional writing on "Ancient Pictographic or Symbolic Rock and Earth Writing," in AAS Proceedings (1862), analysis of the characters on the tablets of the Palenque and Copan tribes as compared with ancient Eastern alphabets, and descriptions of ancient monuments and inscriptions on or near the Hocking and Licking Rivers, Ohio. The collection also contains lengthy letters by Col. Charles Whittlesey (1808-1886) and John S. B. Matson (1828-1916) on their research into Indian sculpture and mounds.

There are letters from Dr. Salisbury to Stephen Salisbury (1835-1905), president of the American Antiquarian Society, concerning genealogical studies of Dr. Salisbury's family and his account of an incident which occurred in Warwick, R.I., in 1772, when several of Dr. Salisbury's ancestors participated in a citizens' attack upon a British frigate, the Gaspee, attempting to enforce the Navigation Acts.

Other correspondence includes a photocopy of a letter (original at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), dated 14 July 1846, from Salisbury to his brother Charles, as well as a letter from Francis Parkman (1823-1893) to Dr. Samuel Abbott Green (1830-1918) transmitting a report on "the Salisbury Papers."

The miscellaneous papers include a list of "Ms. Papers from Dr. Salisbury"; a photocopy of an article, entitled "Salisbury Steak," by Rue Moore, Canon, from the Albany Medical Nexus, 24 November 1980; and a photocopy of a portrait of James Henry Salisbury.

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American Antiquarian Society
MANUSCRIPTS DEPARTMENT

JAMES HENRY SALISBURY, PAPERS, 1862-1869
CONTENTS LIST

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- 1 [No. 1] "Ancient Pictographic or Symbolic Rock and Earth Writing, in Licking, Fairfield, Belmont [sic], Cuyahoga & Lorain Counties, Ohio;--with Accurate Surveys and Descriptions of the Ancient Earthworks at Newark. By J. H. Salisbury M.D. & C. B. Salisbury." 1862 (includes sketches and charts)
[microfilmed]
- 2 [No. 2] "Accurate Surveys & Descriptions of the Ancient Earthworks at Newark, Ohio." 1862 (includes sketches and maps)
[photocopied]
- 3 [No. 3] "Characters on the Tablets of Palenque and Copan, and their Resemblance to Many Letters in Several of the Ancient Alphabets of the Eastern Continent. By J. H. Salisbury M.D. & C. B. Salisbury." 1862 (includes chart)
- 4 [No. 4] "Ancient Monuments and Inscriptions of and near the Summit Between the Head Waters of the Hocking and Licking Rivers, Ohio. By J. H. Salisbury M.D. and C. B. Salisbury." 1863 (includes a sketchbook)
[microfilmed]
- 5 [No. 5] "Sculptured Rocks in Belmont County, Ohio." 1869 (includes letters, charts, and sketches)
[microfilmed]
- 6 [No. 6] Letter of Col. Charles Whittlesey (re: rock sculptures), 1869 August 20 (includes two other letters)
[microfilmed]
- 7 [No. 7] Letter of John S. B. Matson (re: burial mound in Hardin Co., Ohio), 1869 November 15 (includes plates)
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- 8 Correspondence, 1846 - 1870
- 9 Miscellaneous Papers