

American Colonization Society Records

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Collection Summary

Title: American Colonization Society Records

Span Dates: 1792-1964

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1823-1912)

ID No.: MSS10660

Creator: American Colonization Society

Extent: 190,000 items; 717 containers; 168 linear feet; 331 microfilm reels

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Organizational records of the society, including correspondence, financial and business papers, reports, and miscellaneous material relating to administrative and financial matters, membership, slavery and the status of slaves in the pre-Civil War period, and emigration, colonization, and education in Liberia. Includes the personal papers of William McLain and letterbooks of the Massachusetts Colonization Society.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Ashmun, J. (Jehudi), 1794-1828--Correspondence.

Benson, Stephen Allen, 1816-1865--Correspondence.

Buchanan, Thomas, d. 1841--Correspondence.

Cresson, Elliott, 1796-1854--Correspondence.

Hazard, Thomas R. (Thomas Robinson), 1797-1886--Correspondence.

Latrobe, John H. B. (John Hazlehurst Boneval), 1803-1891--Correspondence.

Lugenbeel, J. W. (James Washington), 1819?-1857--Correspondence.

McLain, William. William McLain papers. 1831-1850.

Roberts, Joseph J. (Joseph Jenkins), 1809-1876--Correspondence.

Smith, Gerrit, 1797-1874--Correspondence.

Organizations

American Colonization Society.

Massachusetts Colonization Society. Massachusetts Colonization Society letterbooks. 1856-1875.

Subjects

African Americans--Colonization--Africa.

Education--Liberia.

Freedmen--Colonization--Africa, West.

Slavery--United States.

Places

Liberia--Colonization.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The records of the American Colonization Society were given to the Library of Congress by the society in 1913 and 1964-1965.

Processing History

Between 1936 and 1963 the Library laminated some of the records and rebound most of the correspondence volumes. In many instances this process resulted in volumes that were originally arranged and numbered by the society being organized into two or three parts. In 1970 the records were reprocessed to include the later additions and were prepared for microfilming. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Additional Guides

In 1979, the Library published *The American Colonization Society, a Register of Its Records in the Library of Congress*.

Transfers

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Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on 331 reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

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Chronology of Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1816	Meetings held at Washington, D.C., to discuss forming a colonization society
1817	“The American Society for Colonizing Free People of Colour of the United States” founded at Washington, D.C., with Bushrod Washington as president and Elias B. Caldwell as secretary Ebenezer Burgess and Samuel J. Mills sent to Africa to select a suitable site for the colony
1820	First colonists sent to Africa where they resided at Sierra Leone
1821	Eli Ayres and Robert Stockton purchased land for a colony at Cape Mesurado on the west coast of Africa

1822	Ralph R. Gurley elected secretary of the society First settlers established at Cape Mesurado Jehudi Ashmun arrived in Africa and became the society's first colonial agent (died 1828)
1824	Ralph R. Gurley visited the colonists Territory of new colony named Liberia; settlement named Monrovia
1825	Publication of the first issue of the society's journal, <i>African Repository</i>
1837	American Colonization Society incorporated in Maryland
1837-1839	Society reorganized; new constitution adopted Samuel Wilkeson named president of the board of directors and general agent in charge of administration (resigned 1841) Ralph R. Gurley named corresponding secretary
1839	Commonwealth of Liberia organized under a governor appointed by the society Thomas Buchanan named governor of Liberia (died 1841)
1841	Joseph Jenkins Roberts named governor of Liberia
1844	William McLain elected secretary of the society
1847	Liberia declared independence; Joseph Jenkins Roberts chosen president
1857	Republics of Liberia and Maryland in Liberia united
1858	William McLain elected financial secretary and treasurer of the society (died 1873)
1862	United States formally recognized Liberia
1873	William Coppinger elected financial secretary and treasurer (died 1892)
1912-1913	Society's active support of emigration ceased
1929	Booker Washington Agriculture and Industrial Institute founded in Kakata, Liberia, largely supported by the American Colonization Society and the Phelps-Stokes Fund
1954	Booker Washington Institute became a technical college attached to the University of Liberia, Kakata, Liberia
1963	Directors voted to dissolve the society; functions ceased
1964	American Colonization Society legally dissolved; assets turned over to the Phelps-Stokes Fund

Scope and Content Note

The records of the American Colonization Society span the years 1792-1964, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1823-1912. The records include a variety of material, but in terms of content and physical size the various correspondence series predominate. The society's major interests and activities changed in emphasis during its long history, and this change is reflected in the voluminous correspondence, which ranges in subject from routine administrative and financial matters to the problems of slavery, the status of slaves and freedmen in society, and the advantages and disadvantages of emigration and colonization. The collection is organized in seven series: [Incoming Correspondence](#), [Outgoing Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Financial Papers](#), [Business Papers](#), [Subject File](#), and [Miscellany](#).

During the decades prior to the Civil War, the society sought to implement its solution to the slavery problem – colonization of Negroes in Africa – by establishing the colony of Liberia on the west coast of Africa and raising money to transport and support emigrants. Also during this period the society came under attack from critics, particularly William Lloyd Garrison and other abolitionists, who termed it proslavery and succeeded in winning over some previously ardent colonizationists, notably Gerrit Smith, a major contributor to the society's efforts prior to 1835. The efforts of the society to maintain neutrality on the slavery issue and to appeal to all sections of the country are also reflected in the correspondence. Notable correspondents of the pre-Civil War period include Lyman Hotchkiss Atwater, Benjamin Coates, Elliott Cresson, John H. Eaton, Henry Leavitt Ellsworth, Reverend R. S. Finley, Thomas R. Hazzard, Silas Howe, John H. B. Latrobe, John Maclean, and Anson Greene Phelps. An index to incoming correspondence for the period 1839-1855 is located in at the end of the [Domestic Letters](#) subseries of the [Incoming Correspondence](#) series.

Correspondence in the collection also reveals the difficulty the society experienced in obtaining funds to carry on its work. Letters document the largely unsuccessful efforts to get financial aid from the United States Congress and state legislatures, and reports received from agents around the country attest to the difficulty in obtaining individual contributions and the lack of cooperation from various state auxiliaries.

After the Civil War, the society's activities centered primarily on helping people who wished to emigrate and on providing funds for their support after arrival in Liberia. The correspondence, accordingly, is concerned mainly with obtaining funds for these purposes through private contributions and with counseling those who wished to emigrate. Letters requesting help in moving to Liberia are numerous until 1910, when the activity of the society in this area diminished. Lists of applicants for passage to Liberia appear in the correspondence during the late-nineteenth century as well as in separate registers and rolls contained in the [Subject File](#) series. Major figures in the society in this later period were William Coppinger and William McLain. Correspondents include D. C. Haynes, John H. B. Latrobe, John Orcutt, and Joseph Tracy. A large number of communications are from the firm of Yates & Porterfield of New York, through which the society arranged passage to Liberia for the emigrants.

After the turn of the century the society was primarily concerned with the support of education in Liberia, and correspondence is devoted chiefly to administrative and financial matters, particularly cooperation with the Phelps-Stokes Fund in support of the Booker Washington Agricultural and Industrial Institute founded at Kakata, Liberia, in 1929.

Throughout its history, the society received reports from Liberia telling of the conditions of the various settlements. Some of the earliest letters were written by Jehudi Ashmun, one of the society's first agents in Liberia, describing the progress and problems of the colony in 1823 and the need for American support. Later reports and dispatches from the colony come from Stephen Benson, Thomas Buchanan, first governor of Liberia under the commonwealth system, Edward W. Blyden, J. W. Lugenbeel, and Joseph Jenkins Roberts (1809-1876), who became the first president of the Republic of Liberia in 1847. There is also correspondence from ordinary settlers in which they

relate their travel experiences, describe the settlements they established or into which they moved, and discuss future plans.

Additional records documenting the administrative functions of the society include financial ledgers, account books, and registers of names of contributors and subscribers to the *African Repository*, the society's journal. The original books of minutes and proceedings of the meetings of the society are also in the records as are drafts and manuscript copies of many of the annual reports. Letters from society members and reports from Liberia were often reprinted in the *African Repository* and annual reports. Many letters for the period prior to 1823 survive only in this form. A few letters printed in the annual reports of 1819-1821 were preserved by Peter Force, then printer for the society; these now form part of the Peter Force Papers in the Manuscript Division.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in seven series:

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Letters received by the society from within the United States concerning all areas in which the society was involved and letters from Liberia before 1833. Subjects include memberships, contributions, finances, emigration, and the *African Repository*, as well as the views of the society's officers and members on the question of slavery and the position of slaves and free blacks in the United States.

Correspondence is bound in volumes and generally arranged in chronological order. Most of the volumes dated after 1839-1840 contain an alphabetical index to the letters within.

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B: Letters from Liberia, 1833-1917

Letters received by the society from colonists and society and colony officials in Liberia.

Letters from Liberia before 1833 are interfiled in Series I-A. Arranged chronologically.

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C: Herndon Slaves, 1854

Letters received by the society in response to a special circular appealing for funds to send the slaves liberated by T. D. Herndon of Virginia to Liberia.

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Letters received by McLain from friends and members of his family generally concerning personal matters.

Arranged chronologically.

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E: Miscellaneous, 1819-1912

Letters received. Much of the early material consists of letters from Jehudi Ashmun in Liberia concerning the conditions and problems in the colony in the 1820s.

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Ralph R. Gurley Letterbooks, 1856-1866

Letters written by Gurley when he was corresponding secretary of the society.
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Letters of the secretary of the Massachusetts Colonization Society concerning matters involving that organization, particularly its relations with the parent society.
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Incoming and outgoing correspondence relating chiefly to administrative matters when the activity of the society was limited and membership dwindled.
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